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Newslive
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Linking environmental sustainability and technology with poverty reduction and social justice

Welcome

Welcome to *Newslive* from the ESRC STEPS Centre. In our first newsletter find out what we have been up to this year and what's coming up as the STEPS Centre goes global with five research projects in China, India, Africa and Latin America. If you are interested in global challenges such as the links between environmental change and poverty reduction, regulation of new technologies or the health consequences of rapid urbanisation, please join the debate. With best wishes, Julia Day, *Communications Officer*

New on steps-centre.org



Just published

Read our first publications, six booklets written jointly by the STEPS members setting out our thinking on the STEPS domains – agriculture, water, health - and themes - dynamics, governance, designs. An additional paper by Melissa Leach, Ian Scoones and Andy Stirling sets out the STEPS approach to linking environmental sustainability and technology with poverty reduction and social justice.

> **Special offer:** all 7 papers for £20 (or £5 per paper)



Connecting science, society and development

The first STEPS Centre Symposium was held alongside the Development Studies Association Annual Conference, with the theme of connecting science, society and development.

> **Find out more**

> **Blogs from DSA 2007**

> **Podcasts: [day one](#) / [day two](#) / [day three](#)**



STEPS global research

STEPS first five research projects are about to start in India, China, Kenya and Argentina. Find out what we are investigating with partners around the world from maize and climate change in Kenya to urbanisation in India.

> **Find out more**



STEPS on YouTube

Professor Judi Wakhungu, executive director of the African Centre for Technology Studies and chair of the STEPS Centre Advisory Board, sets out why she is involved and why the Centre's work is "opportune".

> **View the video**



New season seminars

The new term of STEPS seminars continues with Polly Ericksen of the Environmental Change Institute on the resilience of agri-food systems and Cambridge University's Bill Adams on the political ecology of biodiversity conservation (27 November). Catch up on last's season's seminars with presentations, audio clips, blogs and photos

> [Find out more](#)



Join the debate on the blog

Join the debate on the blog with Esha Shah on a sentimental European response to 'India-China', Adrian Smith on the politics and governance of sustainable development, Adrian Ely on China's 'economic miracle' cities, Gerry Bloom on Chinese exports & more.

> [The Crossing blog](#)



STEPS in the news

STEPS director Melissa Leach was interviewed in Education Guardian about putting local knowledge first, her passion for anthropology and the STEPS Centre, meanwhile many other STEPS members have been in the press

> [Village Voice: Melissa in Guardian Education](#)

> [Podcast: Melissa on Guardian Weekly](#)

> [Andy Stirling in The Engineer](#)

> [More STEPS in the news](#)



Buzzwords and fuzzwords

Ian Scoones, STEPS co-director, writes for the August 2007 issue of Development In Practice about the term sustainability as a continually powerful and influential meeting point of ideas and politics.

> [More journal articles by STEPS members](#)



Greenpeace and Demos were there...

Dr Ian Gibson MP chaired the launch of the STEPS Centre with speakers from Greenpeace, Demos and Practical Action explaining why the work of the STEPS Centre is so vital right now. Presentations, speakers' quotes, press release, launch in pictures all online.

> [Find out more](#)



Vaccine Anxieties

Melissa Leach and James Fairhead's new book Vaccine Anxieties: Global Science, Child Health and Society has just been published, as has Esha Shah's new co-authored book Community-Based Natural Resource Management in South Asia.

> [New books from STEPS members](#)

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Stop press

> [Lagging behind: Linda Waldman writes for the Guardian on the House of Lords asbestos-related disease ruling](#)

> [Gerry Bloom interviewed about his work in China in the latest issue of Real Health News \(pdf 1,380kb\)](#)

> [Knowledge, Power and Politics: Leach's Linacre lecture](#)

> [Erik Millstone on biotechnology crops for CNN](#)

> [Building inclusive citizenship and democracies: id21 Focus](#)

Media

The STEPS Centre wants help media professionals access the latest news, resources and background material as quickly as possible. We can also offer comment, analysis and opinion from experts on many development and science and technology policy issues.

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