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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 focused on issues of leadership capacity; national policy processes; 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. 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 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)

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

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Nisbett, N. (2009) *Growing up in the Knowledge Society: Living the IT Dream in Bangalore*, New Delhi: Routledge

Peer-reviewed Journals

Nisbett, N. Davis, P., Yosef, S. & Akhtar, N. '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* (in-press <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. 'Community level perceptions of drivers of change in nutrition. Evidence from South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa'. *Global Food Security* (in-press <http://dx.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* (in-press <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.gfs.2017.01.007>)

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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).

Pretty, J. et al. (2010) '[The Top 100 Questions of Importance to the Future of Global Agriculture](#)', *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability* 8.4:219-236, Earthscan

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

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

Book Chapters

Nisbett, N. Internet Cultures *Contributions to Indian Sociology* (invited contribution as part of 50th anniversary edition volume)

Davis, P., **Nisbett, N.**, Akhtar, N. & Yosef, S. (2016) 'Getting to Specifics: Bangladesh's Evolving Nutrition Policies', in Gillespie, S., Yosef, S. & Pandya-Lorch, R. (eds) *Nourishing Millions: Stories of Change in Nutrition*. Washington, D.C.:IFPRI

Nisbett, N., Wach, E., Haddad, L., El-Arifeen, S., Reddin, S., Gatellier, K, Kovic, N., Drimie, S., Harris, J. & Yosef, S. (2016), 'Championing Nutrition: Effective Leadership for Action' in Gillespie, S., Yosef, S. & Pandya-Lorch, R. (eds) *Nourishing Millions: Stories of Change in Nutrition*. Washington, D.C.:IFPRI

Menon, P, Kohli, N., Van den Bold, M., Becker, E., **Nisbett, N.**, Haddad, L. & Avula, R. (2016) '25 Years of Scaling up: Nutrition and Health Interventions in Odisha, India' in Gillespie, S., Yosef, S. & Pandya-Lorch, R. (eds) *Nourishing Millions: Stories of Change in Nutrition*. Washington, D.C.:IFPRI

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 Gooptu, N, (ed.) *Enterprise Culture in Neoliberal India. Studies in Youth, Class, Work and Media*. Oxford: Routledge.

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

Contributions to Global reports and UK Government reports

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. & te Lintelo, D. (2014) Can Community Monitoring Enhance Accountability for Nutrition? Panel 8.4 in International Food Policy Research Institute. 2014. Global Nutrition Report 2014: Actions and Accountability to Accelerate the World's Progress on Nutrition. Washington, DC, p.64

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 and lead co-author)

Government Office of Science (2011) *The Future of Food and Farming. Challenges and Choices for Global Sustainability*. London: Government Office for Science. (Project leader, co-editor & contributor to final report and set of 13 synthesis reports) <http://www.bis.gov.uk/foresight/our-work/projects/published-projects/global-food-and-farming-futures>

Government Office of Science (2011) *Foresight Project on Global Food and Farming Futures Synthesis Report C3: State of play and trends: governance and globalisation*. London: Government Office for Science. (Lead author)

Reports and working papers

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
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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

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Haddad, L. **Nisbett, N.**, Barnett, I. (2014) Maharashtra's Extraordinary Stunting Declines: What is Driving Them? Findings of a Multidisciplinary Analysis. Brighton: IDS

Haddad, L. **Nisbett, N.** & Barnett, I. (2014) An Analysis of Maharashtra's Decline in Childhood Stunting – Overview Paper. Brighton: IDS

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Nisbett, N. & Longhurst R, (eds) (2014) Impact Evaluation of the DFID Programme to Accelerate Improved Nutrition for the Extreme Poor in Bangladesh, Phase II. MQSUN Inception Report and Design Document.