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

**LANGUAGES:** Portuguese (native speaker), English (fluent written and spoken), Italian (fluent spoken), Spanish (basic), French (basic)

**THEMATIC EXPERTISE:** Food systems, food justice and equity, the knowledge politics of sustainable food systems, agroecology, the knowledge politics of agricultural science in the global South, South-South relations, land governance

**GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:** Brazil, Mozambique, UK, Ethiopia, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Cape Verde, Angola

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## OVERVIEW

Lídia Cabral is a social scientist with training in development economics, social policy and development studies. She has 20+ years of experience in international development. Most of her work has been in Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America with a focus on agriculture, rural development and food systems. Over the last 10 years, she has done extensive research on Brazil as an international development player and the country's influence in agricultural development policy and technological change in Africa. Her latest research looks at the politics of agrifood science and technology and of South-South technology transfers and diffusion. She is currently leading research on the histories of the Green Revolution in Brazil, India and China, looking at how epic narratives of the past shape contemporary transactions of technology in the global South. She is also developing comparative work on food networks in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic across countries in the global North and South. She co-convenes the Development Studies Association Study Group on the Rising Powers. She established and co-convenes the IDS/University of Sussex Master's degree on Food and Development. She teaches on food politics, development cooperation, South-South relations, and the politics of sustainability in international development. She is a founding member of the Food Equity Centre, an international academic network, where she is developing collaborative research on equitable food territories.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

<b>2016</b>	<b>PhD in Development Studies</b> Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK
<b>2004</b>	<b>MSc Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries (Distinction)</b> London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK
<b>1999</b>	<b>MA Development Economics</b>

1998 University of Sussex, UK  
**BSc Economics**  
University of Porto, Portugal

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

**2023 – PRESENT** **Rural Futures Cluster Leader**  
Institute of Development Studies, UK

**2016 – PRESENT** **Research Fellow**  
Institute of Development Studies, UK

**2012 – 2016** **Researcher, China and Brazil in African Agriculture**  
Future Agricultures Consortium, Institute of Development Studies, UK

**2005 – 2013** **Research Officer (2005-07), Fellow (2007-11) and Associate (2011-13)**  
Overseas Development Institute (ODI), UK

**2002 – 2005** **Independent Consultant**  
Oxford Policy Management, Danish Development Agency, Irish Aid, Swiss Development Cooperation, Ministry of Planning of Angola

**2001 – 2002** **Macroeconomist and Budget Systems Advisor**  
Ministry of Planning and Finance, Mozambique

**1999 – 2001** **Economist (ODI Fellowship Scheme)**  
Ministry of Planning and Finance, Mozambique

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## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

**2023 – 2024** Evidence piece on debunking myths in agrifood systems. Funded by CAFOD. Co-investigator.

**2023** Scoping study and policy engagement work with Brazilian researchers and practitioners on Brazil's return to international development: 'What will Brazil's return to international development look like? Scoping the potential for South-South learning on climate and food justice'. Team leader.

**2023** Policy study on youth inclusion in agricultural research for development for International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and CGIAR GENDER Impact Platform. Co-investigator.

**2022 – 2024** Action-research project 'Building Back Better from Below (B4): Harnessing Innovations in Community Response and Intersectoral Collaboration for Health and Food Justice Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic'. Funded by the Trans-Atlantic Platform (including ESRC and AHRC in the UK). Co-investigator.

**2022** Policy study for IPES-Food on agroecology, regenerative agriculture and nature-based solutions and the knowledge politics of sustainability in global policy spaces and funding streams. Team leader.

**2022** Evaluation for Swiss Development Cooperation of their 10-year programme on land rights and natural resource benefits in Mozambique. Team leader.

**2021 – 2022** Action-research project 'Just Food? Action-research project on just transitions in food systems'. Funded by the British Academy. Co-PI.

**2020 – 2022** Brazil-UK researcher links on 'Silenced alternatives, invisible pathways: sustainable agri-food systems of the Cerrado'. Funded by the Newton Fund and supported by the British Council. Co-PI.

