

**Development Studies Association of Ireland**  
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**the Irish Forum for Global Health**  
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**HEALTH AND GENDER EQUITY**  
**IN A PERIOD OF GLOBAL CRISIS**  
**Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway**  
**28-29 November 2013**

**Call for Abstracts: Closing Date 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Abstracts are invited from individuals, partnerships and organizations around any of the following themes or combinations of them (for more information about the themes:

- health equity
- gender equity
- global crisis

Submissions may take the form of research findings, evaluations of programmes and projects, lessons from the field, or other forms of systematic learning on development, health and gender issues.

The conference will include plenary sessions with panels of invited international and national speakers, and oral presentations and posters based on abstracts submitted.

Abstracts will be considered for **oral presentations** and **posters**

Abstracts must not exceed **300 words** and should conform to the guidelines below. All abstracts need to be submitted by e-mail to: [2013conference@globalhealth.ie](mailto:2013conference@globalhealth.ie) before **15<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (12:00PM)**.

Authors will be informed of the outcome of the selection process by 20<sup>th</sup> October. If selected for presentation, authors will be invited to submit their full paper no later than November 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a EUR500 prize for the best student full paper submission.

Further information about the conference, registration and speakers will be posted on the DSAI, IFGH and Gender ARC websites.

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## **ABSTRACT GUIDELINES**

*Title:* should be concise (maximum 100 characters), in bold capital letters.

*Authors:* a maximum of ten authors per abstract are allowed, or alternatively up to three authors and a network name. Authors' names as follows: surname followed by initials (e.g. Murphy, M.). The presenting author's name should be underlined.

*Corresponding author:* Contact details and email address of corresponding author should be included. The person who submits the abstract is responsible for notifying all co- authors.

*Affiliations:* an affiliation (institution/organisation and country) should be included for each author.

*Abstract text:* must not exceed 300 words (excluding above 4 points) and should be informative, containing not more than 4 paragraphs (see below for options).

*Font:* Arial font size 11.

*Document type:* Submission in English only as a Microsoft Word or Open Office document.

For each abstract you submit, select one of the two **abstract options** below. Please write concise statements under the appropriate headings. If you are uncertain about which format to use please email your ideas/draft to [2013conference@globalhealth.ie](mailto:2013conference@globalhealth.ie) and a member of the conference committee will get back to you.

**OPTION 1:** *This is most suited for scientific / empirical research findings.*

*Aims:* Specify the aim/objectives of the study following a brief background statement

*Methods:* Outline methods used, for example study design, study population, type of analysis

*Results:* Summarise the results of the study and key findings

*Discussion / conclusion:* Outline the main implications of the study for practice or advocacy. It is not sufficient to state: "results will be discussed".

**OPTION 2:** *This is most suited for presenting lessons from the field; project and programme evaluations; and syntheses or analyses that present new knowledge.*

*Issues:* Specify the issue(s) being addressed

*Description:* Describe the intervention, project, experience, service and/or advocacy.

*Lessons learned:* Summarise conclusions and implications of the intervention or project. Data that support the lessons learned and provide evidence for the conclusions must be included.

*Next steps:* Recommendations for policy, practice and/or advocacy.

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### **Conference themes**

The DSAI 2013 annual conference will be a collaborative event in association with two other Ireland-wide research networks - the Irish Forum on Global Health (IFGH) and the Gender Advanced Research Consortium (Gender ARC). It seeks to fulfil one of the DSAI objectives, namely to build an inclusive and participatory platform for development studies in Ireland. It is committed also to enhancing the development debate and the interactions between theory, policy and practice. By working in partnership with the two specialist Irish networks our aim is to maximise research collaboration and capacity, and minimise the risks of fragmenting research across these fields.

We welcome proposals for papers around any of the following themes or combinations of them.

#### **Health equity**

Poverty and poor health are directly related. The global economic crisis and accompanying austerity measures threaten the gains made in population health, and weaken public services, including health systems. The public health effects of the crisis are clearly visible and evidence is emerging that health inequities between and within countries are widening. Worsening poverty and declining services have a synergistic effect. Falling incomes affect nutrition and unhealthy behaviours. Mental health is highly sensitive to economic downturn, with increasing rates of suicide in many countries. The World Health Organisation has described how the crisis is increasing vulnerability and depleting the coping capabilities of individuals and communities.

#### **Gender equity**

The ongoing economic crisis from 2007 is a significant challenge to women and men across the globe, and more so in the Global South as it came on top of concurrent food and fuel crises. The 'triple crisis' has important ramifications for gender equality in southern economies reinforcing pre-existing disadvantage, deepening poverty, and accelerating other crises such as HIV epidemic. Others argue that the 'triple

crisis' has affected gender relations within households with some suggesting a reversal of gender roles with men more engaged in caregiving. Equally governments globally, under pressure for fiscal consolidation, are increasingly introducing 'austerity' budgets with important repercussions for both the productive and reproductive spheres.

### **Global Crisis**

We meet in period of open crisis of the global development order. We need to ask how the development agenda is being transformed by the unprecedented economic turmoil since the banking crisis of 2008-9 and its subsequent effects North and South. The end of the current phase of the MDGs also opens up a new scenario. In short we pose the need for a rethinking of development paradigms. The end of neoliberal globalisation and the rise of the South poses serious challenges to accepted development perspectives in the North. New issues are also being posed which need to be debated by the development community in Ireland.

For further information please contact the conference organisers:

[2013conference@globalhealth.ie](mailto:2013conference@globalhealth.ie).