

CDS PROJECTS

- **WeD** Research Group on Wellbeing in Developing Countries ESRC (2002-2007): www.welldev.org.uk
- Poverty Dynamics and Life Trajectories Chronic Poverty Research Group, IDPM/ODI
- Human Development Training UNDP; University of Bethlehem (EU)
- Religion, values and wellbeing. Religion and Development RPC (led University of Birmingham, (2005-10) www.rad.bham.ac.uk)
- Economic Empowerment of the Poorest Challenge Fund. Consortium led Harewell International Ltd 2007-2012 (DFID)
- Imp-Act Action Research (2000-2005) with 31 microfinance organizations and IDS Sussex. (Ford Foundation)

ID Teaching at Bath

MPhil/PhD in International Development
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MSc Globalisation & International Policy Analysis
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A. **POLICY AND POLITICS** spans national and international politics, cross-national comparisons, and the local dynamics of entitlement and allocation. It includes: formal and informal **welfare and (in)security regimes**; the **politics of religion and ethnicity**; federalism, de-centralization, **conflict and post-conflict** development; **patronage, participation** and the politics of **development intervention**.

B. **MARKETS AND MICRO FINANCE** Studies span the range from **international trade** to local market structures, offering innovation in theory, methods and development practice. **Impact Assessment** critically reviews the rapid growth of the microfinance industry and helps providers learn more about the impact of their work. **Gender Analysis** explores how markets are affected by political structures and cultural norms.

C. **SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND CULTURAL IDENTITIES** This considers how social and cultural structures and identities figure in development policy and programme intervention. It involves detailed analysis of specific contexts, forms of action, and modes of thought. It includes work on **NGOs and social movements**; **gender, race and child rights**; and **religion**.

D. **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT** connects concerns with biodiversity and environmental protection to supporting the livelihoods of the poor. **Sustainable Wellbeing Analysis** offers an integrated approach to building social science capacity in natural resource management.



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CDS Bath combines

- primary research into the practical realities of global poverty
- direct engagement with development practice and policy processes

CDS encompasses disciplines across the social sciences, including economics, sociology, social anthropology and politics.

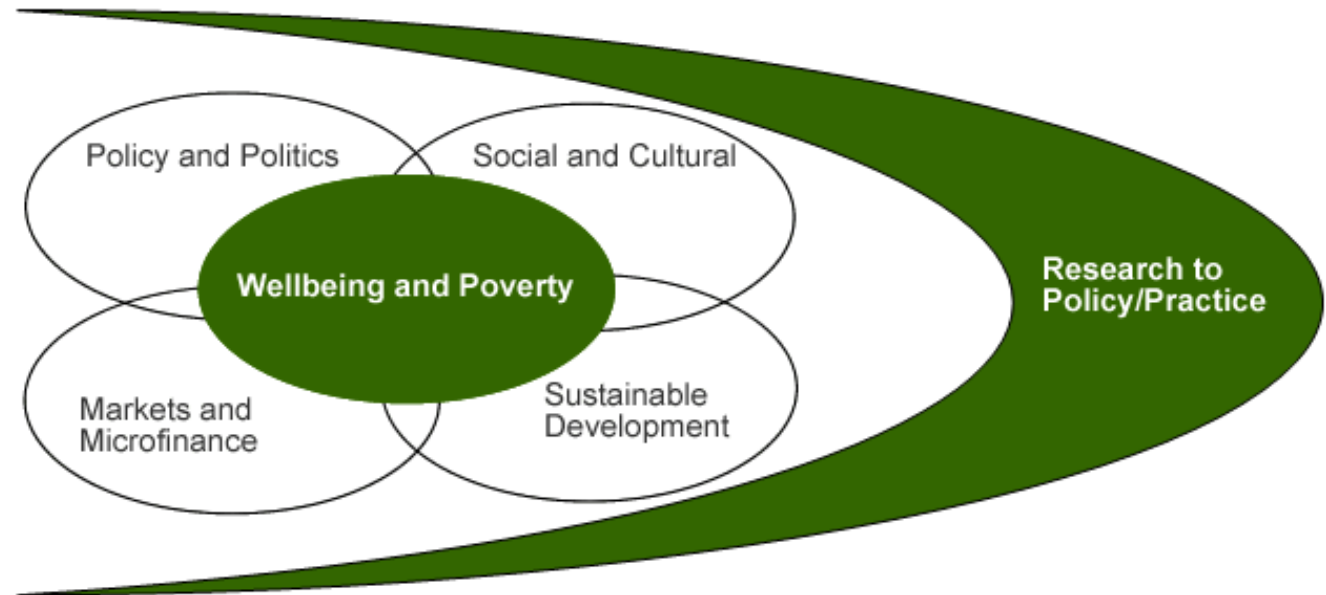
We aim:

- to engage theory with policy and practice
- to locate the local and cultural within the national and international
- to explore the processes not simply outcomes of change
- to address disciplinary debates and promote interdisciplinary collaboration

CDS is committed to maximizing the effectiveness of research in development practice and policy making. We have extensive experience of working with multi-lateral and bi-lateral, government and non-governmental agencies.

CDS is concerned with development throughout the world. In addition to work that takes a global perspective, we focus in particular on: South Asia: Bangladesh, India and Pakistan; Latin America: Argentina and Peru; Sub-Saharan Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa and Zambia; South East Asia: the Philippines and Thailand.

CDS RESEARCH



Wellbeing and Poverty

Wellbeing and Poverty provide the central focus of CDS Research. CDS Bath is a world leader in applying wellbeing analysis to development contexts. **Wellbeing analysis** combines material, relational and subjective perspectives to provide a holistic, integrated and person-centred approach. Grounded in interdisciplinary research with country teams in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Thailand and Peru, it addresses the fundamental questions of how 'development' is to be understood, and the structures, relations and processes that promote or prevent it. **Poverty Analysis** focuses on the persistence of poverty, and generating innovative methodologies to comprehend and address it.

Research into wellbeing and poverty is integrated with four associated themes: Policy and Politics; Markets and Microfinance; Social Structures and Cultural Identities; Environment and Sustainable Development. More detail on the specific research conducted under these themes is shown overleaf.

Research to Policy and Practice

Animating all CDS research is concern with its significance to development policy and practice. How to promote effective communication between research and policy-makers is itself a focus of study, cutting across all the research themes, with a particular emphasis on **Qualitative Analysis** in assessing research effectiveness.