

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**NATIONALITY:** British

**LANGUAGES:** English

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Social Protection, food security, livelihoods, poverty and vulnerability

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### OVERVIEW

Mark Davies manages the Centre for Social Protection at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex and has over 15 years of experience in development. His research interests and experience focuses on social protection, food security, livelihoods, poverty and vulnerability. He has worked within bilateral agencies, multi lateral organisations, in close partnership with government and CSOs. Mark has in-depth knowledge of the policies, institutions and processes that influence both social protection policy and programming, including, knowledge of cash transfers, institutional structures required in establishing social protection programmes, political implications, monitoring and evaluations requirements and systems, potential impacts of programmes at community level.

In 2009, Mark was the team leader in a review of all of DFID's work on social transfers which included a mapping exercise of all DFID work on social protection, an assessment of their effectiveness and recommendations on how DFID can support social protection systems in the future. In 2011 Mark was the social protection expert in a strategic evaluation of WFP's role in social protection which assessed the effectiveness of WFP's work on social protection and provided recommendations to help WFP improve their programming in social protection. Currently, Mark is the team leader of a team of experts supporting the European Commission in developing their policy proposals for social protection in EU development Cooperation. Mark has extensive experience in leading social protection capacity building exercises including training programmes and supporting the development of policy and programmes.

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### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1999 **MA in Environment and Development Studies, Merit**  
School of Oriental and Africa Studies: University of London

1995 **BA in Geography and Environmental Studies, 2:1**  
University of the West of England Bristol

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### RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2007 – Present **Social Protection Programme Manager**, Institute of Development Studies. Research on poverty, social protection, livelihoods and climate change; working with a number of partner countries and consultant to DFID, UNICEF, ILO, EC; Irish Aid; lead organiser and presenter on social protection training programmes; MA Vulnerability and Social Protection course convenor.

2006 - 2005 **Social Protection Consultant**, Advisor to DFID and Government of Kenya in the design of the Kenya Hunger Safety Nets Programme; advisor to DFID and Government of Malawi in the

design of a national social protection framework and strategy.

- 2005 **Team Leader, Hunger Task Team**, DFID London. Leader of a food security task force; supported the design of DFID food security and social protection strategies.
- 2004 **Food Security and Social Protection Advisor**, Department for International Development, London. Lead adviser for the UK on G8 discussions on social protection and food security. Supported national programmes and strategies and briefed ministers.
- 2003 - 2001 **Food Security & Livelihoods Advisor**, Department for International Development, Malawi. Lead on DFID humanitarian operations.
- 1999 **Rural Livelihoods Advisor**, Food and Agriculture Organisation Malawi (Seconded Department for International Development - DFID). Coordinator of the donor committee on food security and agriculture

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## SELECTED COMMISSIONED WORK AND RESEARCH