<b>2020 – 2021</b>	UK-Brazil Global Development Partnership – Design of Trilateral Cooperation Pilot Initiative on Demographic Data in Africa. Co-lead on trilateral modality.
<b>2018 – 2022</b>	Research project ‘Green Revolution epic narratives and their echoes in today’s South-South technology transfers’, funded by the ESRC/UK. Principal investigator.
<b>2018 – 2019</b>	Scoping a Strategic UK-Brazil Global Development Partnership: Mapping of Trilateral Cooperation Potential, DFID Brazil. Team member.
<b>2018 – 2019</b>	Swiss Development Cooperation’s learning journey on Leave No One Behind. Team member, authoring publication on LNOB in agriculture and food security.
<b>2018</b>	Qualitative evaluation of the Ethiopian Productive Safety Net Programme, conducting methods training and fieldwork accompaniment. Team member.
<b>2016 – 2019</b>	Research on the politics of mechanisation and agrarian change in Africa, Agricultural Policy Research in African programme. Team leader.
<b>2016 – 2017</b>	Mozambique case-study in study for Swiss Development Cooperation on land governance and provided backstopping to SDC Mozambique country office on the development of its land governance strategy. Country lead.
<b>2012 – 2016</b>	ESRC-funded project ‘China and Brazil in African Agriculture’, under the Rising Powers and Interdependent Futures programme. Co-investigator. Led study on Brazilian engagement in Mozambique, Ghana and Zimbabwe.
<b>2010 – 2011</b>	Study on aid finance to agriculture, rural development and food security for the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development. Team leader.

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Journal articles and books

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Cabral, L. and Pajel, P. (forthcoming) ‘Una posición agonística sobre la soberanía alimentaria: movimientos de las mujeres, feminismos y luchas inacabadas por la justicia’, *Movimientos y Políticas Agroalimentarias en México. Entretejiendo actores, dinámicas y escalas de transformación*, Mexico City: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (in press)

Cabral, L. (2023) ‘[Fringe Heroines: Situated Struggles of Women Scientists in Brazilian Agriculture](#)’, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*: 1-23, DOI: 10.1080/14616742.2023.2227179 (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L.; Sauer, S. and Shankland, A. (2023) ‘[Reclaiming the Cerrado – A Territorial Account of a Disputed Frontier](#)’, *IDS Bulletin* 54(1): 1–16, DOI: [10.19088/1968-2023.102](#) (accessed 12 December 2023)

Waisbich, L. and Cabral, L. (2023) ‘[Brazilian Civil Society and South–South Cooperation: Countering the Green Revolution from Abroad](#)’, *IDS Bulletin* 54(1): 127–144, DOI: [10.19088/1968-2023.109](#) (accessed 12 December 2023)

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Cabral, L. and Sumberg, J. (2022) '[The Use of Epic Narrative in Promoting 'Natural Agriculture'](#)', *Outlook on Agriculture* 51(1): 129–136, DOI: 10.1177/00307270221077708 (accessed 12 December 2023)

Xu, X.; Cabral, L. and Cao, Y. (2021) '[Selective Learning: China, the CGIAR and Global Agricultural Science in Flux](#)', *IDS Bulletin*, 52(2): 103-120, DOI: [10.19088/1968-2021.123](#) (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L.; Levidow, L. and Schmitt, C. (2021) '[Broadening the Space for South-South Policy Dialogue: Learning from Civil Society-Led Initiatives](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 21 July (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L.; Pandey, P. and Xiu, X. (2021) '[Epic Narratives of the Green Revolution in Brazil, China, and India](#)', *Agriculture and Human Values* 39: 249–267, DOI: 10.1007/s10460-021-10241-x (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L. and Amanor, K. (2021) '[Tractors, States, Markets and Agrarian Change in Africa](#)', *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 49(1): 129-136, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2021.1918115 (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2021) '[Of Zinc Roofs and Mango Trees: Tractors, the State and Agrarian Dualism in Mozambique](#)', *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 49(1): 200-224, DOI: 10.1080/03066150.2021.1918115 (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2020) '[Embrapa and the Construction of Scientific Heritage in Brazilian Agriculture: Sowing Memory](#)', *Development Policy Review*, 39(5): 789-810, DOI: 10.1111/dpr.12531 (accessed 12 December 2023)

Leach, M.; Nisbett, N.; Cabral, L.; Harris, J.; Hossain, N. and Thompson, J. (2020) '[Food Politics and Development](#)', *World Development* 134, DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105024 (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2020) '[Na senda dos tratores: três crônicas para um retrato da cooperação Brasil-Moçambique](#)', *Desafios para Moçambique 2019* (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2019) 'Interrogating the Binary in Brazil's Agricultural Cooperation for Development', in Abdenur, A. E.; Fourie, E.; Mawdsley, E. and Nauta, W. (eds), *Researching South-South Development Cooperation: Critical Reflections on the Politics of Knowledge Production*, London: Routledge

Cabral, L. (2019) 'South-South Relations in African Agriculture: Hybrid Modalities of Cooperation and Development Perspectives from Brazil and China', in Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, E. and Daley, P. (eds), *The Routledge Handbook of South-South Relations*, London: Routledge

Li, X, Gu, J., Leistner, S. and Cabral L. (2018) '[Perspectives on the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation](#)', *IDS Bulletin*, 49 (3): 145-166, DOI: [10.19088/1968-2018.153](#) (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2018) 'Mozambique's Agriculture and the Brazilian Influence: the Discourse-Politics of ProSAVANA and Global Agrarian Disputes', in Buainain, A.; Sousa, M. and Navarro, Z. (eds), *International Perspectives on Globalization and Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities for Emerging Countries*, Lanham: Lexington Books

