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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:	Research Fellow
DATE OF BIRTH:	5 February 1969
NATIONALITY:	British
LANGUAGES:	English (native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (good), French (basic)
THEMATIC EXPERTISE:	Governance; Facilitation of professional and practitioner learning; Reflective practice; Action research; Monitoring and evaluation; Accountability; Transparency; Citizen engagement and advocacy; Civil society and democracy; Power; Participatory methodologies
GEOGRAPHICAL EXPERTISE:	Major experience in Colombia, Mozambique and Uganda: experience in Tanzania, Bolivia and Central America, Chile, Brazil, Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria

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## OVERVIEW

Rosie McGee, a Fellow in IDS's Power & Popular Politics research cluster, has a multi-disciplinary development studies training. She came to IDS in 1999 from civil society research and advocacy role on themes of citizen participation and rights. A highly experienced development researcher, she focuses on qualitative research and action learning/action research, using participatory and mixed methods. Her research and publications focus on accountability, transparency and openness; use of technologies in governance; citizen and civil society engagement in policy change and policy monitoring at various levels of governance; rights-based and participatory approaches in development NGOs and social movements. She has led and played senior research and management roles in many multi-year operational and research programmes funded by a wide range of bilateral, multilateral, international NGO funders and foundations. She is proficient in the use of research evidence for advocacy and influencing policy and practice at local, national and global levels. She currently serves as an Advisor to the Accountability Research Centre, American University, USA.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

<b>2012 - 2014</b>	<b>Post-Graduate Certificate in Higher Education (with Distinction), Fellow of Higher Education Academy</b> University of Sussex, UK
<b>1994 - 1998</b>	<b>PhD (Development Studies)</b> University of Manchester, UK
<b>1992 - 1993</b>	<b>MA (Econ) Development Studies (with Distinction)</b> University of Leeds, UK

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

<b>1999 – PRESENT</b>	<b>Fellow, Power &amp; Popular Politics Cluster, IDS, UK</b>
<b>2004 – 2007</b>	<b>Country Representative, Christian Aid, Colombia</b> On leave of absence from IDS
<b>1998 – 1999</b>	<b>Senior Policy Officer – Participation and Gender, Christian Aid, UK</b>

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## SELECTED PROJECT EXPERIENCE

<b>2018 - 2022</b>	<b>Lead, ‘Learning with Spark’ (USD2m), International Budget Partnership: South Africa, Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, India, Senegal, Indonesia</b> Delivering action research and reflective action learning component embedded in IBP’s SPARK (collective citizen action for equitable inclusive budgets) programme.
<b>2019 - 2022</b>	<b>Lead Trainer/Mentor, Accountability for Water Action &amp; Research Programme, Water Witness International/ Platform for African Social and Governance Research: Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia</b> Designing and delivering online training and mentoring in social accountability approaches and methods for water sector practitioners conducting research and advocacy for policy and practice change.
<b>2019 - 2024</b>	<b>Co-convenor, ‘Countering Backlash’ Research Programme (£5m), Sida: India, Bangladesh, Brazil, Uganda, Lebanon</b> Supporting partner organisations to conduct research and policy analysis and mobilise resistance to the current gender backlash.
<b>2020 – 2021</b>	<b>Lead, ‘Navigating Civic Space in a Time of Covid-19’, Action for Empowerment and Accountability Research Programme, IDS: Nigeria, Pakistan and Mozambique</b> Led intensive ‘observatory’-type research on how already-changing civic space is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and how civil society is responding.

<b>2019 – 2021</b>	<p><b>Co-convenor, ‘Unpacking Donor Action’ Workstream, Action for Empowerment and Accountability Research Programme, IDS: Nigeria, Pakistan and Mozambique</b></p> <p>Researched how donor agencies have sought to support social and political action for empowerment and accountability in fragile, conflict- and violence-affected settings.</p>
<b>2013 – 2017</b>	<p><b>Research, Evidence &amp; Learning Lead, Making All Voices Count (MAVC): Global</b></p> <p>Directed £5.7m research component of USD40m multi-donor consortium-led operational and research re-granting programme citizen voice and accountable governance especially through use of technology.</p>
<b>2012 – 2017</b>	<p><b>Senior Technical Advisor, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Team, Diálogo (Democratic Governance Support Programme – DFID Mozambique)</b></p> <p>Co-designed and co-led a programme learning process based on context analysis and an action learning approach, involving municipal-level government officials, civil society, media and implementors.</p>
<b>2011 – 2014</b>	<p><b>Research Advisor, Accountability in Fragile Contexts, Helvetas Swiss Inter-cooperation: Bangladesh, Nepal and Mozambique</b></p>
<b>2010 – 2011</b>	<p><b>Co-lead, Review of Impact and Effectiveness of Transparency &amp; Accountability Initiative: Global</b></p>
<b>2000 – 2004</b>	<p><b>Researcher and Technical Assistance Provider, LogoLink (Learning Initiative on Citizen Participation and Local Governance), Ford Foundation: SE Asia, E. and S. Africa and Latin America</b></p> <p>Learning needs assessment among diverse stakeholders in funding agency and partner organisations; design and delivery of custom-made multi-year processes for Ford Foundation staff, national- and local-level CSOs.</p>
<b>2000 – 2003</b>	<p><b>Team Leader and Lead Researcher, ‘Getting it Right: Poverty Knowledge and Policy Process’ Research Programme, ESRC/DFID: Uganda and Nigeria</b></p> <p>3-year research project examining the relationship between poverty data, discourses, activism and policy shifts at national and subnational levels.</p>
<b>2000</b>	<p><b>Co-developer and Facilitator, Civil Society Participation in National Development Programming, Christian Aid: Latin America</b></p> <p>Conducted needs assessment, design and delivery of multi-country workshop for national and subnational advocacy and service-delivery CSOs supported by Christian Aid to strengthen capacity for effective advocacy and citizen engagement.</p>
<b>1999</b>	<p><b>Research Team Leader, Meeting the International Development Targets: Prospects and Key Challenges – Uganda Country Study, DFID/ODI: Uganda</b></p> <p>Led multidisciplinary team of Ugandan qualitative and</p>

