

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT: Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, UK  
DATE OF BIRTH: 23 November 1959  
NATIONALITY: British and South African [dual nationality]  
THEMATIC EXPERTISE: Famine; Food security; Rural livelihoods; Social Protection  
GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE: Sub-Saharan Africa: Botswana; Burundi; Chad; Ethiopia; Ghana; Lesotho; Malawi; Mozambique; Namibia; Rwanda; South Africa; Swaziland; Uganda; Zambia, Zanzibar

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### OVERVIEW

Stephen Devereux is a development economist with 25 years experience in food security, poverty and rural development in 13 African countries, including 3 years heading a Rural Research Programme at the University of Namibia and one year researching household drought responses in northern Ghana. He has been a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex since 1996. He has (co-)authored or (co-)edited 9 books on food security, famine and social protection, and has published articles in more than 20 journals. He has worked for numerous international agencies, and has provided policy advice to many African governments. He has delivered lectures and seminars at several universities and has presented sessions on over 50 training courses.

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### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1992 **DPhil**, Economics, Oxford University (Luca d'Agliano Award for development research; UK Africa Studies Association Dissertation Prize: 'Household Responses to Food Insecurity in Northern Ghana')  
1986 **MPhil**, Economics, Oxford University (Balliol College: Third World Scholarship)  
1982 **BA**, Economics, University of Cape Town (Honours; Louis Weiner Scholarship)

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### RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

1996 – **Fellow**, *Institute of Development Studies*, University of Sussex, UK.  
1993–95 **Senior Researcher**, *Social Sciences Division*, University of Namibia.  
1992–93 **Food Security Consultant**, Namibian Institute of Social and Economic Research, Namibia.  
1986–92 **Research Associate**, *Food Studies Group*, University of Oxford, UK

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### APPOINTMENTS (since 2000)

2016–20 **Chair-holder**, *SA-UK Bilateral Research Chair in Food Security*. Awarded by the South African National Research Foundation (NRF), under the South African Research Chairs Initiative (SARChI). Affiliated to the Centre of Excellence in Food Security, Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.  
2013–15 **Extraordinary Professor**, *Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences*, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.  
2009–15 **Associate Editor**, *Food Security*.  
2007–10 **Honorary Research Fellow**, *School of Development Studies*, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.  
2004–06 **External Examiner**, *MA Rural Development*, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, UK.  
2005– **Director** or **Co-Director**, *Centre for Social Protection*, Institute of Development Studies, UK.  
2002–03 **Specialist Adviser**, *Inquiry into the Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Africa*, House of Commons International Development Committee, United Kingdom.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- 2013 S. Devereux and Melese Getu (eds). **Informal and Formal Social Protection Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa**. Addis Ababa: Organisation for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA).
- 2012 S. Devereux, R. Sabates-Wheeler and R. Longhurst (eds). **Seasonality, Rural Livelihoods and Development**. Abingdon: Earthscan.
- 2011 S. Handa, S. Devereux, D. Webb (eds). **Social Protection for Africa's Children**. London: Routledge.
- 2009 F. Ellis, S. Devereux and P. White. **Social Protection in Africa**. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar.
- 2008 S. Devereux, B. Vaitla and S. Hauenstein Swan. **Seasons of Hunger**. London: Pluto Press.
- 2007 S. Devereux (ed). **The New Famines**. London: Routledge.

