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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Professorial Fellow, Institute of Development Studies  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 23 November 1959  
**NATIONALITY:** British and South African [dual nationality]  
**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** famine; food security; rural livelihoods; social protection  
**GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:** Africa: Botswana, Burundi, Chad, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania (Zanzibar), Uganda, Zambia

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## OVERVIEW

Stephen Devereux is a development economist with 30 years of experience in food security, poverty and rural development in 13 African countries, including 3 years heading a Rural Research Programme at the University of Namibia and one year researching household drought responses in northern Ghana. He has been a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies since 1996, where he co-founded the Centre for Social Protection in 2005. He has published more than 80 journal articles and (co-)authored or (co-)edited 10 books, on food security, famine, and social protection. He was a founding associate editor of the journal *Food Security*. He has worked for numerous international agencies and provided policy advice to many African governments. He has supervised more than 60 Masters students and 18 PhD students in UK and South Africa, and delivered sessions on over 70 training courses. Since 2016 he has held a Research Chair in Social Protection for Food Security, affiliated to the Centre of Excellence in Food Security at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa. In 2019 he was awarded a Mercator Fellowship at the University of Bremen in Germany.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**1992** DPhil, Economics, Oxford University (Luca d'Agliano Award for development research; UK Africa Studies Association Dissertation Prize: 'Household Responses to Food Insecurity in Northern Ghana')  
**1986** MPhil, Economics, Oxford University (Balliol College: Third World Scholarship)  
**1982** BA, Economics, University of Cape Town (Honours; Louis Weiner Scholarship)  
**1981** B.Bus.Sc., Marketing, University of Cape Town (Class Medallist)

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

**1996–** **Research Fellow**, *Institute of Development Studies*, at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom.  
**1993–95** **Senior Researcher**, *Social Sciences Division*, University of Namibia.  
**1992–93** **Food Security Consultant**, *Namibian Institute of Social and Economic Research*, Namibia.  
**1986–92** **Research Associate**, *Food Studies Group*, University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

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## APPOINTMENTS (selected since 2002)

**2019–22** **Mercator Fellow**, *SOCIUM Research Centre on Inequality and Social Policy*, University of Bremen, Germany.  
**2019–22** **External Examiner**, *MSc Food Security Policy*. School of Development Studies, University College Cork, Ireland.  
**2016–22** **Chair-holder**, *SA-UK Bilateral Research Chair in Social Protection for Food Security*. Centre of Excellence in Food Security and the Institute for Social Development, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.  
**2013–24** **Extraordinary Professor**, *Institute for Social Development*, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.  
**2009–15** **Associate Editor**, *Food Security* journal.  
**2007–10** **Honorary Research Fellow**, *School of Development Studies*, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.  
**2005–** **Director / Co-Director**, *Centre for Social Protection*, Institute of Development Studies, United Kingdom.  
**2002–03** **Specialist Adviser**, *Inquiry into the Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Africa*, House of Commons International Development Committee, United Kingdom.

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Journal Articles (selected since 2010)**

- 2021 S. Devereux. *Social protection responses to COVID-19 in Africa*. **Global Social Policy**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux & J. Cuesta. *Urban-sensitive social protection: how universalised social protection can reduce urban vulnerabilities post COVID-19*. **Progress in Development Studies**.
- 2020 S. Devereux. *Violations of farm workers' labour rights in post-apartheid South Africa*. **Development Southern Africa**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux, C. Béné & J. Hoddinott. *Conceptualising COVID-19's impacts on household food security*. **Food Security**.
- 2019 S. Devereux & L. Tavener-Smith. *Seasonal food insecurity among farm workers in Northern Cape, South Africa*. **Nutrients**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux, *et al.* *Graduating from food insecurity: evidence from Burundi and Rwanda*. **Food Security**.
- 2017 S. Devereux. *The right to social protection in Africa: from CCCDFPRTs to CLSPPPs*. **Law in Africa**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux, *et al.* *The targeting effectiveness of social transfers*. **Journal of Development Effectiveness**.
- 2016 M. Adato, S. Devereux & R. Sabates-Wheeler. *Assessing the 'right' kinds of material and symbolic capital: the role of cash transfers in reducing adolescent risky behaviour in South Africa*. **Journal of Development Studies**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Is targeting ethical?* **Global Social Policy**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Social protection for enhanced food security in sub-Saharan Africa*. **Food Policy**.
- 2015 R. Sabates-Wheeler, A. Hurrell & S. Devereux. *Targeting social transfer programmes: comparing design and implementation errors across alternative mechanisms*, **Journal of International Development**.
- 2014 S. Devereux & A. McGregor. *Transforming social protection: human wellbeing and social justice*. **European Journal of Development Research**.
- 2013 R. Sabates-Wheeler & S. Devereux. *Sustainable graduation from social protection programmes*, **Development & Change**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Trajectories of social protection in Africa*. **Development Southern Africa**.
- 2011 S. Devereux. *Social protection in South Africa: exceptional or exceptionalism?* **Canadian Journal Development Studies**.
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Better marginalised than incorporated? Pastoralist livelihoods in Somali Region, Ethiopia*. **European Journal of Development Research**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux & K. Vincent. *Using technology to deliver social protection: opportunities and risks*. **Development in Practice**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux & P. White. *Social protection in Africa: evidence, politics and rights*, **Poverty & Public Policy**.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ R. Sabates-Wheeler & S. Devereux. *Cash transfers and high food prices: explaining outcomes on Ethiopia's Productive Safety Net Programme*. **Food Policy**.

