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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Research Fellow, Research Cluster Leader

NATIONALITY: British

LANGUAGES: English (native); French (fair/good); Spanish (fair)

THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Agriculture; Global Agri-Food and Trade; Aid; Anthropology; Children and Youth; Culture/Identity; Development (General); Food Security; Gender; Health; ICTs; Inequality; Nutrition/Undernutrition; Politics and Power; Poverty; Rural Poverty; Urban Poverty; Science and Society; Work and Labour.

GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: South Asia; Sub Saharan Africa; India

OVERVIEW

Nicholas Nisbett is a Senior Research Fellow at IDS, where he co-leads the Health and Nutrition Cluster of researchers and teaches on development and nutrition. His work explores the political economy of nutrition policy and programming in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa and he has published research on national and international nutrition governance and policy processes, community level drivers of nutrition and community accountability. He has led major multi-methods evaluations of nutrition and livelihoods programmes as well as research focused on state, district and local level constraints to implementation of programmes at scale. Prior to joining IDS, Nisbett worked for the UK government, where he led teams on agricultural trade policy; agricultural policy reform and land and marine based natural resource management; and led a major international policy research programme, the *Foresight Project on Global Food and Farming Futures*. Nisbett has also focused on transformations related to internet use and IT-based employment in India and has published a monograph on middle class youth aspirations in this field: *'Growing up in the Knowledge Society'*.

EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

2004 – 2005	Diploma in French The Open University, UK
2000 - 2004	DPhil Development Studies University of Sussex, UK
1996 - 1999	BA Anthropology & Geography , (First Class Honours, Dean's Commendation) University College London, UK

CURRENT / RECENT RESPONSIBILITIES

'Enabling Environment' Research Theme Lead	Transform Nutrition Research Programme Consortium (DFID)
Cluster lead	Agriculture for Nutrition and Health - Supporting Country Outcomes through Research on Enabling Environments (CGIAR)
Qualitative evaluation lead	Evaluation of UNICEF/CIFF support to National Nutrition Services, Bangladesh (CIFF)

Design Consultancy Team-Leader

Support to design of nutrition component of extreme poverty programme, DFID Bangladesh (DFID)

MAIN ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2014 – PRESENT	Cluster Co-Leader Health and Nutrition Research Cluster
2011 – PRESENT	Senior Research Fellow , Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK
2008 – 2011	Visiting Research Fellow , School of Global Studies, University of Sussex, UK
2005 – 2006	ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow , Anthropology, University of Sussex, UK
2000 – 2004	ESRC Research Studentship & Associate Tutor , Anthropology, University of Sussex, UK

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL / POLICY EXPERIENCE

2011	Policy Manager/Team Leader Marine Planning – EU and International. Team. UK Government Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)
2009 – 2011	Project Leader , Foresight Project on Global Food and Farming Futures, UK Government Office for Science
2008 – 2009	Team Leader and Policy Manager , International Trade Policy, Common Agricultural Policy and EU Budget Strategy Programme; UK government: Defra
2007 – 2008	International Trade Policy Advisor , CAP Reform and EU Strategy, UK Government: Defra

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (Nutrition and Food Security)

- **Nisbett, N.** & Barnett, I. (2017) 'Explaining the reduction in child undernutrition in the Indian state of Maharashtra between 2006 and 2012: An analysis of the policy processes'. *Food Policy* 70 (2017) 27–39. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2017.05.006>
- **Nisbett, N.** Davis, P., Yosef, S. & Akhtar, N. (2017) 'Bangladesh's Story of Change in Nutrition: strong improvements in basic and underlying determinants with an unfinished agenda for direct community level support'. *Global Food Security* 13 (2017) 21–29 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gfs.2017.01.005>
- **Nicholas Nisbett**, Mara van den Bold, Stuart Gillespie, Purnima Menon, Peter Davis, Terrence Roopnaraine, Halie Kampman, Neha Kohli, Akriti Singh, Andrea Warren and the Stories of Change Study Team. (2017) 'Community level perceptions of drivers of change in nutrition. Evidence from South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa'. *Global Food Security* 13, June 2017, Pages 74–82. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gfs.2017.01.006>
- Neha Kohli, Rasmi Avula, Mara van den Bold, Elisabeth Becker, **Nicholas Nisbett**, Lawrence Haddad, Purnima Menon. 'What will it take to accelerate improvements in nutrition outcomes in Odisha? Learning from the past to prioritize the future' *Global Food Security* Global Food Security 13 (2017) 38–48. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gfs.2017.04.002>

