

Statement on IDS and Brexit

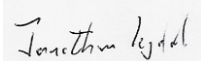
Amidst the uncertainties in the UK over Brexit, IDS would like to assure everyone that, regardless of Brexit outcomes, IDS greatly values and is fully committed to continued engagement with partner organisations in the EU and with staff, colleagues and students from the EU.

This includes in our research, where we have many EU-based partners and visitors, and where our approach to development studies encompasses work on issues and challenges within European countries as well as other parts of the world. IDS deeply values its close interactions with development studies institutions in Europe, and its membership of the European Association of Development Institutes, EADI.


Our approach to recruitment and staffing remains resolutely international. IDS is privileged to count a substantial number of citizens of EU countries in our talented team. We are committed to continuing to recruit and welcome employees from across Europe and, of course, from the rest of the world. We will continue our policy of working closely with existing and future employees to facilitate the most appropriate route to living and working in the UK.

IDS welcomes many participants from EU countries in our postgraduate programmes and short courses and we are strongly committed to continuing and enhancing these relationships. We greatly appreciate the contribution that students from Europe make to our community. IDS events will continue to be warmly welcoming to scholars, policymakers and practitioners from all over Europe, as well as beyond.

In summary, European relationships and positioning remain extremely important to the life and work of IDS and we will take all feasible steps to sustain these, whatever the outcome of the current Brexit process.



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