

## EVIDENCE AND ORGANISATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Informatics Building, University of Edinburgh, 6th & 7th October 2016

### THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016

Registration	10am	
Welcome	10.30am	Ian Harper & James Smith
<p>Session 1</p> <p><b>Institutional Responses to the Demand for Evidence</b></p> <p>Discussant: Sarah Jane Cooper-Knock</p>	10.30-12.30pm	<p>Deepak Thapa, Social Science Baha <i>Whose Evidence Counts: Research Experience of a Civic Organisation in Nepal</i></p> <p>Lizzy Whitehead, Practical Action <i>Making a MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning) of Things at Practical Action</i></p> <p>Martin Walsh, Oxfam GB <i>Evidence, Evaluation and Post-Truth in an International NGO</i></p> <p>Dan James, INTRAC <i>Pushing for Better Evidence in Development Practice: How Good is Good Enough?</i></p>
Lunch	12.30-1.30pm	
<p>Session 2</p> <p><b>Neglected Tropical Data</b></p> <p>Discussant: Alice Street</p>	1.30-3.30pm	<p>Russell Stothard, LSTM &amp; COUNTDOWN Consortium <i>A COUNTDOWN on Neglected Tropical Disease in Sub-Saharan Africa</i></p> <p>James Smith and Michelle Taylor, Edinburgh University <i>Evidence Through the Backdoor: The NTDs as Indicators of Equity in the Sustainable Development Goals</i></p>

		<p>Georgina Pearson, LSE <i>Evidence-Making: Reflections on an Ethnographic, Epidemiological Enquiry into Schistosomiasis among Fisherfolk in Northwestern Uganda</i></p> <p>Tim Allen, LSE <i>Worm Wars, Normative Visions and the Manipulation of Evidence</i></p>
Coffee break	3.30-4pm	
<p>Session 3 <b>Evidence Shaping Policy</b></p> <p>Discussant: Pete Kingsley</p>	4-6pm	<p><i>Rebecca Stringer, DFID</i> <i>DFID's evaluation approach</i></p> <p>Fiona Gedeon Achi, McGill University <i>'Impact at Scale: Governing (Poverty) Through Evidence</i></p> <p>Jeevan Sharma, Edinburgh University <i>Political Uses of MMR Statistics in Nepal, Malawi and Afghanistan</i></p> <p>Christine Bell, Edinburgh University <i>Counting Peace</i></p>
Drinks reception (all welcome)	6-7pm	
Event dinner (for presenters and organisers)	7.30pm at Spoon	

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

<p>Session 4  <b>Performing Evidence Generation</b></p> <p>Discussant: Zoe Marks</p>	<p>9-11am</p>	<p>David Torgerson, University of York  <i>Randomised Controlled Trials in Policy Evaluation</i></p> <p>Jean-Benoît Falisse, Edinburgh University  <i>Evidence in Fragile States: Insights from two Action-Research Projects on Community Governance in Health in Burundi and South Kivu, DR Congo</i></p> <p>Edward Stevenson, UCL  <i>Indicators of Hunger and Thirst: The Promise and Pitfalls of Food and Water Insecurity Measurement in Ethiopia</i></p> <p>John MacInnes, Edinburgh University  <i>Squaring Circles in Sub-Saharan Africa</i></p>
<p>Coffee break</p>	<p>11-11.30</p>	
<p>Session 5  <b>The Politics of Evidence Generation</b></p> <p>Discussant: Roger Jeffery</p>	<p>11.30-1.30</p>	<p>Giulia Zoccatelli, Kings College London  <i>Accountable People vs Accountable programs: China's Grassroots HIV-AIDS Communities and the Global Quest for Measurable Empowerment</i></p> <p>Marlee Tichenor, Berkeley University  <i>Data Performativity and Malaria in Senegal</i></p> <p>Ian Harper, Edinburgh University  <i>Evidence and Impact: The Case of TB Control and Maternal Child Health Interventions in Nepal</i></p> <p>Linsey McGoey, Essex University  <i>Calculating the Costs of Public-Private Partnerships: Lessons from the New Philanthrocapitalism</i></p>

Lunch	1.30-2.30	
Panel discussion and close Chair: Ian Harper	2.30-3.30pm	