

Welcome

Welcome to News/live from the ESRC STEPS Centre, an update on our current and forthcoming research, events and publications. With the new year dawns fresh, new opportunities for collaboration, action and debate. We hope to have the chance to engage with your work and ideas in 2009. With best wishes for a peaceful and productive year,
Julia Day, *Communications Manager*

New on steps-centre.org



[Reframing Resilience](#)

A new Working Paper and briefing have been produced following the STEPS Centre Symposium which focused on engaging with resilience thinking and exploring practical implications for policy in agriculture, water, peri-urban dynamics, epidemics and regulation. Many resources have also been added.

> [Reframing Resilience: a symposium report](#)

> [Briefing - Reframing resilience](#)

> [Resilience resources from the STEPS Symposium](#)

 [Photos from the event](#)



[Knowledge Society Debates](#)

The STEPS Centre's Risk, Uncertainty and Technology project is holding a series of events across India from 5-13 January asking what 'knowledge society' means and whose knowledge counts in building science and technology futures?

> ['Knowledge Society' debates come to town, The Times of India](#)



[Innovation, Sustainability, Development: A New Manifesto](#)

The STEPS Centre is launching a new project on innovation for development, 40 years after the Sussex Manifesto helped shape modern thinking on science and technology for development. Fred Steward opened our new Manifesto Seminar series, with Robert Watson, Jo Chattaway, Dave Wield and James Wilsdon to come this spring.

> [Manifesto seminars – podcasts, presentations and more](#)

> [Download the original Sussex Manifesto documents](#)

> [Download the new Manifesto flyer](#)

 [Watch Geoff Oldham's Sussex Manifesto seminar](#)



[Just published](#)

The four latest STEPS Working Papers to be published cover Regulation, GM Crops, Resilience, and Ebola. Recent working papers - Avian Flu, Epidemics and Transitions - plus their bite-sized companion briefings - are also available to download for free.



[Community-Led Total Sanitation](#)

As the International Year of Sanitation came to a close, the CLTS conference highlighted this innovative way of mobilising communities to completely eliminate open defecation. CLTS is an affiliate project of STEPS.

- > [Blog from the conference](#)
- > [STEPS' water and sanitation work](#)
- > [Sanitation Scandal: World Water Week](#)
- > [Photos from the CLTS conference](#)



[Today's landfills, tomorrow's housing estates](#)

A growing proportion of the world's poor and marginalised citizens live on the rapidly expanding fringes of large cities. Our new project explores sustainability challenges in peri-urban Delhi.



[A new way to share](#)

Our new Slideshare page makes it even easier to download and share presentations from our seminar series and more. Take a look at new presentations from Andy Stirling on the direction of innovation, the meaning of cultural diversity and the dynamics of sustainability.



[Rethinking Regulation](#)

Our partners in China have been blogging on their work with rural households as the Rethinking Regulation project in China and Argentina progresses.

- > [The impact of global financial turmoil on Chinese villages](#)
- > [China rural reforms: What is a Household?](#)
- > [Reconsideración de la normativa: las semillas y las drogas en China y Argentina](#)



[Bamako 2008: Health pathways for the poor](#)

The 2008 Global Ministerial Forum on Research for Health is the culmination of 20 years of global efforts to focus research towards improving the health of poor people.

Melissa Leach, Ian Scoones and Gerry Bloom contributed to a new book launched at Bamako.

> [Health markets and future health systems: innovation for equity, by Gerry Bloom](#)

> [New! Eldis resource guide on future primary health care](#)

> [STEPS health work](#)

> [How we work with our health affiliates](#)

 [Gerry Bloom on health challenges in rural China](#)



[On the blog: Governance of nanomaterials](#)

Reflections on UK Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution's report on nanomaterials from Adrian Smith and Paddy van Zwanenberg. Plus Obama's victory, peri-urban Delhi and our Chinese partners on their work investigating rural households plus live coverage from events and more.



[Debating the Future: the IAASTD](#)

After several years and the involvement of 400 scientists, the final IAASTD report on the future of agricultural development has been published. Ian Scoones' new paper 'Global Engagements with Global Assessments: The Case of the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD)' assesses the process.



[Epidemics: pathways of disease and response](#)

A workshop and new Working Papers form part of our project investigating how changing environmental and social patterns have effected infectious diseases threatening improvements to global public health.

> [New! Working papers on Epidemics, Ebola and Avian Flu](#)

> [Epidemics workshop, December 08](#)

> [Slideshare: Erik Millstone - Epidemics of Obesity](#)

> [Slideshare: Jerker Edstrom - Constructing AIDS](#)



[Winter update: Livestock revolution](#)

A new workshop report plus a presentation by William Wolmer on trends, challenge and opportunities for rural development and livestock in Botswana. Part of our project on policy options for trade, veterinary and food safety standards, disease control and management in southern Africa.

[William Wolmer - Rural development and Livestock Policy briefings / Briefings Politique](#)

[Pretoria workshop](#)

 [Video interview](#)




[Bringing our work to life](#)

Our multimedia resources seek to bring our work and debates to life. Watch videos of our work, listen to audio recordings of our seminars and flick through photos from our events.

 [Our video](#)

 [Our audio](#)

 [Our photos](#)



[Hitting the headlines](#)

Ian Scoones and Paul Forster's new Working Paper on Avian Flu created a news buzz at the end of the year, as did Ian's ideas on Zimbabwean agriculture and land reform.

> [Avian Flu news coverage](#)

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[STEPS Seminar Series](#)

Francis Johnson, Fred Steward and Fabian Scholtes have kicked off our 2008-09 seminar series. Andrew Barnett, Harriet Bulkeley, Steve Lindsay and Arie Rip are visiting in January and February. Podcasts, presentations, photos and blogs from our seminars are available on the STEPS seminar page.

   [Material from previous STEPS seminars](#)

> [Upcoming events](#)

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> [Lessons of Zimbabwe](#). Mahmood Mamdani writes

about Ian Scoones' IDS and PLAAS project on land reform in the London Review of Books, 4 December 2008

> [Social-ecological resilience and socio-technical transitions: critical issues for sustainability governance](#),

new STEPS Working Paper by Adrian Smith and Andy Stirling. Only available online to download for free

> [Journal articles by STEPS members](#)

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