

## Natasha Grist

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### KEY EXPERIENCE

- Specialist in climate change adaptation and development
- Research interests include: development futures with climate change; development cooperation and climate change; processes of institutional change and capacity-building relating to adaptation; qualitative scenarios analysis; pro-poor governance of climate funds; environmental management; livelihoods
- Twelve years' experience of international development and natural resource management working in interdisciplinary environment, including applied research, project planning and management, and teaching to MSc level
- Main geographical experience includes Brazil, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, Bangladesh

### QUALIFICATIONS

2005	PhD Livelihoods, Migration and Land Use Dynamics in Amazonia School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK (with PhD Scholarship from School of Development Studies)
1998	MSc Agriculture, Environment and Development (Distinction) School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK
1996	BA (Hons.) Geography (2i) Fitzwilliam College, University of Cambridge, UK

### CAREER

Aug 2008-	<b>Research Fellow – Climate Change and Development,</b> Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme, Overseas Development Institute Current projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High Level event series on Climate Change and Development Jan – May 2009. (ODI/DFID funding). Team leader</li><li>• European Development Cooperation to 2020 –analysis of EU member states</li></ul>
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and EU policy on development cooperation relating to climate change. Also scenarios to 2020 in Africa. (Project runs 2008-2010)

- Integrating Climate Change and Development into Country Strategy Programmes. NAPA/PRSP Policy analysis and applied policy review for 25 IFAD country programmes (Nov 2008-)
- Training in Adaptation to Climate Change for Development Professionals (includes School of Development Studies, UEA; various NGOs) (ongoing).

2006-8 **Senior Research Associate, International Development Programme**

Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, UK

- Analysis of approaches to climate change adaptation and mitigation and development futures;
- Analysis of links between theory and practice on sustainable development and climate change;
- Research and workshops investigating long term futures of development with climate change using novel scenarios processes – in UK (15 NGOs) and West Africa (many NGOs; 3 gov. ministries; 6 research bodies), analysis of Burkina Faso NAPA process. Partnership with Christian Aid Burkina Faso;
- Input to Tyndall Centre Research Strategy 2009-2012;
- Co-organised DFID/DSA policy forum on climate change and development futures. 150 participants (London, June 2008); also co-facilitated related academic discussion during the forum.
- Advised NGOs and donors on strategic organisational change and climate change knowledge relating to policy and projects on climate change;
- Co-founded the Development Studies Association Study Group on climate change and international development;
- Guest lectures on development and climate change (MSc level);
- Co-organised 'Female Entrepreneurs' Opportunities and Challenges in a Low Carbon Economy', Session Chair, Women's Research and Enterprise Forum, Norwich (May 2008).

2005-6 **Research Associate, School of Development Studies,**

University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

- Literature review on chronic poverty in environmentally-vulnerable areas of Bangladesh, joint consultancy for CARE Bangladesh;
- Lectures and seminars including: Environmental Change, Social Research Methods, Gender and Development.

1998-2005 **Natural Resource Group Teaching Assistant and PhD Researcher,** School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK

- Research and collaboration with Pro Natura, Brazilian NGO;
- Production and presentation of several reports based on research;
- Teaching seminars and field courses on natural resource management

1997-8 **Research Assistant, University of East Anglia, Norwich**

- Team member: “Sustainability of Forest Frontier Farming Systems in Eastern Pará, Amazonia”, DFID-funded project 1996-1999. Field research and reporting;
  - Nepal-UK Forest Project on forests and livelihoods (NUKFCP) – literature review compilation, DFID-funded.
- 1995      **Biodiversity Researcher**, Biodiversity research project prioritising conservation hotspots in Tanzania, Frontier International.
- 1993      **Intern**, Pro Natura International, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## LANGUAGES

English	Mother Tongue
Portuguese	Excellent spoken, very good written
French	Working knowledge
Spanish	Good comprehension

## PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Fellow of Royal Geographical Society (RGS)
- Member of Development Studies Association (DSA)
- Co-convenor of DSA Climate Change and Development Study Group
- LEAD Associate 2008 – Leadership training on sustainable development and climate change, including climate change policy, EU, China, carbon markets
- Invited member of NGO Practical Action, NGO promoting intermediate technology to developing countries

## SELECTION OF REPORTS, PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS

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### Journal articles, papers and published reports: in progress

- **Development Futures in the Context of Climate Change: challenging the present and learning from the past** (with Nick Brooks and Kate Brown) (article under revision Development Policy Review for Nov 09 publication)
- **Editorial Development Futures and Climate Change for Development Policy Review** (with Emily Boyd, Sirkku Juhola and Valerie Nelson) (in progress for Nov 09 publication)
- **Journal articles, papers and published reports: in progress**

### Journal articles, papers and published reports - completed

- **Closing the Gap between Climate Adaptation and Poverty Reduction Frameworks.** ODI Project Brief (with Martin Prowse and Cheikh Sourang). ODI and IFAD collaboration. June 2009
- **Climate Change Challenges for European Development Cooperation: Emerging Issues.** European Development Co-operation to 2020 (EDC2020) Working Paper No. 3, by L. Peskett, N. Grist, M. Hedger, T. Lennartz-Walker and I. Scholz, February 2009.

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- **Positioning Climate Change in Sustainable Development Discourse**, Journal of International Development 20 (6) 783-803, 2008
  - **International Development in the Face of Climate Change. Policy Forum Summary Report** (with J. Morton, V. Nelson and K. Brown). (2009). Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research and Natural Resources Institute.
  - **Development Futures in the light of climate change: creating new insights into past, present and future.** (Co-authored with N. Brooks) Background paper and session reports produced for DFID/DSA Policy Forum, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008, University of Greenwich.  
[http://climateanddevelopment.nri.org/background\\_papers/brooks\\_and\\_grist\\_development\\_futures\\_i.pdf](http://climateanddevelopment.nri.org/background_papers/brooks_and_grist_development_futures_i.pdf)
  - **Climate Change and Development Futures in Burkina Faso to 2050. Workshop Report**, Ouagadougou, April 10th-11<sup>th</sup> 2008.  
[http://www.tyndall.ac.uk/research/programme4/burkina\\_faso.html](http://www.tyndall.ac.uk/research/programme4/burkina_faso.html)
  - **Development Futures with Climate Change Workshop 1 and 2.** Report from workshop. Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research Workshops 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007 and 6<sup>th</sup> June 2007.  
[http://tyndall.webapp1.uea.ac.uk/research/programme4/final\\_reports/060607.pdf](http://tyndall.webapp1.uea.ac.uk/research/programme4/final_reports/060607.pdf)  
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  - **Development and Climate: Organisational Scoping Strategy.** (Co-authored with J. Wolf), for ActionAid, 2007.
  - **Literature Review on Chronic and Extreme Poverty in Bangladesh.** (First author with J. Seeley and B. Maddox), Overseas Development Group, for CARE Bangladesh, 2006. Publication number 11 on [http://www.carebd.org/publication\\_rural\\_det.htm](http://www.carebd.org/publication_rural_det.htm)
  - **Straddling the frontier: rural-urban linkages, livelihoods and land use dynamics in Amazonia**, Unpublished PhD thesis, University of East Anglia, Norwich, 2005.
  - **Livelihoods and Land Use Survey of 31 families of 13 de Maio Illegal Landless settlement: preliminary findings.** Pró Natura, Brazil. [Portuguese and English version produced], 2003.
  - **Relatório do Primeiro Levantamento de 30 Famílias do Vale do Amanhecer:** preliminary findings from Vale do Amanhecer Legalised Landless Settlement. Pro Natura, Brazil [Portuguese version only], 2001.
  - **The Role of Women in Colonist Settlements in Eastern Amazonia**, ODG Working Paper, Norwich.[also reproduced in DFID project report], 1999.  
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