

Curriculum Vitae

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Qualifications

1992 - 1996 Ph.D (Development Studies), Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. (Supervisor: Professor Michael Lipton)

1983 - 1984 MPhil Economics of Development, with Distinction, Cambridge University. (Supervisor: Professor John Sender)

1980 - 1983 B.A (Hons) Economics, First Class, University of Sussex.

Areas of expertise:

Extensive policy and advisory experience in Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks (MTEFs), Donor Alignment, Harmonisation, Aid Modalities and Managing for Results.

Extensive evaluation experience of national development strategies/PRSPs, country assistance strategies, poverty programmes and aid modalities.

Research/academic fields of specialisation include institutional economics (rural factor markets), micro-economics (intra-household bargaining; gender relations), pro-poor policy making and the poverty and social impacts of economic policy.

Extensive country-level research and evaluation experience including household survey and participatory appraisal methods.

Specific regional experience includes Sub-Saharan Africa, South East Asia and South-Eastern Europe – Western Balkans.

Extensive experience of managing large and small teams, large research and evaluation exercises. Extensive teaching and facilitation experience.

Posts held:

**August
2006 -
ongoing**

Director of Programmes, Poverty & Public Policy, Overseas Development Institute

- Managing and leading a group of 30 researchers and support staff.
- Team leader of a **Review of SWApS in Agriculture and Rural Development** for the Global Donor Platform on Rural Development.
- Team leader on the design of DFID's **Governance and Poverty Policy Analysis and Advice Programme** – Vietnam.
- Co-author on IFAD's 2007 **Annual Review of Results** (ARRI).
- Facilitator of the Ghana Joint Assistance Strategy.

- July 2005 - July 2006** **Research Fellow, Governance Team, Institute of Development Studies**
- Manager/lead author of *Independent Evaluation of Rwanda's PRSP* 2002-2005.
 - Joint author with David Booth of a *Framework for Evaluating the Paris Declaration*, OECD/DAC Evaluation Working Group.
- June 2000 - July 2005** **Independent Consultant (selected assignments)**
- *Independent External Evaluation of IFAD, March 2004 – April 2005.*
 - Review of Donor Harmonisation in Albania, November 2004, DFID/EC.
 - Review of Donor Harmonisation in Republic of Serbia May 2004, Govt. of Serbia.
 - DFID/ODI PRSP Monitoring & Synthesis Project, March 2001- 2004. *Facilitation of DFID PSIA workshops.*
 - *Evaluation of the PRSP Process in Ethiopia.* World Bank, Operations Evaluation Department, 2003.
 - The Design and Application of MTEFs and their Evolving Linkages with PRSPs. Eight country study (Team manager, and co-author of final synthesis report with Malcolm Holmes) DFID UK/ODI, 2002/3.
 - PRSPs in Conflict-affected Countries – Report and Strategic Framework (with Lyndsay Hilker Mclean, Andrew Norton, Erin Coyle and Laure Helene Piron) DFID UK/ODI, 2002.
 - SPA 2002 Background Paper on Donor Alignment and General Budget Support for SPA Technical Missions on Coordination and Harmonisation.
 - Review of DFID Support to the Tanzania Poverty Monitoring System, 2002
 - SPA/World Bank 2001 Stocktake of Progress in Implementing the SPA 5 Agenda
 - Annual Policy and Performance Review (APPR) and Advisor on the Country Assistance Plan Process, DFID Tanzania, 2001-3.
 - Institutionalisation of the PRSP Processes and Monitoring. Case Study Author – Tanzania. SPA/ODI, 2000-2001.
 - *Evaluation of IDA Lending (IDA 10-12), Poverty Reduction,* Operations Evaluation Department. World Bank, 2000.
- September 1994 - April 2000** **Senior Economist/Senior Evaluation Specialist, World Bank, Washington DC**
- Task manager Poverty Evaluation 'The Effectiveness of the World Bank's Poverty Reduction Strategy 1990-1999'.
 - Task manager OED's apex evaluation report Annual Review of Development Effectiveness.
 - World Development Report Team 1997. Core author on 1997 WDR The State in a Changing World.
 - East Asia and Pacific, Country Operations Division 1 – Cambodia.
 - Team member on the pre-appraisal and appraisal of the Kazakhstan Social Protection Project.
- September 1990 – August 1994** **Full time Lecturer in Economics, University of Sussex**
- Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in microeconomics, labour economics, development economics, gender and development. Co-course director - MA Economics (Development) 1993/4

September 1984 - August 1989 **Research Officer, Institute of Development Studies**

- Teaching short course on rural research and policy, gender and development.

Recent publications

- Driscoll, R. with Evans, A. (2005) Second Generation PRSPs: New Opportunities and Emerging Issues. *Development Policy Review*. Volume 23 Issue 1.
- Piron, L with Evans, A. (2004) The Politics of the PRSP Approach. *ODI Working Paper*.
- Holmes, M. and Evans, A. (2003) A Review of Experience in Implementing Medium Term Expenditure Frameworks in a PRSP Context: A Synthesis of Eight Country Studies. *ODI /CAPE Working Paper May 2003*.
- Evans, A. with Ngalwea, E. (2003) Are PRSPs Making a Difference? The Africa Experience. *Tanzania Chapter. Development Policy Review_21, No. 2. March*
- Evans, A et al (2003) Learning the lessons on PSIA: A synthesis of experience from DFID pilot studies. PRSP Briefing Note 8, ODI.
- Hilker-Mclean, Evans, Norton et al (2002) PRSPs in Conflict-Affected Countries – Report and Strategic Framework *ODI & DFID UK*
- Evans, A. (2000) Poverty Reduction in the 1990s. An Evaluation of Strategy and Performance. *World Bank, Operations Evaluation Department*.
- Evans, A. & Battaile, William (1998) 1997 Annual Review of Development Effectiveness, *World Bank, Operations Evaluation Department*
- Stout, S. , Evans, A. et al (1997) Evaluating Health Projects. Lessons from the Literature. *World Bank Discussion Paper No. 356*.
- Evans, A. (1996) Agricultural Development and Rural Labour Markets in Uganda – *Research and Policy Options. ESCOR Report, UK Overseas Development Administration*.
- Evans, A. (1995) Contracted Out- Gender, Labour Markets and Agrarian Institutions. *Institute of Development Studies Bulletin, Vol. 25*.
- Evans, A. (1994) Growth and Poverty Reduction in Uganda. Proceedings from the Conference on Growth and Poverty Reduction in Africa, Copenhagen.
- Evans, A. (1991) Gender Issues in Rural Household Economics. *Institute of Development Studies Bulletin Vol. 22*