quantitative researchers to analyse prospects of meeting Universal Primary Education and Gender Equality Targets.

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND OUTPUTS

### Journal Articles and Reports

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Edwards, D. and McGee, R. (eds) (2016) '[Opening Governance](#)', *IDS Bulletin* 47.1, DOI: [10.19088/1968-2016.112](#) (accessed 23 January 2024)

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McGee, R. and Alfonso Flórez López, J. (2016) '[Poder, violencia, ciudadanía y agencia: estudio de caso colombiano](#)', *Programa Editorial Universidad Autónoma de Occidente* (accessed 24 January 2024)

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McGee, R. and Pearce, J. (eds) (2009) '[Violence, Social Action and Research](#)', *IDS Bulletin* 40.3 (accessed 25 January 2024)

McGee, R. (2004) '[Constructing Poverty Trends in Uganda: A Multidisciplinary Perspective](#)', *Development and Change* 35(3): 499-523, DOI: 10.1111/j.1467-7660.2004.00363.x (accessed 23 January 2024)

McGee, R. *et al.* (2003) [Legal Frameworks for Citizen Participation: Synthesis Report](#), LogoLink Research Report Series, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies (accessed 23 January 2024)

McGee, R. (2002) '[Meeting the International Poverty Targets in Uganda: Halving Poverty and Achieving Universal Primary Education](#)', *Development Policy Review* 18 (1): 85-106, DOI: 10.1111/1467-7679.00101 (accessed 23 January 2024)

Elson, D. and McGee, R. (1995) '[Gender Equality, Bilateral Program Assistance and Structural Adjustment: Policy and Procedures](#)', *World Development* 23 (11): 1987-1994, DOI: 10.1016/0305-750X(95)00088-T (accessed 24 January 2024)

## **Books and Book Chapters**

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McGee, R. and Pettit, J. (2020) *Power, Empowerment and Social Change*, London: Routledge

McGee, R. and Pettit, J. (2020) 'Introduction: Power and Empowerment in Social Change', in R. McGee and J. Pettit (eds), *Power, Empowerment and Social Change*, London: Routledge

McGee, R.; Wegner, F. and Pettit, J. (2020) 'Learning About Power in a Masters for Reflective Social Change Practitioners', in R. McGee and J. Pettit (eds), *Power, Empowerment and Social Change*, London: Routledge

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Brock, K. and McGee, R. (2002) *Knowing Poverty: Critical Reflections on Participatory Research and Policy*, London: Routledge

## **Policy-Maker and Practitioner-Oriented Outputs**

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Anderson, C.; McGee, R.; Nampoothiri, N.J. and Gaventa, J.; Forquilha, S.; Ibeh, Z.; Ibezim-Ohaeri, V.; Jawed, A.; Khan, A.; Pereira, C. and Shankland, A. (2021) [Navigating Civic Space in a Time of Covid: Synthesis Report](#), Brighton: Institute of Development Studies (accessed 23 January 2024)

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Gaventa, J. and McGee, R. (2010) *Citizen Action and National Policy Reform: Making Change Happen*, London: Zed Books

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Brock, K. and McGee, R. (2004) [Mapping Trade Policy: Understanding the Challenges of Civil Society Participation](#), IDS Working Paper 225, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies (accessed 23 January 2024)

McGee, R. and Norton, A. (2000) [Participation in Poverty Reduction Strategies: A Synthesis of Experience with Participatory Approaches to Policy Design, Implementation and Monitoring](#), IDS Working Paper 109, Brighton: Institute of Development Studies (accessed 25 January 2024)

### **Non-Academic Outputs**

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McGee, R. (2021) '[Navigating Civic Space in Times of Crisis: Mozambique, Nigeria and Pakistan](#)', *Global Dev Blog*, 20 September (accessed 23 January 2024)

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McGee, R. (2014) '[The Concept of Feedback Loops](#)', *Making All Voices Count Blog*, 4 June (accessed 23 January 2024)

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