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KEY EXPERIENCE

- Over ten years research and management experience at the interface of disaster risk management and climate change adaptation.
- Present research focusing on the poverty and governance dimensions of climate change and disaster risk management in developing countries.
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Coordinating Lead Author, Special Report on Extremes Events and Lead Author, 5th Assessment Report.
- Senior global advisor to the Climate and Development Knowledge Network for research and knowledge management.
- Research and programme director of a series of high profile initiatives including:
 - 'AfricaAdapt', the largest adaptation knowledge sharing network in Africa
 - The Strengthening Climate Resilience through Climate Smart Disaster Risk Management Consortium
 - Adaptive Social Protection
- Author of wide range of academic, policy-oriented and media focused articles, including the edited volume: *Poverty in a Changing Climate*.
- Broad geographical experience in Africa, South East Asia and the Caribbean

QUALIFICATIONS

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| 2006 | PhD 'Building Disaster Resilient Future: Lessons from Participatory research in St Kitts and Montserrat'
Department of Geography, University College London |
| 2002 | MA Geography
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey |
| 1999 | BA Geography
St. Catharine's College, Cambridge University |
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CAREER

Aug 2010 to
date

Head of Climate Change, Environment and Forests Programme

ODI, London, UK

- Co-ordinator of the cross-ODI climate change theme
- Head of the Adaptation and Resilience Research Group
- Senior advisor to the £60m Climate Change and Development Knowledge Network with PWC, Lead International, SouthSouthNorth, FFLA and INTRAC
- Co-ordinating Lead Author on the IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters for Advancing Adaptation to Climate Change.
- Lead Author on the IPCC 5th Assessment Report, *Poverty and Livelihoods* chapter.

Oct 2005 to Aug
2010

Research Fellow, Climate Change and Development Centre

Institute of Development Studies, UK

- **Co-founder, Learning Hub on Climate Resilient Low Carbon Development**
Learning hub to help bilateral agency staff be party to the latest thinking on climate resilient low carbon development, which has the makings of becoming a new focus for development research, policy and practice.
- **Project and Research Director, Strengthening Climate Resilience**
£1.1m DFID-funded project with IDS leading a NGO consortium to develop a body of theory and evidence on climate-smart disaster risk management to influence policy and programme development.
- **Programme Manager, AfricaAdapt**
African wide knowledge sharing network that is trialling a new model of knowledge intermediaries and researching the utility of knowledge for adaptation to climate change along with the political economy dimensions of knowledge production and sharing.
- **Research seminar co-ordinator, Pro-poor Adaptation**
ESRC-funded seminar network on pro-poor adaptation which led to the IDS bulletin publication – *Poverty in a Changing Climate*
- **Co-founder, Children in a Changing Climate**
Co-founded the coalition – now the world's largest grouping of organisations looking the impact of climate change on children's lives.
- **Co-ordinating Lead Author and Advisor, UN Global Assessment of Disaster Risk**
Leading IDS' section of the assessment dealing with the links between rural disaster risk and poverty.

- **Project manager, Climate Resilience in Asian Cities**
Leading analysis of the governance characteristics of ten Asian cities, exploring their suitability to implement climate change resilience programmes.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mar 2008 to May 2008	Convenor, Climate Change and Disasters Module Masters Programmes, Institute of Development Studies
Jan 2005 to Mar 2005	Teaching 'Environment, Risk and Health' Options Model UCL MSC Course, Environment, Science and Society
Jan 2005 to Apr 2005	Tutor Department of Geography, UCL
Sep 2002 to present	Supervisor, Masters programme in Geophysical Hazards UCL
Jan 2001 to Jun 2001	Part-time Lecturer 'Geographical Background to Current World Affairs' Rutgers University Geography course for Second year undergraduates

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Member of the Association of American Geographers
- Associate Fellow of Benfield Hazard Research Centre
- Trustee of the Koru Foundation (2008 – 2010)

