

**DEVELOPMENT
RESEARCH
CONFERENCE
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Rethinking Development

Call for paper proposals/abstracts

What kind of ‘development’ is wanted for today’s world? The idea, study, and policy field of ‘development’ emerged in the 1940s, in a time of decolonization, the Cold War, and Euro-centric high modernism. Seventy years later the scene is one of new emerging economies, migration crises, multiculturalism, climate change, and new patterns of infectious and chronic diseases. Given such profound transformations, do we need, again, to rethink ‘development’?

Development can be rethought in terms of concepts, issues, methods and policies. For example, does it still make sense to speak of a ‘North’ and a ‘South’? Do the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) go far enough in redefining the research and policy agenda? Do we need to redirect research attention to new and re-emerging issues such as diasporas, digitization, food security, religion, intellectual property, and health surveillance; or is an older agenda of trade, democracy and conflict resolution as vital as ever? Do we need to ‘rethink’ the migration-development nexus in global development research and policymaking? What place, if any, remains for ‘aid’ in today’s altered development landscape? What new relationships can be forged between developing country scientists and international research partners when setting local research priorities and government policies? Has the moment arrived to construct a truly transdisciplinary development studies – and what does such a methodology entail more precisely? How does development research handle the question of scale in the face of trends towards localization, regionalization and globalization, along with resurgent nationalism? Do we need renewed debate on ethics and positionality in global development research and practice? Indeed, are ecological and other critics right to question the very notion of ‘development’ – and, if so, what takes its place?

We hereby welcome paper proposals/abstracts on the various theoretical and substantive challenges of rethinking development covered by the conference panels. **All** paper proposals are to be submitted through our online submission system no later than 23 February. Paper proposals should be no longer than **350 words** and written in English. Abstracts will be reviewed and selected by the panel conveners on the basis of the following criteria: relevance/problem, purpose/research questions, theory/approach, methods/material, results/conclusion. Notification of acceptance will be sent out by 2 April 2018.

Submission of paper proposals in the online submission system

- Create an account in the conference online submission system (use the link on the conference website to reach the submission system)
- Enter name(s) of author and organisation/affiliation
- Choose a maximum of two panels to which the proposal is to be sent to
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- Press proceed to finalise and upload your proposal as pdf, doc, or docx

The conference is organized by the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg in cooperation with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), the Swedish Research Council (VR), Gothenburg Centre of Globalization and Development (GCGD) and the Centre on Global Migration (CGM) at the University of Gothenburg.

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