### Book Chapters (selected since 2010)

- 2022 S. Devereux. *Policy pollination as a causal mechanism explaining social protection adoption in Africa*. J. Kuhlmann & F. Nullmeier (eds), **Causal Mechanisms in the Global Development of Social Policies**, Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2021 S. Devereux. *Targeting*. E. Schüring & M. Loewe (eds), **Handbook on Social Protection Systems**. Edward Elgar.
- 2020 S. Devereux. *Preventable famines: response and coordination failures in twenty-first-century famines*. J. Dijkman & B. van Leeuwen (eds), **An Economic History of Famine Resilience**, Routledge.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux & S. Kapingidza. *External donors and social protection in Africa: a case study of Zimbabwe*. C. Schmitt (ed), **From Colonialism to International Aid: External actors and social protection in the Global South**, Palgrave.
- 2019 S. Devereux, C. Jonah & J. May. *How many malnourished children are there in South Africa? What can be done?* K. Roelen, R. Morgan and Y. Tafere (eds), **Putting Children First**, Ibidem Verlag.
- 2018 S. Devereux. *Food insecurity and famine*. T. Binns, K. Lynch & E. Nel (eds), **The Routledge Handbook of African Development**, Routledge.
- 2017 S. Devereux. *Social protection floors and the right to food*. J. Dijkhoff & L.G. Mpedi (eds), **Recommendation on Social Protection Floors: Basic principles for innovative solutions**, Kluwer Law.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Famine*. N. Castree, M. Goodchild, A. Kobayashi, W. Liu, R. Marston & D. Richardson (eds), **The International Encyclopaedia of Geography**, Wiley-Blackwell.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux. *Do 'graduation' programmes work for Africa's poorest?* D. Lawson, D. Hulme and L. Ado-Kofie (eds), **What Works for Africa's Poorest? Programmes and Policies for the Extreme Poor**, Practical Action.
- 2016 S. Devereux. *Are graduation or rights-based programmes better for getting children out of poverty?* R. Morgan (ed), **The Global Child Poverty Challenge: In Search of Solutions**, Practical Action.
- 2015 S. Devereux & K. Roelen. *Evaluating the impacts that impact evaluations don't evaluate*. K. Roelen & L. Camfield (eds), **Mixed Methods Research in Poverty and Vulnerability: Sharing ideas and learning lessons**, Palgrave.
- 2014 S. Devereux. *Famine*. V. Desai & R. Potter (eds), **The Companion to Development Studies**, Routledge.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux & K. Tibbo. *Social protection for pastoralists*. A. Catley, J. Lind & I. Scoones (eds), **Pastoralism and Development in Africa: Dynamic Change at the Margins**, Routledge.
- 2011 S. Devereux. *Putting the vulnerable first*. A. Cornwall & I. Scoones (eds), **Revolutionising Development: Reflections on the work of Robert Chambers**, Earthscan.
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Seasonal food crises and social protection in Africa*. B. Harriss-White & J. Heyer (eds), **Comparative Political Economy of Development: Africa and South Asia**, Routledge.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ S. Devereux & F. Lund. *Democratising social welfare in Africa*. V. Padayachee (ed), **The Political Economy of Africa**, Routledge.

### Books

- 2013 S. Devereux, M. Getu (eds), **Informal and Formal Social Protection Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa**, OSSREA.

- 2012 S. Devereux, R. Sabates-Wheeler, R. Longhurst (eds), **Seasonality, Rural Livelihoods and Development**, Earthscan.
- 2011 S. Handa, S. Devereux, D. Webb (eds), **Social Protection for Africa's Children**, Routledge.
- 2009 F. Ellis, S. Devereux, P. White, **Social Protection in Africa**, Edward Elgar.
- 2008 S. Devereux, B. Vaitla, S. Hauenstein Swan, **Seasons of Hunger**, Pluto Press.
- 2007 S. Devereux (ed), **The New Famines**, Routledge.
- 2001 S. Devereux, S. Maxwell (eds), **Food Security in Africa**, ITDG Publishing.
- 1993 S. Devereux, **Theories of Famine**, Harvester Wheatsheaf (UK); Prentice-Hall (USA); Keizai Publishers (Japan).
- 1992 S. Devereux, J. Hoddinott (eds), **Fieldwork in Developing Countries**, Harvester Wheatsheaf (UK); Lynne Rienner (USA).