### Book Chapters

- 2015 S. Devereux and K. Roelen. *Evaluating the impacts that impact evaluations don't evaluate*, in K. Roelen and L. Camfield (eds). **Mixed Methods Research in Poverty and Vulnerability: Sharing ideas and learning lessons**. Palgrave.
- 2014 S. Devereux. *Famine*, in V. Desai and R. Potter (eds). **The Companion to Development Studies**. Routledge.
- 2013 S. Devereux. *Foreword*, in R. Holmes and N. Jones. **Gender and Social Protection in the Developing World: Beyond Mothers and Safety Nets**. Zed Books.
- 2013 S. Devereux and K. Tibbo. *Social protection for pastoralists*, in A. Catley, J. Lind and I. Scoones (eds). **Pastoralism and Development in Africa: Dynamic Change at the Margins**. Routledge.
- 2011 S. Devereux. *Putting the vulnerable first*, in A. Cornwall and I. Scoones (eds). **Revolutionising Development: Reflections on the work of Robert Chambers**. Earthscan.
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Seasonal Food Crises and Social Protection in Africa*, in B. Harriss-White and J. Heyer (eds), **Comparative Political Economy of Development: Africa and South Asia**. Routledge.
- 2010 S. Devereux and F. Lund. *Democratising Social Welfare in Africa*, in V. Padayachee (ed), **The Political Economy of Africa**. Routledge.
- 2008 R. Sabates-Wheeler and S. Devereux, *Transformative Social Protection: The currency of social justice*, in A. Barrientos and D. Hulme (eds), **Social Protection for the Poor and Poorest**. Palgrave.

### Journal Articles

- 2015 R. Sabates-Wheeler, A. Hurrell and S. Devereux. *Targeting social transfer programmes: Comparing design and implementation errors across alternative mechanisms*, **Journal of International Development**.
- 2014 S. Devereux and A. McGregor. *Transforming social protection: Human wellbeing and social justice*. **European Journal of Development Research**.
- 2013 R. Sabates-Wheeler and S. Devereux. *Sustainable graduation from social protection programmes*, **Development and Change**.
- 2013 S. Devereux. *Trajectories of social protection in Africa*. **Development Southern Africa**.
- 2012 N. Haan, S. Devereux and D. Maxwell. *Global implications of Somalia 2011 for famine prevention, mitigation and response*. **Global Food Security**.
- 2011 S. Devereux. *Social Protection in South Africa: Exceptional or Exceptionalism?* **Canadian Journal of Development Studies**.
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Better Marginalised than Incorporated? Pastoralist Livelihoods in Somali Region, Ethiopia*. **European Journal of Development Research**.
- 2010 S. Devereux and K. Vincent. *Using Technology to Deliver Social Protection: Exploring opportunities and risks*. **Development in Practice**.
- 2010 S. Devereux and P. White, *Social Protection in Africa: Evidence, Politics and Rights*, **Poverty & Public Policy**.
- 2010 R. Sabates-Wheeler and S. Devereux. *Cash Transfers and High Food Prices: Explaining outcomes on Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme*. **Food Policy**.
- 2009 S. Devereux. *Why does famine persist in Africa?* **Food Security**.
- 2009 B. Vaitla, S. Devereux and S. Hauenstein Swan. *Seasonal Hunger: A neglected problem with proven solutions*. **Public Library of Science (PLOS) Medicine**.
- 2009 S. Devereux, I. Scoones and J. Thompson. *Critical Responses to the World Development Report 2008: 'Agriculture for Development'*. **Journal of Peasant Studies**.
- 2007 S. Devereux. *Social Pensions in Southern Africa in the 20th Century*. **Journal of Southern African Studies**.
- 2006 S. Devereux and K. Sharp. *Trends in poverty and destitution in Wollo, Ethiopia*. **Journal of Development Studies**.

