

INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (IDS)-RESEARCH SEMINAR



Global Open Access: Shifting Aims, Important Implications

Abstract

Tracing its roots back to scholar-led online initiatives in the 1990s, Open Access has since become both a political movement to democratise scholarly knowledge, and a highly profitable business model that threatens Open Access by imposing new costs on scholarly publishing. Insufficient attention has been paid to the structure and hidden costs of various models of Open Access, and their implications for scholars from low resource disciplines and research environments. Is Open Access a universal good, or is there a need to reflect on how scholarly openness is structured, and to ensure that it operates according to standards of epistemic justice and decolonization of knowledge? This research seminar will explore shifting debates about Open Access.

Bio of the Speakers

Dr. Angela Okune

Angela is an Associate Editor for Open Access journal, *Engaging Science, Technology, and Society*. Having interest in Nairobi's tech research sector, she co-founded and maintains an experimental, open ethnographic data portal called Research Data Share (www.researchdatashare.org). She received her doctorate in Anthropology from the University of California, Irvine, and currently works as a Senior Program Manager at Code for Science and Society.

Prof. Kate Meagher

Kate is an Associate Professor in Development Studies at the Department of International Development, London School of Economics and Political Science. She has published widely on African informal economies and development, most recently, 'Infrastructures of Inclusion: Inclusive Economies, Informal Workers and the Social Contract', *Development and Change* (2021). She is also the editor of a special collection on 'Decolonizing Open Access in Development Research', *Development and Change*, (2021).

Speakers



Dr. Anjela Okune



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Register in advance for this meeting:

Date: February 10th, 2022

Time: 4:00p.m. - 6:00p.m. Nairobi

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