SELECTION OF PUBLICATIONS

Books and Journals

- 2011 'Chapter 6: National Systems for Managing the Risks of Climate Extremes', Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters for Advancing Climate Change Adaptation. Lal, P., Mitchell, T., Aldunce, P., Auld, H, Mechler, R., Miyan, A., Romano, L. Zakaria, S. *Forthcoming*.
- 2011 'Linking Disaster Risk Management and Low Carbon Development', Urban, F. and Mitchell, T. Accepted for publication in *Climate and Development*. *Pending*.
- 2011 'ICT-enabled knowledge sharing in North-South partnerships: Lessons from the AfricaAdapt Network'. Harvey, B. and Mitchell, T. Chapter accepted for publication in *ICTs and Climate Change*, University of Manchester. *Forthcoming*.
- 2008 '*Poverty in a Changing Climate*' *IDS Bulletin 29(4)* Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK. Tanner, T. and Mitchell, T (eds.)
- 2008 'Island Disaster Para-Diplomacy in the Commonwealth' in Baldacchino, G. and Milne, D (eds) *The Case for Non-sovereignty: Lessons from Sub-national Island Jurisdictions*, Routledge. Kelman, I., Davies, M., Mitchell, T., Orr, I and Conrich, B.

- 2008 'The Role of Children and Youth in Communicating Disaster Risk', *Children, Youth and Environments*, Vol. 18, No. 1, Mitchell, T., Haynes, K., Choong, W., Hall, N., and Oven, K., 254-279
- 2008 Framing volcanic risk communication within disaster risk reduction: findings ways for the social and physical sciences to work together' in 'Community Environmental Geoscience', special issue of the *Geological Society of London*. 305, 163–177. Barclay, J., Haynes, K., Mitchell, T., Solana. C., Teeuw, R., Darnell, A., Crosswell, S., Cole, P., Pyle, D., Lowe, C., Fearnley, C., Kelman, I.
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- 2005 Chapter 4: 'Research and Information Exchange: How Disaster Management Organisations Learn' in J. Salter and R. Gerber (eds.) *Civil Care and Security: A Societal View*, Mitchell, T.
- 2002 'Discussion Article: Montserrat and the Second Hazards Assessment – a response' in *Natural Hazards Review* May 2002, 76-77. Mitchell, T.

Working Papers and Briefings

- 2011 *Climate Change, Disasters and Electricity Generation*. Strengthening Climate Resilience Discussion Paper 8. Institute of Development Studies. Urban, F. and Mitchell, T.
- 2010 'Defining Climate Compatible Development', *Climate and Development Knowledge Network*. Policy Brief, November 2010.
- 2010 *Assessing Progress on Integrating Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in Development Processes*. Institute of Development Studies: Strengthening Climate Resilience Programme. Brighton: Institute of Development Studies, Mitchell, T., Van Aalst, M. And Villaneuva, P.
- 2010 *Climate Smart Disaster Risk Management*. Strengthening Climate Resilience. Brighton: Institute of Development Studies. Mitchell, T.; Ibrahim, M.; Harris, K.; Hedger, M.; Polack, E.; Ahmed, A.; Hall, N.; Hawrylyshyn, K.; Nightingale, K.; Onyango, M.; Adow, M.; Sajjad, M., 2010.
- 2010 *Climate Smart Disaster Risk Management in Brief*. Mitchell, T. and Ibrahim, M. Institute of Development Studies: Strengthening Climate Resilience Programme.
- 2010 *Greening Disaster Risk: Issues at the Interface of Disaster Risk Management and Low Carbon Development*. Strengthening Climate Resilience Discussion Paper 3. Institute of Development Studies. Urban, F., Mitchell, T. and Villaneuva, P.S.
- 2009 'Climate Change Adaptation', *Disaster Risk Reduction and Social Protection: Complimentary Roles in Agriculture and Rural Growth?* IDS Working Paper 320, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex Davies, M., Guenther, B., Leavy, J., Mitchell T., and Tanner, T.
- 2009 'Urban Governance for Adaptation: Assessing Climate Change Resilience in Ten Asian Cities'. IDS Working Paper 315, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex. Tanner, T., Mitchell, T., Polack, E. and Guenther, B.
- 2009 'Children's Voices for Disaster Risk Reduction: Lessons From El Salvador and the Philippines', *Children in a Changing Climate Working Paper*, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK. Mitchell, T., Tanner, T. and Haynes, K.

