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14TH DEVELOPMENT DIALOGUE: “DO WE NEED TO GROW? PROBLEMATISING GROWTH ECONOMY IN DEVELOPMENT”

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Discussions on development often focus on “economic” development—specifically on how to push growth (i.e., achieving higher GDP) for countries that are considered as “still developing”. This mainstream view is very much based on the “western centred”, neoliberal idea of development and growth. The pursuers of such development, especially so-called advanced countries and large emerging economies such as BRICs countries, have benefitted from such models, but have also long been struggling with severe side effects such as increasing inequality as well as repeated economic crises and stagnation. Recently, an increasing number of economists have started to question the existing idea of economic growth (e.g., Ha Joon Chang, Stiglitz, Piketty). At the same time, countries are emerging with their own ideas and models of development, which do not necessarily prioritise economic development or growth *per se*. For example, Ecuador has decided to revitalise the idea of “*buen vivir*” (Catherine Walsh 2010), and Uruguay recently had José Mujica as its president with an interesting perspective in terms of growth (see the following discussions from the [Economist](#) and [Fortune](#)). Bhutan rejected the GDP and developed the Gross National Happiness (GNH) as its national growth commitment. In addition to exploring these non-mainstream macro models of economy, scholars from different disciplines have also raised the importance of exploring the economic formations that are based on social relations, such as the gift economy (David Cheal 2015), reciprocity (Serge-Christophe Kolm 2008), and social relations of obligation (David Sneath 1993), in order to fully understand the interconnectedness between the macro and micro mechanism of economy and their impacts on society.

By going beyond the dominant discourse on economy, we can start to question if, in order to “develop”, we actually need growth? If yes, what kinds of growth are we talking about? Is there a possibility to have a balanced growth? What are the components of this balance in growth? From these questions, the 14th Development Dialogue would like to invite scholars in the area of development studies to look at ideas of development and growth from different fields and perspectives. The aim is to decentre the discussions of development and growth in terms of geography, worldviews and disciplines.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The 14th Development Dialogue (DD) invites young scholars, activists and practitioners from all over the world to submit abstracts responding this year conference’s theme and sub-themes, which include but not limited to:

1. Refugee and migration
2. Education
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5. Macroeconomics of growth
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7. Environment and sustainable development
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9. Conflict, security and social justice
10. Alternative governance
11. Religion and belief
12. Health

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All applicants must fill in the application form provided for the conference. The first page of the form covers personal information of the applicants, and the second page of the form contains the abstracts. Abstracts should contain clear arguments of the paper in reference to the theme/sub-theme(s) of this year's Development Dialogue. Abstract should also contain a clear reference to the research objective and question, research methodology, and overview of the main findings and conclusions regarding relevance of the study in academic, policy and practitioner's debates. Abstracts should be written in English, in Times New Roman 12 (singled spaced = 1.0) and should not exceed 300 words (including title, and sub-title, reference, name of the researcher as well as affiliated institution).

Important Dates

Please send your abstracts via e-mail to dd14@iss.nl. The deadline for submissions is **15th of July 2016 at 24:00** (Central European Time Zone). Authors of selected papers will receive an acceptance decision 15th of August 2016. Authors of selected papers must confirm their participation by 22nd of August 2016. The deadline for submitting full paper is 21st of October 2016. Papers should have a maximum of 10,000 words (including references) and should be submitted in PDF or Word format to the above e-mail address.

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