Cabral, L. and Norfolk, S. (2016) '[Inclusive Land Governance in Mozambique: Good Law, Bad Politics?](#)', *IDS Working Paper 478*, Institute of Development Studies (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2016) '[Brazil's Tropical Solutions for Africa: Tractors, Matracas and the Politics of "Appropriate Technology"](#)', *European Journal of Development Research*, 28 (3): 414–430, DOI: 10.1057/ejdr.2016.13 (accessed 12 December 2023)

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Cabral, L. and Leite, I. (2015) '[ProSAVANA and the Expanding Scope of Accountability in Brazil's Development Cooperation](#)', *Global Policy Journal*, 6.4: 435–445, DOI: 10.1111/1758-5899.12274 (accessed 12 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2014) [Review of the book [Agricultural Development and Food Security in Africa: The Impact of Chinese, Indian and Brazilian Investments](#), by Cheru, F. and Modi, R. (eds)], *Journal of Agrarian Change* 14.4: 608-610

Scoones, I.; Cabral, L. and Tugendhat, H. (2013) '[New Development Encounters: China and Brazil in African Agriculture](#)', *IDS Bulletin* 44 (4): 1-19, DOI: [10.1111/1759-5436.12038](#) (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L.; Shankland, A.; Favareto, A. and Costa Vaz, A. (2013) '[Brazil-Africa Agricultural Cooperation Encounters: Drivers, Narratives and Imaginaries of Africa and Development](#)', *IDS Bulletin*, 44 (4): 53-68, DOI: [10.1111/1759-5436.12042](#) (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L.; Russo, G. and Weinstock, J. (2013) '[Brazil and the Shifting Consensus on Development Cooperation: Salutary Diversions from the "Aid Effectiveness" Trail?](#)', *Development Policy Review*, 32 (2): 179-202, DOI: 10.1111/dpr.12050 (accessed 13 December 2023)

Russo, G.; Cabral, L. and Ferrinho, P. (2013) '[Brazil-Africa Technical Cooperation in Health: What's its Relevance to the Post-Busan Debate on "Aid Effectiveness"?](#)', *Globalization and Health*, 9 (2), DOI: 10.1186/1744-8603-9-2 (accessed 13 December 2023)

## **Selected opinion pieces**

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Ranta, R. and Cabral, L. (2023) '[Helping People and the Planet? An Equity Lens on the UK Coronation Food Project](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 16 November (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L.; Sauer, S. and Shankland, A. (2023) '[Recasting Brazil's Cerrado as a Sociobiodiverse Territory](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 8 February (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L. and Xu, X. (2021) '[Yuan Longping, the "Father of Hybrid Rice": A People's Scientist](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 1 June (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L. and Schmitt, C. (2020) '[How Brazil's Local Responses to Covid Can Help Us Re-Imagine Food Systems](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 8 July (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L. and Schmitt, C. (2020) '[Localised Food Networks Give Hope in Brazil's Covid-19 Crisis](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 2 July (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2019) '[Brazilian Agroecology Congress: an Act of Resistance and Defiance](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 14 November (accessed 13 December 2023)

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Cabral, L. and Sumberg, J. (2019) '[Youth, Smart Phones and Tractors in Africa – a New Agrarian Class?](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 14 November (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2016) '[How Brazil Missed its Golden South-South Co-operation Moment](#)', *The Conversation*, 15 March (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2016) '[Is Brazil's Contribution to Global Development at Stake?](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 28 November (accessed 13 December 2023)

Cabral, L. (2016) '[Brazil and International Development Cooperation: 'A Model in Waiting'](#)', *IDS Opinion*, 24 March (accessed 13 December 2023)

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## SELECTED FUNDED WORK

- 2018 – 2022**      **Principal Investigator** in ESRC-funded project on the compared Green Revolutions in Brazil, China and India and their echoes in South-South Cooperation in Africa (ES/R0065X/1)
- 2012 – 2016**      **Co-investigator** in an action research project on just transitions in the food system, funded by the British Academy. Co-led Brazil component of 'China and Brazil in African Agriculture' project, funded by the ESRC under the Rising Powers and Independent Futures (ES/J013420/1).
- 2009 – 2011**      Led and managed studies and consultancy projects for a range of international development agencies, including: Brazilian development cooperation policy, institutions and instruments (funded by DFID); global aid to agriculture, rural development and food security to the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development (funded by the German Development Agency, GIZ); success stories and good practice in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (funded by AU-NEPAD and GIZ, 2010); sector-wide approaches in agriculture, reviewing country experiences and discussing challenges and opportunities for the future (Swedish International Development Agency, 2009).