### Commissioned Research (*selected since 2010*)

- 2021 A. van den Heever, S. Devereux, *et al.* **Expert Panel Report into the appropriateness and feasibility of a system of Basic Income Support for South Africa**. Pretoria: Department of Social Development, Republic of South Africa.
- 2019 United Nations Development Programme. **The State of Social Assistance in Africa**. New York: UNDP. [Co-author.]
- 2017 S. Devereux & I. Conradie. *Policy options for extending social protection to informal workers in South Africa*. **Issue Paper for the National Planning Commission**. Pretoria: UNDP & Republic of South Africa.
- \_\_\_\_ S. Devereux, L. Sida & T. Nelis. **Famine: Lessons Learned**. Brighton: Humanitarian Learning Centre.
- 2016 S. Devereux. *Social protection for rural poverty reduction*. **Rural Transformations: Technical Paper, #1**. Rome: FAO.
- 2015 S. Devereux. *Social protection and safety nets in the Middle East and North Africa*. **Research Report, 80**. Brighton: IDS.
- 2012 HLPE. **Social Protection for Food Security**. A report by the High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). Rome: CFS. [Team leader and lead author.]
- 2011 Department of Social Development, South African Social Security Agency & UNICEF. **Child Support Grant Evaluation 2010: Qualitative Research Report**. Pretoria: UNICEF South Africa. [Team leader and lead author.]
- 2010 S. Devereux. *Building social protection systems in Southern Africa*. Background paper: **European Report on Development 2010**. Brussels. European Commission.

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### CONFERENCES (*selected since 2014*)

- 2022 *Keynote*. Was COVID-19 good or bad for social protection? **SASPEN International Annual Conference: Social protection at a crossroads between COVID-19 and the SDGs**. Johannesburg: SASPEN.
- 2021 *Conference Director* (with C. Béné). **Resilience and Food Security in a Food Systems Context**. Online conference.
- \_\_\_\_ *Presentation* (with A. Wolkenhauer): *The role of agents and coercive learning in social policy diffusion in Africa*. **International Conference on Policy Diffusion and Development Cooperation (ICPDDC)**. University of São Paulo.
- 2020 *Presentation*: *Chronic and seasonal food insecurity among farm workers in South Africa*. **4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Global Food Security**. Elsevier, Montpellier University of Excellence and Wageningen University.
- \_\_\_\_ *Presentation*: *Overcoming the food security and nutrition roadblocks in social protection responses to COVID-19*. **Turning the COVID-19 crisis into an opportunity: What's next for social protection?** Socialprotection.org: Global e-conference.
- 2019 *Conference Director*. **The Future of Farm Workers in South Africa**. Cape Town: University of the Western Cape.
- \_\_\_\_ *Conference Academic Coordinator*. 1<sup>st</sup> National PhD Conference in Development Studies: **Social and Demographic Transformations at a Time of Rising Inequality**. Cape Town: University of the Western Cape.
- 2018 *Keynote*. **Leave No-one Behind in the Fight against Poverty, Exclusion and Inequality**. Gaborone: Government of Botswana and UNDP.
- \_\_\_\_ *Keynote*. *The rise and rise of social protection in Africa: Because it works? Because it's popular? Because it's right? or Because everybody's doing it?* **Building Social Protection Systems in the Global South: Different Trajectories and the Influence of External Factors**. University of Bremen: SOCIUM Research Centre on Inequality and Social Policy.
- \_\_\_\_ *Presentation*: *Urban-sensitive social protection for social inclusion in Africa and Latin America*. **Human Development and Social Inclusion in an Urbanising World**. Buenos Aires: Human Development and Capability Association.
- 2017 *Workshop Director*. **School Feeding in South Africa**. Cape Town: DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Food Security.
- \_\_\_\_ *Presentation*: *Why is social protection not making a more substantial contribution to reducing malnutrition?* **3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Global Food Security**. Cape Town: Centre of Excellence in Food Security.
- 2016 *Keynote*: *The right to social protection in Africa*. **Law for Development: Strengthening Social Protection Systems in Africa**. Berlin: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).
- \_\_\_\_ *Plenary presentation*: *Why does social protection improve food security but not nutrition?* **World Nutrition Congress**. Cape Town: World Public Health Nutrition Association.
- 2014 *Conference Director*: **Graduation & Social Protection**. Kigali: Centre for Social Protection (IDS) & Government of Rwanda.
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