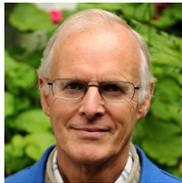


CONDOLENCES

Robin Murray

It was with huge sadness that we received the news about Robin Murray's untimely death at the weekend.



Robin was a Fellow at the Institute for two decades, between 1972 and 1993. He was an exceptional colleague and friend and he had a profound impact on the Institute's teaching, research, policy impact and collegiality.

Robin's contribution to 'teaching' was transformative. He used the Socratic method to build analytical capabilities and a thirst for learning amongst students. In so doing he played a pivotal role in overturning the culture of grandstanding lectures which dominated teaching programmes at the time. The views of every student were valued, held up for discussion and used to build awareness and critical capabilities. Amongst other attributes he had the capacity to build insight through the use of metaphor, whether this was 'the global law of value knocking at the door' (ie competition in trade) or the 'conducting an orchestra of talented musicians' (ie building policy consensus). But it was not just Robin's students who were stimulated and energised by his vitality and enthusiasm. All of his colleagues – academic and support staff – were treated with the same deep respect and felt the glow of his aura and charm, even when they differed from his approach or conclusions.

Robin's contributions to knowledge covered a wide range of connected interests which helped so many of his students and colleagues to build a world view of macro developments and to understand their connection to micro processes and events. His work spanned Marxian theory, the development and spread of transnational corporations and globalisation, transfer pricing, industrial policy, the cooperative movement, local development, the labour process, flexible specialisation and (more recently after he left IDS in 1993) the circular economy and the dynamics of the state.

During his two decades at IDS Robin initiated and led a series of major policy collaborations. For a time, he was seconded to the Greater London Economic Council as the leader of a team working on industrial policy. This was followed by leading and inspiring extended programmes of industrial policy support in Cyprus, Ethiopia and Jamaica. He was a co-founder and active director of Twin Trading and a vocal promoter of Fairtrade.

We were fortunate to have been stimulated by and to have benefited from his exceptional capabilities, his charisma, his intellect and his warmth. He will be sorely missed by all who came directly into contact with him, and by those who benefited from the resultant ripples. When you were with Robin, you felt as though you were at the centre of the universe.

Raphael Kaplinsky.

IDS DIARY

Monday 5 June

IDS Seminar, 'Exploring Stakeholder Commitment and Capacity to Address Infant and Young Child Nutrition in the Capital of the Breede Valley, Western Cape, South Africa'. Lisanne du Plessis, senior lecturer in community nutrition from the division of human nutrition, department of global health, faculty of medicine and health sciences, Stellenbosch University. 12:30 to 14:00 in Room 120. All welcome.

Monday 5 June

IDS Seminar, 'The Turn to Resilience in Humanitarian Aid', Dorothea Hilhorst, Professor of humanitarian aid and reconstruction at the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam. 13:00 to 14:30 in Room 221. All welcome. This will be live-streamed at: www.ids.ac.uk/events/the-turn-to-resilience-in-humanitarian-aid

Tuesday 6 June

Book Launch, 'Routledge Handbook of Environmental Policies in China'. Speakers: Eva Sternfeld, book editor; Sam Geall, SPRU; Yvan Schulz, University of Oxford China Centre; Patrick Schröder, IDS Green Transformations Cluster; Jennifer Holdaway, University of Oxford and China Academy of Sciences. 14:00 to 16:00 in the IDS Convening Space. All welcome.

Friday 16 June

IDS, Sussex Africa Centre and Centre for International Education South Africa Discussion Group, 'South Africa's Social Protection System: from success story to crisis'. Speakers:

- **Stephen Devereux** is Research Fellow and Co-Director of the Centre for Social Protection at IDS and Extraordinary Professor at the University of the Western Cape, where he holds the NRF-Newton Fund (SA-UK) Research Chair in Social Protection and Food Security. His current research is on the relationship between social grants and child nutrition outcomes in South Africa.
- **Yanga Zembe** is Associate Professor at IDS and at the University of the Western Cape. Her research is on the influence of structural factors on development and health outcomes among most-at-risk and vulnerable populations in South Africa.

13:00 to 14:30 (Soweto day) in Room 119, Institute of Development Studies (IDS). All welcome.

Tuesday 27 to 29 June

Sustainable Lifestyles, Livelihoods and the Circular Economy. The third International Conference of the Global Research Forum (GRF) on Sustainable Production and Consumption, hosted by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU), University of Sussex. Register at: <http://www.ids.ac.uk/events/sustainable-lifestyles-livelihoods-and-the-circular-economy>

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IDS ANNUAL LECTURE

Tuesday 4 July

IDS Annual Lecture with Jayati Ghosh. World renowned economist, Jayati Ghosh, Professor of Economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, will deliver this year's IDS Annual Lecture on 'The Complexities of Success: Globalisation, Inequality and Economic Insecurity in China and India'. 17:00 to 18:30 in the Jubilee Lecture Theatre, University of Sussex. Register at: www.ids.ac.uk/events/ids-annual-lecture-with-jayati-ghosh

IDS TRAINING

Monday 11 to Friday 15 September

Participatory Video Processes: Building Inclusive Engagement and Community-led Change short course at IDS. This short course will enable participants to develop in-depth understanding and skills in the theory and practice of Participatory Video, as well as equip them to plan, prepare and run participatory video projects in their own settings. Full details: www.ids.ac.uk/events/participatory-video-processes-building-inclusive-engagement-and-community-led-change

IDS MEMBERS

Marina Apgar is in Panama, from 4 to 11 June and at the Action Research Network of the Americas conference in Cartagena, Colombia from 12 to 17 June.

Caitriona Dowd will be in Nairobi from 13 June to 5 July, for workshops on digital data, violence monitoring and political instability.

John Gaventa will be in Berlin from 13 to 14 June to give a presentation on Inequality at the 'Scanning the Horizon' Annual meeting, International Civil Society Centre.

Editors: Ayele, S., Khan, S. and Sumberg, J. (2017) 'Africa's Youth

IDS PUBLICATION

Employment Challenge: New Perspectives', *IDS Bulletin* 48.3, Brighton: IDS. Read online: <http://bulletin.ids.ac.uk/idsbo/issue/view/225>

EXTERNAL VACANCIES

International Alert are looking for a Project Manager, 'Tujenge Pamoja – Let's build together'. The candidate will be responsible for the timely and effective implementation of the project and for coordination and synergy across a total of nine local partners. In collaboration with others, you will be responsible for developing, monitoring and overseeing the implementation of a very ambitious and successful advocacy and networking strategy. Details: www.international-alert.org/jobs
Closing date: 25 June.

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EXTERNAL VACANCIES (CONT.)

Practical Action is recruiting two Major Partnerships Officers. These roles will help develop strong relationships with major donors, corporate partners and trusts and foundations. You will have a track record in fundraising, be a clear communicator, with a drive to succeed, and have good knowledge of systems and processes and a strong eye for detail. Most importantly you will be passionate and provide excellent standards of donor stewardship. Further details: <https://practicalaction.org/blueoctopus/vacancies/view/67947> Closing date: 16 June.

EXTERNAL DIARY

Wednesday 7 June

IMA International's fourth leadership forum, 'A Connected Approach to Leadership' with guest speaker Dr Susan Canney. 16:30 at Mercure Brighton Seafront Hotel, 149, King's Road, Brighton BN1 2PP. To register and pay £15 reservation fee, please email: post@imainternational.com or visit: www.imainternational.com/news/story/Leadership%20forum%20in%20Brighton/405 or call 01273 833030.

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