

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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**CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:** Research Assistant

**DATE OF BIRTH:** 16/01/1980

**NATIONALITY:** British

**LANGUAGES:** English; Khmer (spoken)

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Citizen-state relations; Transparency & Accountability; Development Assistance and the Politics of Development; Decentralisation and Local Governance; Education and Youth Services; Public Sector Reform and Policy Processes; Fragility & Conflict

**GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:** South-East Asia; Myanmar; Cambodia; UK

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## OVERVIEW

Colin Anderson is a research professional with more than fifteen years of experience in participatory community development, public sector reform, strategic development, and evidence generation and uptake. He has particular expertise in local governance relationships, education and youth services, and civil society mobilization and advocacy. At IDS he supports projects examining the ways in which more inclusive and equitable governance relationships are built and sustained. Colin's research interests are within the broad area of citizen-state relations. His current research focuses on development interventions that seek to enhance public accountability and responsive governance. This includes in contexts of fragility and conflict and the ways in which development actors and policies seek to build the social contract. His approach to this is theoretically grounded in postgraduate study of cultural politics, governance, and public policy processes, and linked to his practice in civil society strengthening and public policy reform.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**2016 - 2017** **MA Governance, Development & Public Policy**  
Institute of Development Studies, UK

**2002 - 2004** **MA Cultural Politics**  
University of Sussex, UK

**1998 - 2001** **BA (Hons) English Language and Literature**  
Somerville College, University of Oxford, UK

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

**2017 – PRESENT** **Research Officer IDS, UK**  
Supporting IDS research programmes exploring citizen-state relationships and pathways to more inclusive and accountable governance on multiple projects, including research design and fieldwork, learning accompaniment to development programmes, academic output production and editing, and research programme management.

**2015 – 2017** **Freelance consultant**  
Undertaking strategic reviews and supporting strategic development and quality of research and evidence generation for government and civil society organisations in the UK and Cambodia.

- 2014 – 2015**                      **Advocacy & Donor Relations Advisor, NGO Education Partnership, Cambodia**  
Supporting organizational strategic and programme development, and building capacity for advocacy and evidence-based influencing of government with the national coalition of education NGOs.
- 2008 – 2014**                      **Policy & Programme Manager, Children’s Services Department, East Sussex County Council, UK**  
Developing and implementing inter-agency strategies, joint commissioning, and service reform to improve educational and social welfare outcomes for children and young people.
- 2004 – 2008**                      **Programme Manager (Children & Young People), Action in Rural Sussex, UK**  
Managing and growing a portfolio of user-centred services to reduce inequalities of access to services and improve community engagement of children and young people living rurally, through grant-making, public health and youth work delivery, community participatory appraisal processes, and youth-led advocacy.

## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

- 2019**                                      **Scoping study: Social science research capacity in Myanmar.** Tailored study for DFID Myanmar.
- 2019 - present**                      **Programme research officer, ‘Learning with SPARK’ action research partnership.** Working with the International Budget Partnership to support in-country action research accompaniment to actions that drive more inclusive and accountable fiscal governance.
- 2019**                                      **Mid-term evaluation of Oxfam in Myanmar ‘Deepening Social Accountability in Myanmar’ programme.**
- 2018/20**                                      **Review of DFID empowerment & accountability programming in contexts of fragility and conflict.** As part of DFID-funded five-year [Action for Empowerment & Accountability](#) research programme, undertaking cross-country comparative analysis of DFID programmatic approaches to building pathways to accountability in fragile and conflict-affected settings.
- 2018**                                      **Evidence and Learning for donor local governance programming in Myanmar.** Contribution to the evidence and learning facility with the DFID-funded programme ‘Supporting Partnerships for Accountability and Civic Engagement’.
- 2017**                                      **Synthesis of learning from the multi-donor [Making All Voices Count](#) programme.** Drawing conclusions across the evidence of a five year programme exploring the roles of new technologies in supporting more inclusive and accountable governance.
- 2017**                                      **Research study: social accountability in the Cambodian primary school sector**  
Primary research study on impact of private tuition practices on accountability relationships in Cambodian primary schools and meanings and expressions of accountability in this context. Publication forthcoming.
- 2015**                                      **Advocacy-oriented research on Cambodian education system**  
Institutional and research support to publication of influential policy-oriented studies on teacher absence and instructional hours, public expenditure tracking, teacher deployment, and teacher professional development based on NGO-led primary fieldwork.
- 2015**                                      **Programme design: social accountability and citizen-led monitoring**  
Design of EU-funded social accountability and citizen-led monitoring programme integrated in to the work of the national coalition of education NGOs in Cambodia.
- 2011-14**                                      **Programme design and implementation: Children’s Services reform**  
Management of award winning inter-agency service reform programmes, including children’s social care system re-design, and trailblazer initiatives to evidence the case for legislative reform for children with disabilities.
- 2006-08**                                      **Programme implementation: Rural community development services**  
Management of £2m of small grants for national bodies, supporting local organisations to innovate in the inclusion of, and provision for, marginalised children and young people, including CSO capacity-building and accompaniment, and evaluation of grant spend.