

Welcome

Welcome to *Newslive* from the ESRC STEPS Centre, an update on our current and forthcoming research, events and publications. 2009 has seen global challenges – swine flu, finance, climate change - posing pressing problems on several fronts. With our partners we are seeking more sustainable and socially just solutions to some of these challenges through our research on agriculture, health and water. Just click on the headlines and pink links to go direct to the news, and as ever, do get in touch. With best wishes, Julia Day, *Communications Manager*

New on steps-centre.org



[GM Crops and the Global Food Crisis, June 10, London](#)

On June 10 we are launching a Biotechnology Research Archive on the [STEPS Centre website](#) spanning 10 years of research, and a new paper on Bt Cotton by Dominic Glover at a 'Dangerous Ideas in Development' event in London. Please do come and join us.

[Email to reserve a place](#)

[Read Ian Scoones' backgrounder, GM Crops: 10 Years On](#)

[Find out more about the 'Dangerous Ideas' event](#)



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

Our new project on innovation for development, 40 years after the Sussex Manifesto, is well underway. Watch videos from recent Manifesto seminars, or listen to podcasts, view photographs and download presentations.

   [Manifesto seminar video, audio and presentations](#)

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

> [Download the New Manifesto flyer](#)



[Swine Flu: Governing global health in an age of epidemics](#)

Will an 'active, aggressive, and coordinated response' to swine flu work? Ian Scoones, STEPS Co-director, writes in The Guardian on the emerging infectious disease.

- > [Ian Scoones on Swine Flu's emerging lessons](#)
 - > [Our blogs on swine flu](#)
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[Epidemics: Pathways of Disease and Response](#)

This project focuses on understanding changing landscape-livelihood interactions and on stimulating reflection about procedures for addressing epidemics that support, rather than compromise, the livelihood needs of poorer people and wider principles of social justice

- > [Epidemics for all? Our project featured in Health reporter](#)
 - > [Working papers on Epidemics, Ebola and Avian Flu](#)
 - > [Slideshare: Millstone on Obesity and Edstrom on AIDS](#)
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[Building bridges: water and sanitation](#)

It has been a busy year for our water and sanitation team. Our peri-urban project in Delhi is in full swing, team members blogged from World Water Week in Istanbul and Lyla Mehta spoke at the Hay Festival's Greenprint Forum on 'Water – The Basics of Life' and at Westminster on 'The Great Stink: Tackling the 21st Century's Sanitation Crisis'.

- > [Our Peri-urban project](#)
 - > [Lyla Mehta on the World Water Forum](#)
 - > [All blogs from the World Water Forum in Istanbul](#)
 - > [The Hay Festival Greenprint Forum](#)
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[On the blog: From the forests of Sierra Leone](#)

Melissa Leach blogs on ecology and infectious disease dynamics during an emotional return visit to Sierra Leone. Plus the World Water Forum, avian flu and making health markets work for poor people. Other subjects on the blog include:

- > [Health provision in India post-election by Barun Kanjilal](#)
 - > [Reinventing public health in Dhaka, by Hilary Standing](#)
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[Join us on Twitter](#)

STEPS has joined the Twitter community to help us stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing? We would love to find out what you are doing, follow us at twitter.com/stepscentre



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

Four new papers on the political economy of avian flu in Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia and Viet Nam have just been published as part of a STEPS-affiliated project, supported by the FAO.

- > [New SE Asia publications](#)
- > [Avian Flu Working Paper and briefing](#)



[New publications](#)


Among the latest STEPS Working Papers to be published are four south-east Asian country studies of avian flu, Regulation, GM Crops, Resilience, Ebola, Epidemics and Transitions.

- > [Bite-sized briefings are available as companions to our papers](#)



[Environmental change and maize in Kenya](#)

Maize is an important staple crop in Kenya, socially, politically and economically. Our project uses maize to explore responses to climate change, market uncertainties and land use changes over time.

-  [Photos from our maize fieldwork](#)
- > [Find out about our other projects](#)



[Farmer First Revisited book and event](#)

Farmers are in the front line of climate change, globalization and food security. This new book - launched in Nairobi by UNEP Executive Director Achim Steiner and in the UK by the APG on Debt, Aid and Trade - calls for a major rethinking of agricultural R&D focussing on farmer-led innovations.

- > [22 April - London book launch and Dangerous Ideas seminar](#)




-  [Photos from Nairobi book launch](#)

-    [Multimedia & wiki-timeline, podcasts, papers, radio & photos from Farmer First Revisited workshop](#)



[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](#)
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[Care to share?](#)

Our Slideshare page makes it even easier to download and share presentations from our seminar series and other events, including Andy Stirling on the governance of technological vulnerability.

> [New! Jo Chataway on Below the Radar Innovation](#)



[STEPS Seminar Series](#)

Andrew Barnett, Jo Chataway, Francis Johnson, Fred Steward, Fabian Scholtes are among those giving STEPS seminars this year. 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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> [STEPS news page](#)

> [Debating the Future: Ian Scoones on the IAASTD](#)

> [Sanitation Scandal: World Water Week](#)

> [The Knowledge Society Debates](#) The STEPS Centre held a series of events across India in January 2009 asking what 'knowledge society' means and whose knowledge counts in building science and technology futures?

> Call for papers: [The Publics of Public Health. On politics, ethos and economy of 21st century African bioscience. Kilifi, Kenya, 7-11 Dec 2009 \(pdf 138kb\)](#)

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> [Journal articles by STEPS members](#)

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