

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Fellow, Institute of Development Studies

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 1 February 1973

**NATIONALITY:** British

**LANGUAGES:** English

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Global Poverty; Inequality; Aid; Industrialisation; Research Methods

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### OVERVIEW

Andy is an inter-disciplinary Development Economist. His research is primarily in the field of global poverty and inequality with particular reference to middle-income countries. His research on poverty challenges the orthodox view that most of the world's extreme poor live in the world's poorest countries, and that extreme poverty is minimal or 'residual' at higher levels of average per capita income; rather, that poverty is the outcome of patterns of growth and distribution, and social processes and structures. He has written six books and published in journals including *World Development* and is co-editor of Palgrave MacMillan's book series, 'Rethinking International Development'. He is also Vice-President of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) and a council member of the Development Studies Association (DSA). In 2011, he was listed in *Foreign Policy* magazine's 'Top 100 Global Thinkers'.

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### EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

1998–2002: **PhD in Development Studies**, Department of Social Policy, London South Bank University. Thesis title: 'Poverty During an Economic Crisis: Indonesia 1997–9' (Scholarship award)

1997–1998: **MSc in Development Studies** (Distinction), Department of Social Policy, London South Bank University

1991–1994: **BA Hons in Economics** (2:1), Liverpool John Moores University

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### EMPLOYMENT

2007–present: **Research Fellow**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Sussex (and Head of Graduate Programmes, 2008–10)

2005–2006: **Senior Lecturer in Development Studies** (and Acting Director of MSc Development Studies, 2005), Department of Social Policy, London South Bank University

2002–2004: **Lecturer in Development Studies** (and Subject Area Leader for Development), Department of Anthropology and Development Studies, University of East London

1999–2002: **Lecturer in Development Studies** (Part-time), MSc Development Studies, Department of Social Policy, London South Bank University

1999–2001: **Teaching Assistant**, Political Economy of Development, MSc Development Studies, Department of Development Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

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## PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND AFFILIATIONS

### INTERNAL POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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- Research Leader, Livelihoods Cluster, IDS (2009–10)
- Head of Teaching Programmes (MA and PhD), IDS (2008–10)
- Senior Management Group, IDS (2008–10)
- Faculty Review and Promotions Board, IDS (2008–10)
- Chair, Research Ethics Committee, IDS (2007–10)
- Programme Convenor, MA and MPhil in Development Studies, IDS (2007–8)
- Acting Director, MSc Development Studies, London South Bank University (2005)
- Subject Area Leader, International Development, University of East London (2002–4)

### EXTERNAL POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

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- Vice-President, European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) (2011–)
- UK Representative and Executive Committee member, EADI (2008–)
- Management Committee member, EADI (2008–)
- Chair, Teaching and Training Committee, EADI (2008–)
- Council member, Development Studies Association (DSA) (1998–)
- Member, External Relations (Overseas) Committee, DSA (2011–)
- Study Groups Coordinator, DSA (2000–8)
- Annual conference organiser, DSA (2007 and 2011 with EADI)
- Co-chair, Poverty Study Group, DSA-EADI (2003–11)
- Co-chair, Economics, Finance and Development Study Group, DSA (2000–5)
- Chair, Global Development Network Awards for Poverty Research (2006–9)

### EXTERNAL EXAMINER/ADVISOR

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2011–present: External Examiner, MSc Development Studies, London South Bank University

2004–2008: External Examiner, BA Development Studies, Middlesex University

2011: External Advisor, MSc Research for International Development, SOAS

2008: Advisor, Subject Area Review, Development Studies Programmes, University of Sussex

2007: External Advisor, Periodic Review of MSc International Development, University of Bath

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS

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Langford, M.; **Sumner, A.** and Yamin, A. (eds) (forthcoming, 2012) *Global Poverty*, New York: Cambridge University Press

Jones, N. and **Sumner, A.** (2011) *Child Poverty, Evidence and Policy*, Bristol: Policy Press

Tribe M.; Nixson, F. and **Sumner, A.** (2010) *Economics and Development Studies*, London: Routledge

**Sumner, A.** and Tiwari, M. (2009) *After 2015: International Development Policy at a Crossroads*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan

**Sumner A.** and Tribe, M. (2008) *International Development Studies: Theory and Methods in Research and Practice*, London: Sage

Rugraff, E.; Sanchez, D. and **Sumner, A.** (eds) (2008) *Transnational Corporations and Development Policy*, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan

### SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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**Sumner, A.** (forthcoming, 2012) 'Where do the Poor Live?', *World Development*, 40.5

