

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Senior Fellow, Institute of Development Studies  
**NATIONALITY:** British  
**LANGUAGES:** English (first), Portuguese (native standard), Spanish (fluent), French (working)  
**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Health; Accountability; Civil Society and Democracy; Rising Powers; Participatory Methodologies; Power and Political Economy Analysis  
**GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:** Brazil; Mexico; Peru; Mozambique; Angola

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## OVERVIEW

Alex Shankland is a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), where he co-convenes the Accountability for Health Equity Programme and Sussex Brazil Group and teaches on the Power, Participation and Social Change and Governance, Development and Public Policy MA programmes. He has worked for more than two decades on health systems, indigenous peoples, civil society, social movements, accountability, political representation and local governance, particularly in Brazil and Mozambique. Alex has also worked extensively on the roles of Brazil and other rising powers in reshaping international development cooperation, and co-founded the IDS Rising Powers in International Development research programme, which is now being taken forward with colleagues from across the University of Sussex campus under the umbrella of the Centre for Rising Powers and Global Development (CRPD). He is currently Principal Investigator of the ESRC/DFID funded project “Vozes Desiguais / Unequal Voices: the Politics of Accountability for Health Equity in Brazil and Mozambique”, a partnership with N’weti (Mozambique) and Cebrap (Brazil) that is developing an historically-informed analysis of social, political, market and managerial accountability dynamics in high-inequality urban settings and marginalised rural areas across the two countries. An experienced manager of international and interdisciplinary research and consultancy programmes, prior to completing his DPhil Alex was IDS Research Manager for the DFID-funded Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability and Coordinator of the IDS-led consortium responsible for the redesign of Brazil’s health system for indigenous peoples. Before coming to IDS he worked extensively as a journalist, NGO programme manager, independent researcher and social development consultant, mainly in South America (especially Brazilian Amazonia) and Southern Africa.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**2010** **DPhil** in Development Studies, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK  
**1998** **MPhil** in Development Studies, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK  
**1988** **BA (Hons)** in English (2:1), Trinity Hall, Cambridge University, UK

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

**2010 – PRESENT** **Research Fellow**, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex  
Research, teaching and advisory work  
**2008 – 2010** **Coordinator, Indigenous Health System project**, IDS/SSL/Cebrap consortium, Brazil  
Led large multi-institutional project on restructuring the health system for Brazil’s indigenous peoples under the MoH - World Bank VIGISUS II programme

<b>2003 – 2008</b>	<b>Senior Social Development Consultant</b> , self-employed, UK and Brazil Research, training and advisory work on civil society and citizen engagement, political economy, rights-based and sustainable livelihoods approaches
<b>2001 – 2003</b>	<b>Research Manager</b> , Institute of Development Studies, UK Responsible for coordination, communication and research support functions of DFID-funded Development Research Centre on Citizenship, Participation and Accountability
<b>2000</b>	<b>Senior Programme Officer for Southern Africa</b> , ACORD, UK Technical lead for Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia and Tanzania civil society strengthening, rural development and urban livelihoods programmes. Fixed-term contract (maternity leave coverage).
<b>1998 – 2000</b>	<b>Social Development consultant</b> , Brazil and UK Extensive work on DFID Brazil health, environment and democratic governance programmes.
<b>1990 – 1996</b>	<b>Brazil Country Manager</b> , Health Unlimited (Brazil-based) Managed an extensive programme of health rights advocacy and primary health care training projects with rural and indigenous social movements in the Brazilian Amazon.
<b>1988 – 1998</b>	<b>Journalist</b> , Gazeta Mercantil (staff) / various publications (freelance) Brazil-based freelance writer and journalist writing on Brazil for US and UK publications; from 1988-90, Assistant Editor of weekly English-language edition of leading Brazilian financial newspaper.

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## SELECTED RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- (Forthcoming) *The implications of closing civic space for sustainable development in Brazil*, HEKS / Act Alliance Report (with S. Sauer, A. Leite and K. Oliveira)
- 2018 'Accountability for Health Equity: Galvanising a Movement for Universal Health Coverage' *IDS Bulletin* Vol 49 No 2 (with E. Nelson and G. Bloom)
- 2017 'From Policy Transfer to Mutual Learning? Political Recognition, Power and Process in the Emerging Landscape of International Development Cooperation', *Novos Estudos* Vol 36 No. 1 (with J. Constantine)
- 2016 *The BRICS in International Development*. Basingstoke: Palgrave (co-editor with J. Gu and A. Chenoy)
- 2016 'Imagining Agricultural Development in South–South Cooperation: The Contestation and Transformation of ProSAVANA', *World Development* Vol 81 Issue C (with E. Gonçalves)
- 2016 'Traditional Peoples' and the Struggle for Inclusive Land Governance in Brazil, *IDS Working Paper* 477 (with Z. Sullivan, C. A. Dayrell, A. C. Alvarenga and D. F. Batista Rocha)
- 2014 'Brazil's engagement in health co-operation: what can it contribute to the global health debate?', *Health Policy and Planning* Vol 29 No. 2 (with G. Russo).
- 2013 Cultures of politics, spaces of power: contextualizing Brazilian experiences of participation', *Journal of Political Power* Vol 6 No 2 (with A. Cornwall).
- 2013 'Real Time Monitoring with Indigenous Peoples: Technical, Social and Political Challenges, and Lessons from Brazil', *IDS Bulletin* Vol 44 No 2 (with M. E. Toledo, A. Barbosa and M. F. Bittencourt)
- 2011 'Making the Right to Health a Reality for Brazil's Indigenous Peoples: Innovation, Decentralization and Equity' *MEDICC Review* 13, pp. 50-53 (with V. S. Coelho)
- 2008 'Engaging citizens: Lessons from building Brazil's national health system', *Social Science & Medicine* 66 (with A. Cornwall).
- 2007 'Decentralisation and Difference: Indigenous Peoples and Health System Reform in the Brazilian Amazon', *IDS Bulletin* Vol 38 No 1 (with R. Athias)