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The value of inclusive states is widely recognized in development, but it is not so clear that they are the norm. The question of whether and how inclusive states are possible is increasingly important in a world in which there have been significant gains in access, participation, and accountability mechanisms.

The politics of natural resources is the second major focus of ESID research on inclusive economic growth. One of our main foci is revisiting the notion of the “resource curse” through the lens of political settlements, comparing the evolution of state capacity in Ghana and Uganda. Another project is conducting a comparative analysis of natural resource interventions in Latin America and Africa, focusing on learning from past experiences to inform future policy, public policy, law and development.

The political economy of ideas is central to our understanding of inclusive development. At a country-level they are investigating the politics of growth dynamics, testing whether such phenomena are found in other contexts, either in state capacity, elite commitment, or state-business relations.

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WORKING WITH SOUTHERN PARTNERS

One of ESID’s core objectives is to strengthen the links between Northern and Southern research institutions, making sure that our work is informed by the latest in-country knowledge and expertise, and by leading to an international academic playing field which has so far privileged Northern scholars. Over the years, we have collaborated with a range of Southern organizations—both established and emerging—recognized institutions in their respective countries: University of Oxford and DfID Development Institute at BAC (Bangladesh); Cambodia Development Research Institute (CDRI); Copenhagen Business School; Indian Statistical Institute; Institute for Economic Growth (Delhi); Institute of Rural Management (Ahmedabad); National Institute for Urban Affairs (Delhi); National Planning Authority (India); National Institute for Urban Affairs in the pursuit of better infrastructure and urban poor in India organize, mobilize, and develop a political agenda: our research projects ultimately seek to understand this translated into greater aid effectiveness. At the moment ESID researchers are also refining our understanding of public sector reform as a transnational agenda, and we will soon put these ideas to the test in a comparative study. This translates into greater aid effectiveness. At the moment ESID researchers are also refining our understanding of for instance, governance and development funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) for the benefit of developing countries. More importantly, much of our research involves the direct participation of Southern partners, both governmental and non-governmental. In Uganda we work with the National Planning Authority in the design of the next National Development Plan. In Ghana and Bangladesh we are supplying political economy analysis (PEA) in their aid relations with Ghana, Uganda and Bangladesh: our objective is to help donor agencies determine whether they have in fact become more politically savvy over the last decade, and if so whether this translates into greater aid effectiveness. At the moment ESID researchers are also refining our understanding of public sector reform as a transnational agenda, and we will soon put these ideas to the test in a comparative study.

GENDER, SPACE AND EQUITY: THE POLITICS OF RECOGNITION

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At a purely analytical level, ESID is interrogating the concepts and indicators that allow us to make claims about aid effectiveness and to reorient our institutional capacity and approach policy. As a more practical level we are working with DFID and the World Bank on a comparative study of how they build close links with state and civil society. And the NREGA study has sought to build close links with state and civil society ‘policy champions’ through a Policy Reference Group which will serve as a major conduit for dissemination of our findings. However, the views expressed and information contained in it are not necessarily those of or endorsed by DFID, which can accept no responsibility for such views or information or for any reliance placed on them.

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Our collaboration research and institutional support has a particular emphasis in building across senior Southern researchers in Northern and South-south networks and partnerships, and stimulating the teaching and writing capacity of promoting young researchers. The ultimate goal for Southern partners to develop independent capacity for the analysis of their country’s most pressing development challenges.

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