

Patta Scott-Villiers

Participatory Politics and Action Research for Social Development

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I specialise in citizen-led research in politically marginalised and fragile settings. My current collaborations with citizen’s groups in Uganda, Kenya, Palestine and Israel aim to support their efforts to change oppressive conditions; building informed action through co-operative research, public conversation and civil organising. Groups I am working with include young pastoralists in Uganda and Kenya, elders in Kenya, citizen leaders in Palestine, and NGO activists in Israel. My research looks at how claims for social justice develop and are influenced through public conversation in a context of political society, moral economy and power. I am interested to understand how different modes of citizen-led research are useful – or not - to people on the margins. I also work in support of small and large development agencies to generate learning from participatory research. My approach is conversational, collaborative and philosophical.

I have worked for 25 years on issues of voice and power, primarily in the Horn and East Africa, but also in UK, Eastern Europe and other parts of the world. I am a research and teaching fellow at the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex, UK, with the Participation, Power and Social Change Team.

Nationality	British	Date of birth	21/01/1962
Languages	English, French, Swahili (basic), Arabic (basic)		
Country Focus	Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Uganda, UK, Sudan, Brazil, Macedonia, Kosovo, Nepal		

Qualifications

2003 - 2009	Doctor of Philosophy, Action Research in Development (University of Bath, UK)
1981 - 1983	BA Hons Geography of Africa and Asia (University of London)

Employment

2010 - Ongoing	Research Fellow, Participation, Power and Social Change Team (Institute of Development Studies, UK)
2004 - 2009	Programme Manager and Research Coordinator, Pastoralist Communication Initiative (Pastoralist Consultants International, Ethiopia, Somaliland, Kenya, Sudan)
1997 - 2003	Research Officer, Participation Team (Institute of Development Studies, UK)
1992 - 1996	Programme Manager (Emergency Pastoralist Assistance Group, Somalia and Kenya)
1989 - 1991	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer, Operation Lifeline Sudan (UNICEF, Sudan)
1988 - 1989	Small Project Fund Manager (Canadian International Development Agency, Sudan and Kenya)
1985 - 1987	Project Manager (Care International, Sudan)
1985 - 1985	Relief Officer (Care International, Sudan)

Projects

June – Nov 2012	Citizen-led Action Research, Within and Without the State, Palestine and Israel Client: Oxfam, Role: Research methods design
Jan 2012- Aug 2014	Youth-led Action Research Local Governance, Karamoja Uganda Client: Irish Aid Role: Research methods design
2011 -2013	Participatory Approaches to Quality Assurance, Global Programme Client: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Role: Coordinator of IDS contributions
July – Sept 2012	Technical Brief on Conflict and Conflict Management in the Horn of Africa Client: ILRI, Role: Researcher
July – Aug 2012	Review: Democratic Societies Promotion Project, Kosovo Client: Swiss Development Cooperation Agency, Role: Lead consultant
Nov 2001- Feb 2012	Review of Portfolio Learning, WWF UK Client: World Wildlife Fund Role: Organizational learning specialist
Nov 2011- Feb 2012	Young People’s Community Research in Karamoja, Uganda Client: Restless Development Role: Community research specialist
Nov-Dec 2011	Review of Civil Society Strengthening Programme in Macedonia Client: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Role: Civil society accountability specialist
Oct-Nov 2011	Design of Governance and Peacebuilding Programme, Somalia Client: DFID Role: Youth and peacebuilding specialist
Aug 2011	Theory of Change Analysis Workshop, East and Southern Africa Region Client: ICCO Dutch Interchurch Aid Role: Organizational learning specialist
Jan – Apr 2011	Review of Harmonised Social Mobilisation Programme, Nepal Client: Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation Role: Citizen accountability specialist
Dec 2010- Apr 2011	Mid Term Review of DFID Governance & Transparency Fund Project 301 ‘Power to the People’ Client: Christian Aid Role: Citizen accountability and civil society specialist Countries: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Iraq, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Nigeria, Tajikistan
Apr – Dec 2010	Customary Peacebuilding Research with Leaders of Boran and Gabra Client: Future Agricultures Consortium, Role: Research leader
Dec 2009 – Apr 2010	Review of Participation in Development Relations Transition Project, UK Client: Institute of Development Studies Role: Organisational learning specialist
May 2008 & May 2009	Lecturer, Horn of Africa Course, Djibouti and Kenya Client: Rift Valley Institute Role: Lecturer, pastoralism, gender, livelihoods
Feb 2005	European Commission Economic Partnership Agreement Negotiations, Caribbean Client: European Commission Role: Organisational learning specialist
Jul 2004 & May 2005	Regional Conflict Analysis Meetings, East Africa & West Africa Client: DFID/HMG Conflict Pool Role: Peacebuilding and citizen accountability specialist
Feb – Apr 2004	Conflict Mapping in Pastoralist Areas of East Africa Client: DFID/HMG Conflict Pool Role: Peacebuilding and political economy specialist
Jan 2004 – Aug 2006	Vulnerable Livelihoods In Somali Region, Ethiopia Client: Pastoralist Consultants International Role: Research manager
Jan – Jul 2004	Monitoring and Evaluation Design Pastoralist Community Development Project, Ethiopia Clients: World Bank/DFID; Role: Organisational learning and citizen accountability specialist
Sep 2000 – Mar 2002	Research into Organisational Learning for Participation Clients: DFID SLSO, ActionAid, Sida; Role: Organisational learning specialist Countries: Brazil, Uganda, Kenya, Sweden, UK
Nov 1996 –Aug 1997	Training in participatory monitoring and evaluation Client: Oxfam Vietnam Role: Organisational learning specialist