- 2012 Team leader and expert support for the preparation of the **European Commission's policy proposals for Social Protection in EU Development Cooperation**
- 2012 Technical assistance for awareness raising and **institutional capacity building on social protection** in Zanzibar in support of the **National Policy on Social protection** in Zanzibar
- 2011 Scoping Study on Mainstreaming Climate Change into Tanzania **Social Action Fund Productive Safety Net** (TASAF 3).
- 2011 **Promoting Resilient Livelihoods through Adaptive Social Protection: Lessons from 124 Programmes in South Asia**. (with Bene, C, Arnall A, Tanner T, Newsham A, and Coirolo C). (submitted)
- 2011 **WFP's Role in Social Protection and Safety Nets: A Strategic Evaluation**. (with B. Majewski, H. Khogali, R. Waugh)
- 2011 **Designing Social Protection as an Effective and Sustainable Investment**. IDS In Focus Policy Briefing, Issue 17.
- 2011 **Lessons from Social Protection Program Implementation in Kenya, Zambia and Mongolia**. (with C. Jackson, S. Butters, N.Perkins) IDS, UNICEF, Irish Aid Research Partnership
- 2010 Co-convener at **UNAIDS, UNICEF and IDS Workshop on Evidence around HIV and Social Protection**
- 2010 **Capacity Building on Social Protection in Ethiopia**, report for UNICEF and WFP Ethiopia.
- 2010 **Adaptive Social Protection: Mapping the Evidence and Policy Context in the Agriculture Sector in South Asia** (with A. Arnall, K.Oswald, T. Mitchell and C. Coirolo) IDS Working Paper.
- 2009 **'DFID Social Transfers Evaluation Summary Report'**. IDS Research Report 60.
- 2009 **'Social Protection Responding to a Global Crisis'** (with A. Macgregor). IDS Bulletin, Volume 40 Number 5 September 2009, Policy Responses to the Global Financial Crisis.
- 2009 **'Social Protection Responses to the Financial Crisis: What do we Know?'** (with A. Macgregor). IDS In Focus Issue 07. Policy Responses to the Financial Crisis.
- 2009 **Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Social Protection** (with K. Oswald and T. Mitchell) in Promoting Pro-Poor Growth: Social Protection. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.
- 2008 **'Adaptive social protection' - synergies for poverty reduction**. (with J. Leavy, T. Mitchell and T.Tanner). IDS Bulletin.

2008	<b>‘Climate Change Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Social Protection: Complementary Roles in Agricultural Growth?’</b> (with J. Leavy, T. Mitchell and T. Tanner). Report for DFID London.
2008	<b>Assessment of State Benefits to Disabled Citizens and Poor Families in the Kyrgyz Republic: Observations and a Way Forward</b> (with A. Barrientos). Report for UNICEF.
2008	<b>Social Protection and Climate Change Adaptation.</b> Policy brief for the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2007	<b>‘Review of the Malawi Vulnerability Assessment Committee. Options and a Way Forward’.</b> Report for the Government of Malawi.
2007	<b>‘Identifying Existing and Planned Baseline Information and Evaluation Plans in Connection with DFID’s Social Protection Commitments.</b> DFID London.
2006	<b>‘Social Protection in Malawi: Next Steps and Policy Options’.</b> Report for the Government of Malawi and Development Partners.
2006	<b>‘A More Appropriate Response to Hunger in Kenya: The Potential of a Safety Net Programme’.</b> Report for the Government of Kenya.
2005	<b>‘DFID Malawi Humanitarian Updates’.</b> Monthly reports for DFID Malawi.
2005	<b>‘Eliminating Hunger – DFID Priorities and the Way Forward’.</b> Report for DFID under Secretary of State.
2004	<b>‘The Importance of Nutrition in Achieving the MDGs – A Role for DFID’.</b> Report for DFID
2004	<b>‘UK G8 Position Paper on Famine in the Horn of Africa’.</b> Report for the UK Government.
2004	<b>‘Ministerial Briefings on Hunger and Nutrition’.</b> DFID London.
2003	<b>‘The Role of Nutrition in Malawi’.</b> Report for DFID Malawi.
2003	<b>‘Vulnerability and Poverty in Malawi – A Framework for Action for DFID Malawi’.</b> Report for DFID Malawi.

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## TRAINING AND TEACHING

Present-	Convener and presenter in the Vulnerability and Social Protection module of the <b>MA Poverty</b> course, IDS
2011	Convened and presented at <b>capacity building in social protection courses</b> , UNICEF, ILO and Government of Rwanda
2011	Convened and presented at <b>training of trainers courses</b> , WFP and Government of Ethiopia
2011-2009	Convened and presented at <b>EC Social Protection Training Course</b> in Brussels.
2010	Director of the <b>DFID Social Protection Training Course</b> , IDS
2010- 2007	Director of the <b>Social Protection Training Course for UNICEF staff</b>
2009	Convened and presented at <b>Social Protection Training Course for UNICEF Staff in Africa</b> , Cape Town
2009-	Lecturer and tutor in the Vulnerability and Social Protection module of the <b>MA 2008 Poverty</b> course, IDS