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CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME	SUE UNSWORTH
DATE OF BIRTH	26 June 1948
NATIONALITY	British
LANGUAGES	Operational French

EXPERTISE

Sue Unsworth combines extensive experience as a development practitioner with an interest in making the findings of political science research accessible and relevant to policymakers. During 30 years with the UK's Department for International Development (DFID) she was involved in designing and implementing bilateral aid programmes, in central and southern Africa and in South Asia. As DFID's Regional Director for Asia (1997-2000) she played a strategic policymaking and representational role. Her interest in the political economy of growth and poverty reduction derives directly from that practical experience, as well as her training as an historian.

She was one of the main initiators of DFID's "Drivers of Change" programme, including preparation of the DFID consultation paper 'Better Government for Poverty Reduction: more effective partnerships for change' published in 2003. This advocated the need for donors to gain much better understanding of the underlying structures and political and institutional history of the countries they are working in, and awareness of how that shapes the incentives to which political actors and policymakers respond. Her final appointment with DFID was as Chief Governance Adviser (2003-2004).

Since 2004 she has been a Research Associate at the Institute of Development Studies, where she has worked with the Centre for the Future State to help disseminate the findings of that research and draw out its implications for policymakers. She has also undertaken related consultancy assignments for a range of bilateral donors, most recently helping to design a Strategic Governance and Anti-corruption analytical framework for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Sue is a member of the Advisory Board for the IDS Development Research Centre on the Future State; a member of the ODI Council and Board of Trustees; and a Principal of The Policy Practice.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1970: BA in Modern History (First class honours) St. Hilda's College
Oxford

RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

- Current: Research Associate, IDS; Principal, The Policy Practice
- September 2003 - April 2004 Chief Governance Adviser, UK Department for International Development
- September 2000 - 2003 Unpaid leave from DFID, working on the Drivers of Change programme
- 1997 - 2000 DFID's Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific
- 1993 - 1997 Head of DFID's bilateral programme to India, and first head of its decentralised office in New Delhi
- 1989 - 1993 In Malawi, as head of DFID's regional office for Southern Africa
- 1971 - 1989 A range of policy and management roles in DFID, including Head of Personnel (1985 - 1989) and Private Secretary to the Minister (1979 - 1981)
- 1981 - 1982 In Washington DC as Harkness Fellow on the American Political Science Association's Congressional Programme

KEY RECENT RESEARCH AND CONSULTANCY WORK

2010-11 Support to the European Commission (DEVCO) on the preparation of Project and Programme Cycle Management Guidelines. Preparation of analytical tools for country and sector level political economy analysis. From November 2010

2010 Preparation of 'An Upside-down View of Governance'; consultancy for the OECD/DAC to prepare analytical framework on international drivers of governance and corruption; preparatory work for UNDP to develop a political economy framework; consultant on political economy for FLEGT support team, European Forest Institute.

2009 Consultancy for OECD/INCAF on legitimacy in Fragile States; adviser to INCAF on state-building guidance; input to DFID White paper on the global context for fragile states; presenter to UNDP 'Leading' seminar, and high level governance event; and to FAU annual conference.

2008 Policy paper for OECD/DAC/Govnet on Taxation and Governance; DSA panellist.

2007 Presenter at PSA Development Politics Group 2nd Annual Conference, IDD University of Birmingham; panellist at Brussels conference on Governance and Corruption (World Bank/OECD/Belgian government)

2006 Consultant with the Clingendael Institute of the Netherlands to prepare an analytical framework on governance and anti-corruption for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Hague

2006 Presentation with IDS colleagues of research findings from Centre for the Future State to annual conference of the Global Development Network

2006 Member of the reference group for DFID study on regional Drivers of Change in East Africa

2005-6 Consultancy assignment for DFID evaluating the impact of Drivers of Change analysis on programmes in Kenya and Ghana.

2005 Input to Canadian government's review of development aid strategy (preparation of a paper for officials and presentation to a Ministerial round table)

2005 Member of a four person team led by COWI to prepare a report for the DAC Govnet on the experience of selected donors in conducting political and institutional analysis

2005 Seminar for DFID Kenya with the Kenya Revenue Authority

2004 Input to strategy development for International IDEA, Stockholm

PUBLICATIONS

- 2010 'An Upside-down View of Governance', IDS, Brighton; 'Societies, States and Development', IDS, Brighton.
2010 The Legitimacy of the State in Fragile Situations', OECD/DAC, Incaf.
2009 JID article 'What's Politics Got to Do with It?'. 'Assuring Our Common Future in a Globalised World: the global context of conflict and state fragility', with Mick Moore and Anna Schmidt: paper for DFID.
- 2008 Strategic Governance and Anti-corruption Framework, for Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2007 "Can Political Science Speak to Policymakers?": paper for PSA Development Policy Group 2nd Annual Conference
- 2007 "How does Taxation affect the Quality of Governance?": IDS briefing paper, with Mick Moore
- 2006 "Britain's New White Paper: Making Governance Work for the Poor": review article with Mick Moore in Development Policy Review 2006, 24(6)
- 2006 "Getting Real about Governance", IDS Policy Brief
- 2006 "Getting Better Governance: Insights from New Research" for the Trocaire Development Review
- 2005 "Signposts to More Effective States: Responding to Governance Challenges in Developing Countries", IDS
- 2005 "Focussing Aid on Good Governance: Can aid donors make a difference?", Global Economic Governance Programme
- 2003 "Better Government for Poverty Reduction: More Effective Partnerships for Change" published as a discussion paper by DFID
- 2001 - 2002 Unpublished papers, widely disseminated, including "Understanding Pro-Poor Change" (July 2001); "Understanding Incentives and Capacity for Poverty Reduction" (July 2002); "Rethinking Civil Society in Rwanda" (November 2002, jointly with Peter Uvin)

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