Publications

This Research Does Not Influence Policy, (2012) IDS Bulletin September 2012

Strength, Creativity and Livelihoods of Karimojong Youth, (2012) Action Research Report, Institute of Development Studies, www.pastoralists.org

"We are Not Poor! Dominant and subaltern discourses of pastoralist development in East Africa" (2011)
Journal of International Development. DOI: 10.1002/jid.1809

The Long Conversation: Customary Approaches to Peace Management in Northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia
(2011) Future Agricultures Consortium Working Paper 22.
http://www.future-agricultures.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=1438&Itemid=1056

Raising Voice: Securing a Livelihood (2010) [Institute of Development Studies - Raising Voice: Securing a Livelihood: The Role of Diverse Voices in Developing Secure Livelihoods in Pastoralist Areas in Ethiopia](http://www.future-agricultures.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_download&gid=1438&Itemid=1056). Institute of Development Studies, Working Paper 340.

Raising Voice - Securing a Livelihood: the role of diverse voices in developing secure livelihoods in pastoralist areas in Ethiopia - A Summary Paper (2009), Pastoralist Consultants International
[http://www.pastoralists.org/media/publication-pdf-files/Raising%20Voice%20Securing%20a%20Livelihood\(1\).pdf](http://www.pastoralists.org/media/publication-pdf-files/Raising%20Voice%20Securing%20a%20Livelihood(1).pdf)

A Question of Understanding: hermeneutics and the play of history, distance and dialogue in development practice in East Africa (2009), University of Bath (PhD Thesis).

The Puff Adder, The Fire, The Spear, The Peace... Reporting from the Maikona Peace Gathering (2009), Pastoralist Consultants International
<http://www.pastoralists.org/media/publication-pdf-files/Puff%20Adder%20Fire%20Spear%20Peace.pdf>

Gathering for Peace: Pastoralist Gathering Dambelawachu, Ethiopia (2009), Pastoralist Consultants International
<http://www.pastoralists.org/media/publication-pdf-files/Gathering%20for%20Peace.pdf>

Finding the Way Forward: Pastoralist Gathering, Kora, Kenya (2008) Pastoralist Consultants International
<http://www.pastoralists.org/pages/publications.php>

The Peace Generation: Pastoralist Peace Gathering, Kangatan, Ethiopia (2008), UNOCHA-PCI
<http://www.pastoralists.org/pages/publications.php>

The Future of Pastoralism in Ethiopia: Policy Seminar Paper (2007), UNOCHA-PCI, <http://www.pastoralists.org/pastoralist-pdf/The-future-of-pastoralism.pdf>

The Beast of Bureaucracy and Other Tales from Valhalla (2007), Institute of Development Studies.

Learning about Relationships in Development (2006), in Rosalind Eyben (ed.) 'Relationships for Aid' Earthscan

Peace, Trade and Unity: Regional Pastoralist Gathering, Qarsa Dambi, Ethiopia (2006), UNOCHA-PCI

Political Economy of Pastoralism in Ethiopia's Somali Region (2005), Pastoralist Consultants International

Rain, Prosperity and Peace: the Global Pastoralist Gathering, Turmi, Ethiopia (2005), UNOCHA-PCI.

Personal Change and Responsible Wellbeing (2004), in Leslie Groves and Rachel Hinton (eds.), 'Inclusive Aid: Changing Power and Relationships in International Development,' Earthscan.

Learning about relationships in development (2004), Learning from Change Series # 9, Institute of Development Studies.

Participatory Learning Groups in an Aid Bureaucracy (2004), Learning from Change Series # 11, IDS

The Struggle for Organisational Change: the ActionAid Accountability, Learning and Planning System (2002), Development In Practice 12 (3-4).

Special Edition on Popular Communications (1999), PLA Notes 39, IIED.

Stepping Forward: Children and Young Peoples Participation in the Development Process (1998), Intermediate Technology Publications

Repatriation of 150,000 Sudanese Refugees from Ethiopia: The manipulation of civilians in a situation of civil conflict (1993), Journal of Disasters, 17 (3) 201-17.

Perceptions of Wealth among Somali Pastoralists: Comments from the Baddiah (1991), Nordiska Afrikainstitutet