- **Nisbett, N.** (2017) 'Narratives of Nutrition in India – How can a narrative policy analysis further our understanding of the political economy shaping policy on child undernutrition?' *Development and Change*, (48)2, March 2017 DOI: 10.1111/dech.12297
- **Nisbett, N.,** N. Ahmed; S. Deshpande and F. Feruglio (2017) [Social accountability initiatives in health and nutrition: lessons from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh](#), Making All Voices Count Research Report, Brighton: IDS.
- te Lintelo, D.J.H., **Nisbett, N.** and Pittore, K. (2016) *Multi-level Advocacy for Nutrition*. IDS Evidence Report 211. Brighton: IDS
https://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/bitstream/handle/123456789/12677/ER211_MultilevelAdvocacyforNutrition.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y
- **Nicholas Nisbett**, Richard Longhurst, Inka Barnett, Francesca Feruglio, Jessica Gordon, John Hoddinott, Ferdous Jahan, Naureen Karachiwalla, Shalini Roy, Valsa Shah, Omar Faruque Siddiki, Jean-Pierre Tranchant, Jessie White (2016) [Impact evaluation of the DFID Programme to accelerate improved nutrition for the extreme poor in Bangladesh: Final Report](#). MQSUN Report
- International Food Policy Research Institute (2015). Global Nutrition Report 2015: Actions and Accountability to Advance Nutrition and Sustainable Development. Washington, DC. (**Lead author for following Sections:** Chapter 5: "Leadership" and Chapter 9: "Assessing Whether the Commitment Has Been Met")
- **Nisbett, N.,** Wach, E., Haddad, L., El-Arifeen, S. (2015) 'What drives and constrains effective leadership in tackling child undernutrition? Findings from Bangladesh, Ethiopia, India and Kenya' *Food Policy Volume 53*, May 2015, Pages 33–45
- **Nisbett, N.,** Gillespie, S., Haddad, L., Harris, J. (2014). Why Worry about the Politics of Child Nutrition? *World Development* Vol. 64, pp. 420–433, 2014
- Gillespie S, Haddad L, Mannar V, Menon P, **Nisbett N** (2013) and the Maternal and Child Nutrition Study Group. The politics of reducing malnutrition: building commitment and accelerating progress. *The Lancet* 2013; published online June 6. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(13\)60842-9](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(13)60842-9).
- DFID (2012) An update of 'The Neglected Crisis of Undernutrition: Evidence for Action'
<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Documents/publications1/undernutrition-finalevidence-oct12.pdf> (**Lead editor / co-author**)
- Godfray, H.C.J., Beddington, J.R., Crute, I.R., Haddad, L., Lawrence, D., Muir, J.F., **Nisbett, N.,** Robinson, S., Toulmin, C. and Whiteley, R. (2010) ['The Future of the Global Food System'](#), *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B* 365.1554:2769-77, London: Royal Society Publishing

(Middle class youth aspirations, IT and the knowledge society in India)

- **Nisbett, N.** Internet Cultures *Contributions to Indian Sociology* 50th anniversary edition volume) (*in press*)
- **Nisbett, N.** (2013) 'Youth and the practice of IT enterprise: Narratives of the Knowledge Society and the creation of New Subjectivities amongst Bangalore's IT aspirants' in Goopu, N, (ed.) Enterprise Culture in Neoliberal India. Studies in Youth, Class, Work and Media. Oxford: Routledge.
- **Nisbett, N.** (2009) Growing up in the Knowledge Society: Living the IT Dream in Bangalore, New Delhi: Routledge
- **Nisbett, N.** (2007) ' Friendship, Consumption, Morality: Practicing Identity, Negotiating Hierarchy in Middle Class Bangalore', *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 13.4:935–950, Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell
- Nisbett, N. (2006) 'The Internet, Cybercafés and the New Social Spaces of Bangalorean Youth' in Coleman, S. and Collins, P. (eds), Locating the Field: Space, Place and Context in Anthropology, London: Berg