- 2008 'Evaluating Climate Change Adaptation from a Development Perspective', IDS Research Report (Commissioned by the Global Environment Facility). Hedger, M.M., Mitchell, T., Leavy, J., Greeley, M. and Downie, A.
- 2008 'Principles for Delivery Adaptation Finance: A Briefing Note', IDS Policy Briefing, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex. Mitchell, T., Anderson, S. and Huq, S.
- 2008 'Entrenchment or Enhancement', *Could Climate Change Adaptation Help Reduce Chronic Poverty?* Working Paper 106, Chronic Poverty Research Centre, Manchester. T Mitchell and Tanner, T.
- 2007 'Climate Change Adaptation', IDS In Focus series issue 2, November 2007, series of eight articles. Mitchell, T. and Tanner, T.
- 2007 'Routes to Island Disaster Resilience' id21 insights, Issue #70, November 2007, Mitchell, T. and Haynes
- 2003 'An Operational Framework for Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction'. *Benfield Hazard Research Centre Disaster Studies Working Paper 8*. Available online at www.benfieldhrc.org. Mitchell, T.

Commissioned Reports, Conference Proceedings and Blogs

- 2011 'Mapping Existing Donor Funded Adaptation Investments'. Report for the UK Department for International Development. Mitchell, T., Brown, J. and Standley, S.
- 2011 'Considering the case for a Strategic Adaptation Forum'. Report for the UK Department for International Development, Glennie, J., Mitchell, T., Manuel, M. and Jones, L.
- 2011 'Anticipation and Resilience? Assessing the Government's response to the Humanitarian Emergency Response Review'. Overseas Development Institute blog post.
- 2011 'Financing improvements in the governance of climate risk'. Climate and Development Knowledge Network blog post
- 2011 'Why is Britain ending support to UNISDR'. Reuters Alert Net blog post
- 2010 'Climate Smart' Disaster Risk Reduction. Overseas Development Institute blog post
- 2009 'Adaptation and Poverty Reduction: Reflections on Research and Practice'. Proceedings of the Scoping Meeting for the Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters for Advancing Adaptation to Climate Change, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Oslo 2009.
- 2008 'Disaster Risk and Rural Poverty'. Commissioned Report for the UN Global Assessment Report on Disaster Reduction, UNISDR. Mitchell, T., Sabates-Wheeler, R., Devereux, S., Tanner, T., Davies, M. and Leavy, J.
- 2008 'Convergence of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation'. Report for UK Department for International Development. Mitchell, T. and van Aalst, M.
- 2008 'Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation and Human Security; Report prepared for the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs by the Global Environmental Change and Human Security GECHS Project. O'Brien, K., Sygna, L., Leichenko, R., Adger, W.N, Barnett, J., Mitchell, T., Schipper, L., Tanner, T., Vogel, C. and Mortreux, C.
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- 2007 'We know what we need'. *South Asian women speak out on climate change adaptation*. Institute of Development Studies and Action Aid International, Johannesburg, Lussier, K., Mitchell, T. and Tanner, T.
- 2006 'Overcoming the Barriers: mainstreaming climate change adaptation in developing countries'. Tearfund Mitchell, T. and Tanner, T.
- 2006 'Adapting to Climate Change: *Challenges and opportunities for the development community*'. Tearfund. Mitchell, T. and Tanner, T.
- 2006 'On Better Terms, *A Glance at Key Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Concepts*' UN-ISDR, Consultation Version. Juneja, S., Llosa, S. and Mitchell, T.
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- 2004 'Book Review of Pugh, J. and Potter, R. (eds) *Participatory Planning in the Caribbean*' in *Landscape Research* 29 (3), 316-317. Mitchell, T
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