## Commissioned Research

- 2016 S. Devereux. *Social protection for rural poverty reduction*. **Rural Transformations: Technical Papers Series, #1**. Rome: Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).
- 2015 S. Devereux. *Social Protection and Safety Nets in the Middle East and North Africa*. **IDS Research Report, 80**. Brighton: Institute of Development Studies.
- 2015 S. Devereux. *Realising the right to social security and the right to food: The contribution of national social protection floors towards food security and the realisation of the right to adequate food for all*. **Extension of Social Security (ESS) Working Paper, 51**. Geneva: International Labour Office (ILO).
- 2013 S. Devereux. *Livestock and livelihoods in Africa: Maximising animal welfare and human wellbeing*. **Scoping paper for the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)**. Brighton: Institute of Development Studies.
- 2012 HLPE. **Social Protection for Food Security**. A report by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). Rome: CFS. [Team Leader and lead author.]
- 2012 S. Devereux. *Social Protection for Enhanced Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa*. **Working Paper, 2012-010**. Commissioned by UNDP for the **Africa Human Development Report 2012**. New York: UNDP.
- 2011 Department of Social Development, South African Social Security Agency and UNICEF. **Child Support Grant Evaluation 2010: Qualitative Research Report**. Pretoria: UNICEF South Africa. [Team Leader and lead author.]
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Building Social Protection Systems in Southern Africa*. Background paper commissioned by the **European Report on Development 2010**. Brussels. European Commission.
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Dependency and graduation*. **Frontiers of Social Protection Brief**. Johannesburg: RHVP.
- 2010 S. Devereux and R. Longhurst. *Seasonality in Agricultural Project Design*. **ALINE Research Report**. Brighton: Agriculture Learning and Impact Network (ALINE), IDS.
- 2009 S. Devereux and R. Cipryk. *Social Protection in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Regional Review*. **Social Protection Scoping Study**. Brighton: Centre for Social Protection, IDS.
- 2008 S. Devereux, R. Sabates-Wheeler, R. Slater, Mulugeta Tefera, T. Brown and Amdissa Teshome. **Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP): 2008 Assessment**. Brighton: IDS.
- 2006 S. Devereux. *Vulnerable Livelihoods in Somali Region, Ethiopia*. **IDS Research Report 57**. Brighton: IDS.

## Conference Papers

- 2015 S. Devereux. *Graduation Model: Do women benefit more than men? Testimonies from Burundi*. Panel presentation at the **SEEP Annual Conference 2015: Inclusion and Resilience**. Arlington, Virginia, USA: Renaissance Capital View Hotel.
- 2015 S. Devereux. *Is targeting ethical?* Plenary paper presented at the symposium: **The Principles and Practice of Social Protection**. Johannesburg: Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA).
- 2014 R. Sabates and S. Devereux. *Evidence on graduation in practice: Concern Worldwide's Graduation Programme in Rwanda*. Paper presented at the international conference: **Graduation and Social Protection**. Kigali: Serena Hotel.
- 2012 S. Devereux. *Social protection for food security: evidence from Africa*. Paper presented at the **International Scientific Symposium on Food and Nutrition Security Information**. Rome: FAO.
- 2011 S. Devereux. *Social Protection in the Development Discourse*. Presentation at the expert conference: **No Social Justice with Social Protection**. Berlin: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung.
- 2011 S. Devereux. *Social protection in an African context: Current status, issues and challenges*. Keynote paper presented at the international symposium: **Social Protection in Southern Africa: New Opportunities for Social Development**. Johannesburg: Centre for Social Development in Africa, University of Johannesburg.
- 2010 S. Devereux and C. Solomon. *Overcoming inequality and structural poverty: Is social protection a solution for South Africa's farmwomen?* **Overcoming inequality and structural poverty in South Africa**. Johannesburg.
- 2009 S. Devereux and R. Longhurst. *Seasonal Neglect? Aseasonality in Agricultural Project Design*. **Seasonality Revisited**. Brighton: Institute of Development Studies.
- 2008 S. Devereux and P. White. *Social Protection in Africa: Can evidence, rights and politics converge?* **Social Protection for the Poorest in Africa: Learning from Experience**. Entebbe, Uganda.
- 2007 S. Devereux. *Cashing In or Crashing Out? Pastoralist Livelihoods in Somali Region, Ethiopia*. **'Living on the Margins': Vulnerability, Social Exclusion and the State in the Informal Economy**. Cape Town.
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