



E-Gazette

14 & 15 October: The Aid Effectiveness Puzzle:

A Complicated Picture and Some Missing Pieces

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This Advanced Academic Update (AAU) on Aid Effectiveness is explicitly scheduled after the Third High-Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Accra in September 2008 in order to offer a forum for donors, partners from developing countries and academia to discuss the outcomes of Accra in the light of the gap between political reality and academic scrutiny. How solid is the existing evidence for taking political decisions in the area of aid effectiveness? What do we actually know?

The aim of this Advanced Academic Update is to contribute to a better understanding of the problems that underpin the whole debate on aid effectiveness. The programme presents the state of the art and includes academic speakers and policy makers. The participants will learn about the latest developments in aid research and their applicability for work in the field. The AAU will take place in Maastricht, The Netherlands.



May I have your votes please?

Zina Nimeh.. dix points!

Zina Nimeh, 3rd year PhD Fellow of the European Graduate Programme in Social Protection Policy, has been elected to serve a two year tenure as a member of the Executive Council of the Human Development and Capability Association in the role of "Officer at Large". Founded by Amartya Sen in September 2004, the HDCA promotes research from many disciplines on key problems including poverty, justice, well-being, and economics. It is also responsible for the Journal of Human Development. Martha Nussbam is the current president.

Zina is doing her research on welfare and wellbeing in the Middle East, and as part of the Executive Council at the HDCA she will continue working in her topic as well as play an active role in the promotion of this type of research.

Study together, work together !

Céline: "His name is David, he is from Uganda. He is a former master student in Social Protection Financing (SPF) at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. He was part of the first batch of students who worked hard in the former rooms of the School at the economic faculty."

David: "Her name is Céline, she is from France. She is also one of the alumni of the School, but she followed the Master's program in Public Policy (MPP) a bit later (2007-2008) then me, and for a few months she had the chance to enjoy the gorgeous new location in Maastricht."

You may wonder how we know each other. We actually worked together in Ghana last month on an International Labour Organization (ILO) project on mutual health insurance schemes. I (David) had been in Accra for a few months, working for the ILO social protection department and Céline came from Senegal where she is an associate expert in the extension of social protection at the ILO sub-regional office. We were surprised when we realized that we both attended the same



school!

Added to shared memories of hard work, delicious mocha coffee at the menza, as well as recollections of a few broken Dutch words and fun international nights, we agree on the fact that studying in Maastricht provided us with technical knowledge on social protection that we are now using on a daily basis. It also gave us the opportunity to foster our understanding of what is at stake when implementing social policies and appreciate the many benefits one can get from working in an international environment. Most of all, it taught us

to constantly question what we believe to be right because fixed general ideas often lead to failure.

Upcoming Activities:

6 June: Revisited, a chance for the World Bank, Hans-Martin Boehmer
World Bank (Seminar Series)

9-22 June: Summer School in Governance and Social Protection

17-18 June: Workshop: Local Dynamics and Immigrant Economic
Outcomes

8 July: Graduation Ceremony, MSc in Public Policy and Human
Development

3 October: MGSOG Alumni Day

5 November: U.S. Election Breakfast

29 November: Charity Ball MGSOG Scholarship Fund

Researchers' Night: Beyond Borders

26 September, 2008

The organization of the Researchers' Night in Maastricht has started. Maastricht is the second city in the Netherlands (next to Amsterdam) that has received the green light from the European Commission and can host the event on September 26th. Beyond Borders will be a day and evening with new science, provocative ideas, great music, and above all interesting people and new things to discover. Six themes have been developed for the day program in the Timmerfabriek that will show the role of research in daily situations and trends. An example of one of these themes is Your World, in which the following subjects will be shown; "Artificial Intelligence in computergames", "Sustainability", and "Social sustainability". The evening programme will be hosted in the Maastricht Music Hall. BNN's road show will deliver the music and an amusing research quiz will be presented. The project is supported by Provincie Limburg and the City Council. Both parties will be present during the event and provide information to future researchers in order to develop Limburg into a more knowledge intensive region. In case you would like to receive more information or have suggestions, please visit our website; www.researchersnight.nl / www.maastrichtbeyondborders.nl

Art Without Borders: Kunsttour Maastricht

Last Saturday and Sunday, the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance opened its doors to the public at 11.00 AM. The visitors had the chance to meet the School and its building. Everybody was very enthusiastic about the exposition Art Without Borders. The exposition consisted of work from three artists: Mark Swysen, Paul van der Veer and Rolina Nell.

Mark Swysen exposed his work in the Courtyard of the School, Paul van der Veer showed his series of photos and his book "Daxi" on the walking bridge on the first floor of the School and Rolina Nell's paintings were exposed in the School's



Mirror Room. On the Courtyard, visitors could enjoy a movie about the realization of Rolina Nell's work and a presentation of iNeX architects, who designed the building.

The visitors were very impressed by the architecture of the building and the artists' choice for the artwork. In total, around

500 art-lovers visited the exposition and the response was very positive. Some of the artists' work was actually sold this day. Special thanks go out to Lia Plaisier and Theo Hübens from Kunsthuis Theo Hübens. Kunsthuis Theo Hübens provides the art for the School and co-operated with the School concerning the Kunsttour.



Nice to meet you... Janneke Knaapen

Hi!

I'm sure you all know me by now, but for those who don't: I'm Janneke Knaapen, 23 years old and I'm the new logistics coordinator at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. I started working here last November and enjoy it very much! I'm responsible for all room reservations, organization of meetings and events regarding education and

research, logistics and administrative support to educational programmes and to the PhD research activities.

Before I started working here, I studied Facility Management in Breda. The specific scope of facility management comprises the organization of

facilities (service and/or products) within an organization. An organization can only have a smooth primary process when aspects like 'parking', 'catering' and 'cleaning' are taken care of. I've lived in Breda for almost 4 years. After I met my boyfriend Jos, I moved back to Maastricht. Since July 2007 we live together in Meerssen.

I enjoy working at the school very much. It's a dynamic environment and every day is very different. I never know what's going to happen today and that's what I like the most. It's nice to meet all these people from different countries, cultures, religions and so on. Hopefully you will find me the next coming years here at the school, in room 0.045 (secretariat) or somewhere else J. You are always welcome to drop by!

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