**Sumner, A.** (forthcoming, 2012) 'Poverty, Vulnerability and Class', *Public Administration and Development*

- Kanbur, R. and **Sumner, A.** (forthcoming, 2012) 'Poor Countries or Poor People? Development Assistance and the New Geography of Global Poverty', *Journal of International Development*
- Glassman, A.; Duran, D. and **Sumner, A.** (forthcoming, 2012) 'Global Poverty and the New Bottom Billion', *Journal of Global Policy*
- Sumner, A.** (2011) 'The Global Economic Crisis and Beyond: What Possible Future(s) for Development Studies?' *European Journal of Development Research*, 23.1: 43–58
- Sumner, A.** and Tiwari, M. (2011) 'Global Poverty Reduction to 2015 and Beyond', *Journal of Global Policy*, 2.2: 138–51
- Sumner, A.** and Tribe, M. (2011) 'Morals, Ethics and Economics: The Case for Aid in Fiscally Constrained Times', *Journal of International Development*, 23.6: 782–801
- Sumner, A.** (2010) 'Child Poverty, Well-being and Agency', *Journal of International Development*, 22.8: 1064–75
- Sumner, A.**; Haddad, L. and Gomez-Climent, L. (2009) 'Rethinking Inter-Generational Transmission(s)', *IDS Bulletin*, 40.1: 22–30
- Sumner A.** and Wolcott, S. (2009) 'What is the Likely Poverty Impact of the Global Financial Crisis?', *IDS Bulletin*, 40.5: 47–58
- Sumner, A.** and Harpham, T. (2008) 'The Market For Poverty "Evidence" in Policy Processes: The Case of Child Health in Andhra Pradesh, India and Vietnam', *European Journal of Development Research*, 20.4: 712–32
- Sumner, A.** and Tribe, M. (2008) 'Development Studies and Cross-Disciplinarity', *Journal of International Development*, 20.6: 751–67
- Sumner, A.** and Tribe, M. (2008) 'What Could Development Studies Be?', *Development in Practice*, 18.6: 755–66
- Jones, N. and **Sumner, A.** (2008) 'Does Mixed Methods Research Matter to Understanding Childhood Well-being?', *Social Indicators Research*, 90.1: 33–50
- Sumner, A.** (2007) 'Meaning Versus Measurement: Why do "Economic" Indicators of Poverty Still Predominate?', *Development in Practice*, 17.1: 4–13
- Sumner, A.** (2007) 'What are the Ethics of Development Studies?', *IDS Bulletin* 38.2: 59–68
- Sumner, A.** (2006) 'In Search of the Post-Washington (Dis)Consensus: The 'Missing' Content of PRSPs', *Third World Quarterly*, 27.8: 1401–12
- Sumner, A.** (2006) 'What is Development Studies?', *Development in Practice*, 16.6: 644–50
- Sumner, A.** and Tribe, M. (2006) 'Development Economics at a Crossroads?', *Journal of International Development*, 18.7: 957–66
- Sumner, A.** and Tiwari, M. (2005) 'Poverty and Economic Policy', *Journal of International Development*, 17.6: 791–801
- Sumner, A.** (2004) 'Why are we Still Arguing about Globalisation?', *Journal of International Development*, 16.7: 1015–22

#### **RECENT WORKING PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

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- Sumner, A.** (forthcoming, 2012) 'Is Global Poverty Becoming a Matter of National Inequality?', Brighton: IDS
- Sumner, A.** (2012) 'Poverty in Middle-Income Southeast Asia: A Research Agenda', Brighton: IDS
- Gentilini, U. and **Sumner, A.** (2012) 'What Do National Poverty Lines Tell Us About Global Poverty?', Brighton: IDS
- Sumner, A.** and Mallet, R. (2012) 'Global Poverty and Aid: A Survey in light of the Changing Distribution of Poverty', Brighton: IDS
- Carbonnier, G. and **Sumner, A.** (forthcoming, 2012) 'Reframing Aid in a World Where the Poor Live in Emerging Economies', International Development Policy Series, Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan
- Sumner, A.** (2011) 'Poverty and Aid in Middle-Income Countries', Brighton: IDS
- Sumner, A.** and Mallet, R. (2011) 'Rethinking Poverty and Vulnerability', International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (IPC-IG) Working Paper, Brasilia: IPC-IG
- Sumner, A.** (2009) 'Poverty' in *Handbook of Economics and Ethics*, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar

**Sumner, A.** (2007) 'Economic Well-being and Non-Economic Well-being: A Review of Progress on the Meaning and Measurement of Poverty', in M. McGillivray and M. Clarke (eds), *Understanding Human Well-being*, Oxford: Oxford University Press

## **RECENT CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

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17 January 2012	'The Changing Distribution of Global Poverty', Departmental Seminar, Department of Development Studies, SOAS
2 December 2011	'The Changing Distribution of Global Poverty', Departmental Seminar, Department of International Development, LSE
20 September 2011	'The New Geography of Global Poverty', DSA-EADI Conference, University of York
16 March 2011	'The Changing Distribution of Global Poverty', invited lecture at University of Oslo
9 September 2010	'Global Poverty Reduction to 2015 and Beyond', presentation at the Chronic Poverty Research Centre Conference, Manchester University
23 March 2010	'Global Poverty Reduction to 2015 and Beyond', presentation at 'MDGs and Human Rights' Symposium, Harvard Law School

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## **IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT**

- Award – Listed in *Foreign Policy* magazine's 'Top 100 Global Thinkers', 2011
- Award – Listed in the Devex website's '40-under-40 International Development Leaders', 2011
- Member, UNICEF Economic and Social Policy Advisory Group, 2011–present