

CALL FOR PAPERS

ISS 18TH DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2022

"DOING DEVELOPMENT DIFFERENTLY"

OCTOBER 17TH-18TH, 2022

The Development Dialogue (DD) conference is an annual academic conference organized by Ph.D. researchers of the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), part of Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Hague, The Netherlands. The dialogue aims to stimulate multi-disciplinary, reflective, and collaborative discussions that bring together researchers worldwide. The conference provides a platform for doctoral candidates and early career researchers engaged in different fields of development studies to share their work, exchange ideas, and discuss how their research relates to global development struggles.

The theme of the DD18 virtual conference, 2022, is "Doing Development Differently." The theme speaks to the regime/period we live in, where 'development' is impacted by extreme nationalism; climate change; war; human rights violations; distribution of resources, inequalities, violence, and discrimination based on gender, sexuality, caste, class, race, nationality, religion and various other dimensions that characterize our identities- who we are. These impact individuals adversely and disparately- most marginalized being the worst affected. The recent COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated and highlighted these inequalities and injustices. Thus, as researchers engaged in the field of 'development', it is crucial more than ever in the present times to deliberate on – how we can do 'development' differently? To elaborate, through research, how can we ensure 'real' change, address epistemic injustice, and include different perspectives and bits of knowledge that have been excluded from the 'development' discourse. How can we contribute through research towards 'sustainable development'? Somehow this invites us to rethink the idea of 'development' itself and its vision. In other words, the theory and practice of development – what & for who?

Many would argue that the critical rethinking may involve that we are open as researchers, including but not limited to innovative research (such as remote research especially given the COVID-19 restrictions), alternative frameworks, theories, methodologies (such as transformative methodologies), multi-disciplinary approach to development research and ethics of research (including making research accessible beyond academia). Notably, the post-development and critical scholars, decolonial perspectives, and localized knowledge, feminist and queer theories are increasingly at the heart of current forms of researching 'development'. From the political economy approach to development, exploring the role of institutions, state capacity, participatory governance, and politics in promoting pro-poor development outcomes is essential. And, from a critical realism perspective, the 'innovation' itself in development practice has its own politics. It encourages us to think about how innovative approaches to increasing understanding, appreciation, and excitement for research by different audiences influence the opinions, policy preferences, or behavior of people and ensure that a diversity of perspectives about development issues held by various groups are considered when solutions to societal problems are pursued.

Hence, driven from above, at DD18 virtual conference, 2022, we wish to ignite an engagement and exchange of ideas primarily focused (but not limited to) on the broader themes as follows:

- Theme 1: Politics of development: governance, institutions, and citizen participation
- Theme 2: Researching development differently: transformative, participatory, collaborative, and digital research
- Theme 3: Multi-disciplinary approaches to development
- Theme 4: Decolonizing development: knowledge, ethics & accountability, and power relations.

We request to submit extended abstracts of 800 words by **Sunday, 17th April, 2022**.

Please also note that if your abstract is selected, you will have to submit a full paper having not more than 8000 words, including references.

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