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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, an update on our current and forthcoming research, events and publications. In this time of rapid global change we need, more than ever, to look at ways of creating a more sustainable and equitable future. Against this background we are launching a major new initiative - Innovation, Sustainability, Development: A New Manifesto - looking to the future of environmental sustainability, poverty reduction and science and technology for development. We hope you will get involved.

With best wishes, Julia Day, *Communications Officer*

New on steps-centre.org



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

The STEPS Centre and its partners are launching a new project on innovation for development, 40 years after the Sussex Manifesto helped shape modern thinking on science and technology for development.

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

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

> [Download the new Manifesto flyer](#)



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

HIV/AIDS, TB, Malaria, SARS, BSE, Avian flu - STEPS is investigating how changing environmental and social patterns have effected infectious diseases threatening improvements to global public health.

> [New Working Paper - Epidemics for all? Governing health in a global age by Sarah Dry](#)

> [Epidemics briefing](#)

> [Guide to our HIV work](#)



[Avian 'flu: politics and policy processes of a global response](#)

Considerable investment has been ploughed into developing surveillance and response systems for avian flu, but how effective

are these responses? A new STEPS-affiliated project, supported by the FAO.

- > [New Working Paper - The International Response to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza: Science, Policy and Politics by Ian Scoones and Paul Forster](#)
- > [Avian flu briefing](#)



[New publications](#)

The four latest STEPS Working Papers on Transitions, Herders, Avian Flu and Epidemics - plus their bite-sized companion briefings - are now available to download for free from our publications page. GM Crops is due to be published soon.

- > [All publications](#)



[On the blog: Rural households in China](#)

Our Chinese partners blog about their work investigating rural households as China reforms its rural land laws. Other subjects on the blog include the effect of global financial crisis on development issues, World Food Day, the Asia-Europe People's Forum, a visit from UK government chief scientific advisor John Beddington, biofuels and more.



[Knowledge Society Debates](#)

The STEPS Centre's Risk, Uncertainty and Technology project is holding a series of events across India in January 2009 asking what 'knowledge society' means and whose knowledge counts in building science and technology futures?

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[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.

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[New bite-sized briefings](#)

Liquid Dynamics is one of the latest additions to our series of bite-sized briefings available to download. Others new titles include Health in a Dynamic World, Epidemics for all? and One World, One Health?



[Hitting the headlines](#)

Reuters, BBC World Service, International Herald Tribune, New Era, the Guardian, New Scientist, New Agriculturist, The Lancet and AllAfrica.com are among the media outlets that have covered our work recently.

> [Our Media Centre](#)



[Reframing Resilience](#)

The STEPS Centre's Symposium, in September, focused on engaging with resilience thinking and exploring practical implications for policy in agriculture, water, peri-urban dynamics, epidemics and regulation.

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

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[STEPS Seminar Series](#)

Francis Johnson kicked off our autumn 2008 seminar series on biofuels, climate and development. The series continues with Fred Steward, Fabian Scholtes, James Wilsdon, Arie Rip, Jo Chattaway and Dave Wield. Podcasts, presentations, photos and blogs from our seminars are available on the STEPS seminar page.

   [Material from previous STEPS seminars](#)

> [Upcoming events](#)



[After the Olympics: challenges for the Chinese rural poor](#)

STEPS health convenor Gerry Bloom talks about the health challenges facing poor people in rural China.

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

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

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- > [Lunch with The Lancet](#) Melissa Leach, director of the STEPS Centre, in conversation with the Lancet's Priya Shetty.
- > [From Precaution to Robustness: in governance of technological vulnerability](#) STEPS co-director Andy Stirling's presentation for The Vulnerability of Technological Cultures: new directions in research and governance workshop
- > Ian Scoones talks to Veterinary Times, UK, about the 'Veterinary Science, transboundary disease and market access' project: Taking Steps to Fairer Trade [page 1](#) / [page 2](#) / [page 3](#) / [More about this project](#)
- > [Safety is just the start if we want good regulation](#) STEPS member Adrian Ely writes for "Food Ethics", the magazine of the Food Ethics Council, on the regulation of genetically modified foods.
- > [Digging for Hope in Land Reform](#) Ian Scoones talks to Inter Press Service, Johannesburg, about land reform in Zimbabwe
- > [Sanitation Scandal](#) - the priorities for World Water Week 2008
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