

Short Curriculum Vitae

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Nationality: British

Development Specialist with strong competence in social development, poverty analysis, childhood poverty, Gender, participation, empowerment, policy processes. 20 years experience of development. 10 years residence in developing countries including work in: China, Thailand, Mongolia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Philippines, Fiji, and visiting assignments to Ghana, Pakistan, South Africa, Mozambique, Kenya, Swaziland, Peru.

Qualifications

PhD, Anthropology, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. 18 months Anthropological Field work, Thailand.

MA, Area Studies (SE Asia), Anthropology, Politics and Development, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

BA (Hons), MA, Anthropology and Archaeology, Girton College, University of Cambridge. (Exhibition award).

Fellowships

1994 Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University.
2001 Senior Research Fellow, University of Manchester.

Employment Record

2005 – Date. Research Fellow, Programme Leader - Social Development, Childhood and Gender, Overseas Development Institute, London. Associate Director, Chronic Poverty Research Centre, Manchester University and ODI. www.chronicpoverty.org

- Programme on social development: gender, childhood, youth, exclusion, societal change, civil actors
- Director for Chronic Poverty Policy Analysis and Engagement and Associate Director - intergenerational and life course poverty transfers.
- Poverty and Chronic Poverty policy analysis, with a focus on social relations, empowerment, exclusion, inclusion, childhood, family and life course. Participation, empowerment and the policy process
- Writer and editorial group - Second Chronic Poverty Report

2001-2005 Director, Childhood Poverty Research and Policy Centre (CHIP), Save the Children and University of Manchester. Director, Young Lives, Save the Children and Partners.

- Develop and direct programmes of research, policy analysis, engagement and dissemination on childhood poverty and chronic poverty.
- Global coverage with regional focus on transitional economies, India, China, Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan. www.childhoodpoverty.org.
- Initiate and Co-Direct research programme tracing cohorts of children over 15 years, India, Peru, Ethiopia, Vietnam www.younglives.org.uk

1996-2001 Head of Research and Development, Save the Children Fund (UK) (97-01). Head of Overseas Research, Save the Children (UK) (95-97)

- Development of organisation wide research, monitoring and evaluation systems, workshop and training programmes.
- Development of research, policy analysis and programme advice on child labour, micro finance, micro-macro linking, civil society.
- Recruitment and management of up to 16 staff and consultants.
- Publication of books, articles and manuals

1992 – 1996 Social Development Advisor, East and SE Asia, Save the Children Fund (UK), Bangkok.

- Research, policy analysis and programme advice on participation, empowerment, social relations and community development – China, Vietnam, Mongolia, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Philippines, Fiji, Myanmar.
- Develop and deliver regional training in social research, monitoring and evaluation.
- Develop course in development studies, SE Asia, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Undertake research and policy analysis on poverty, childhood, social policy.
- Collaborate with Donors regionally regarding social development (e.g. World Bank adjustment and poverty alleviation programme, Mongolia).

1987 – 91 Research and Social development Advisor, Peoples Republic of China. Employers: United Nations: UNWFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, CIDA, Oxfam UK.

- Advice to Government of China on rural development projects, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation.
- Work with multi-disciplinary teams to develop programmes and projects.
- Advise team and government on social development issues, including gender, minority/majority relations and social relations and poverty.
- Monitor and Evaluate programmes.
- Train Chinese staff.

Selected Services & Consultations

DFID ESCOR, committee services and selection team for first round research centres, 1998-2003
 Advisor, UNICEF, Innocenti IRC Programme of Research, 2005 – date
 World Bank/ Donors, Special programme of Action on Africa (with IDS), 'child poverty', 1999
 World Bank, Aid Effectiveness and Annual Meetings, 'Donors, participation and empowerment'
 Open University, Contributions to Curriculum for Masters Development Course, 1996
 ID21, IDS, Advisory Group, Research Dissemination Body, 1998 - 2003
 NGO Working Group on the World Bank (International), Committee Member and Treasurer, 96-99

Selected Reports and Publications

- 2009, Harper, Brind and Moore, Education for Migrant, Minority and Marginalised Children in Europe, forthcoming ODI working paper.
- 2008, Editorial team and co writer, The Chronic Poverty Report 2008-09, *Escaping Poverty Traps*, CPRC, Manchester.
- 2008, Who are the ultra poor and how can we solve their poverty? *Rural 2*, Vol. 42. No.5/2008
- 2008, Why are children's rights invisible, ODI opinion 119
- 2005, Breaking Poverty Cycles: The Importance of Action in Childhood, *CHIP Policy Briefing*, London
- 2003, with Marcus, R. and Moore, K, Enduring poverty and the Conditions of Childhood: Life course and Intergenerational poverty Transmissions, *World Development*, Vol.31, No.3:535-555
- 2003, with Sophie Laws & Rachel Marcus, *Research for Development: A Practical Guide*, Sage and Save the Children.
- 2002, Editorial, JID Special Issue on Childhood Poverty, *Journal of International Development*, Vol. 14:No.8: 1075-1081.
- 2001, Do the Facts Matter? NGOs, Research and Policy Advocacy, in Edwards, M. & Gaventa, J., *Global Citizen Action*, Lynne Rienner Publishers
- 2000, with Rachel Marcus, Mortgaging the Future, the Long Term Costs of Child Poverty in Africa", in *Development, the Journal of the Society for International Development*, Vol.43.1, *A Children's Agenda for the New Millennium*.
- 1996, Strengthening Civil Society in Transitional East Asia; The Role of Foreign Donor Agencies", in *NGOs, Civil Society and the State*, INTRAC Publications, Oxford
- 1996, Linking the Micro and the Macro – Using Grassroots Experience in Policy Design", *Journal of International Development*, Vol. 9 (5)
- 1994, An Assessment of Vulnerable Groups in Mongolia; Strategies for Social Policy Planning "World Bank Discussion Papers; 229 EAP Region Series, China and Mongolia Department, IBRD, Washington

Blogs and Opinions

- 2008, Why are children's rights invisible? <http://www.odi.org.uk/resources/odi-publications/opinions/119-children-rights-invisible-human-rights-day.pdf>
- 2009, Tackling violence against women: High in rhetoric, low in practice? <http://blogs.odi.org.uk/blogs/main/archive/2008/11/20/5710.aspx>
- 2009, Obama and childhood poverty: Learning across the north-south divide is critical to tackle childhood poverty <http://blogs.odi.org.uk/blogs/main/archive/2009/01/20/6963.aspx>