

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Knowledge Officer, Knowledge Impact and Policy team

**NATIONALITY:** British

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Knowledge Management, Research Communication, Real-Time Research Monitoring, Social Media Analysis, Open Access, User-Interface Design

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## OVERVIEW

I have worked in Knowledge Management at IDS for more than 18 years. From 2000 to 2009 I managed the DFID-funded research communication programme, id21, which was created to collate international development research findings, summarise them in non-technical language and communicate them to a global audience of policy-makers and practitioners. At its height the id21 programme comprised a portal website, which received 80,000 page views each month, an email alert with 22,000 subscribers and a thematic briefing paper, *id21 insights*, which had over 15,000 international subscribers.

In 2010 I joined the newly formed IDS Knowledge Services department as Editorial Manager (2010 – 2011). I was in charge of editorial production for a range of research communication services and publications, including Eldis and Bridge. During this period, I led our transition from a traditional broadcast model of editorial production to a partner-centred approach, based on co-production with southern organisations. From 2011 - 2013 I was the Information Systems Manager for the department, with overall responsibility for the technical development of IDS online services and related information and knowledge systems. I led our work on mapping the global knowledge intermediary sector and I ran an advocacy programme on Open Access, which aimed to give a greater voice to developing country perspectives in global Open Access debates. In 2014 I worked as the department's Training, Events and E-learning Manager, organising activities to support training, e-learning and capacity development in Knowledge Management and research communication.

In 2015 I became a Knowledge Manager in the IDS Knowledge Mobilisation and Impact team, where I have been researching approaches for monitoring and analysing research outputs on social media. In this capacity I recently developed TwitterWeave, a free-to-use web-based application which allows researchers to track how Twitter users engage with their research.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**PhD in Human-Computer Interface Design** (thesis title: *Human-Computer Interface Design for Intelligent Modelling Environments*) University of Sheffield, UK (1993)

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

2017 – PRESENT      **Knowledge Officer**, Institute of Development Studies, UK. Project managing work on scaling up innovation in Tanzania.

2015 – 2017      **Knowledge Manager**, Institute of Development Studies, UK. Carrying out research and development of social media tracking approaches.

2014 – 2015      **Training, Events and E-learning Manager**, Institute of Development Studies, UK. Organising training and learning events for IDS Knowledge Services; project managing the development of e-learning systems to support gender advocacy work in Nigeria.

2011 – 2013      **Information Systems Manager**, Institute of Development Studies, UK. Technical lead on development and implementation of IDS hosted Internet services and information and knowledge systems; managed international Open Access Advocacy campaign.

2010 – 2011	<b>Editorial Manager – Knowledge Services</b> , Institute of Development Studies, UK. Strategic lead for Knowledge Services editorial activities and managing the editorial team.
2000 - 2009	<b>id21 Programme Manager</b> , Institute of Development Studies, UK. Managed the id21 online development research communication programme, which delivered research summaries and syntheses to a large global audience of policymakers and practitioners.
1997 – 2000	<b>id21 Internet Co-ordinator</b> , Institute of Development Studies, UK. Designed and managed the id21 online services (website, dynamic database and email alerts).
1996 - 1997	<b>Technology Officer and Trainer</b> , OneWorld.Net, UK. Designed and built sections of the OneWorld website; ran trainings for NGO staff; maintained OneWorld computer network.
1996	<b>Research Fellow</b> , Open University, UK. Research on design of educational multimedia for the ESRC initiative on Multimedia Education and Narrative Organisation (MENO).
1995 - 1996	<b>Area Campaigns Officer</b> , Oxfam, UK. Public education, advocacy and fundraising for the London area.
1993 – 1995	<b>Research Fellow</b> , Leeds University Department of Earth Sciences, UK. Developed multimedia courseware for undergraduate teaching.

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## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- 10 years' experience of developing and leading research communications programmes to communicate research findings to policy-makers and practitioners.
- Extensive experience of working with developing country partners in the co-production of editorial products and services.
- Developing real-time monitoring approaches to improve research uptake by policy-makers.
- Training and capacity development in research communications and knowledge management.
- 18 years' experience of designing and building websites, multimedia applications and online services for communicating information about international development to global audiences.

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## RECENT SELECTED OUTPUTS

### WORKING PAPERS AND REPORTS

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Scott, A. Testing TwitterWeave: An Application of the New IDS Web Tool for Tracking Research, IDS Evidence Report 191 (2016)

Scott, A. A Real-time Web Application for Tracking Twitter Exchanges about Research, IDS Evidence Report 177 (2016)

Scott, A. and Munslow, T. Tracking Research and Policy Conversations in Online Spaces, IDS Evidence Report 122 (2015)

Gray, E.; Chattapadhyay, S.; Wiens, K and Scott, A. 'Is Open Access only for rich countries?' - Policy recommendations from a series of global Open Access Dialogues undertaken in late 2012 and early 2013, IDS (2013).

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Scott, A. (2011) 'Open Development, Open Access, Open Sesame?' presented at eAsia Conference, Dhaka, 1-3 December 2011.