

OWLTALK: Aid - Benefit or Burden?

We are continually exhorted to give help to developing countries. Charities and NGO's thrive on it and our consciences may be eased. But does aid really help?

Do we make a difference or merely sustain the very structures and problems we hope to change? But if not aid – then what can be done in an increasingly globalised world economy? Does Chinese investment trump Western aid? What role can national and local governments most usefully play?

Two complementary presentations by two very distinguished individuals on this topic will provide insights and views that will challenge and inform.

Professor Franklyn Lisk

Franklyn Lisk is from Sierra Leone. He currently works at Warwick University on, among other things, global health governance, the political economy of African development and China-Africa relations. He has recently provided consultancy and technical advisory services to the African Development Bank, the World Bank, UNDP, and many other agencies and governments. From 1974 to 2005 he held various senior positions at the Geneva-based International Labour Organization (ILO)

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Yash Tandon is from Uganda and has worked as an academic, a teacher, a political thinker, a rural development worker, a civil society activist, and an institution builder. He was involved in the democratic struggles in Uganda and was member of the interim Uganda Parliament (1979-80). From 2005 to 2009 he was the Executive Director of the South Centre, an intergovernmental think-tank of the South based in Geneva. In 1997 he founded the Southern and Eastern Trade Information and Negotiations Institute (SEATINI) of which he is still the Chairman.

Followed by questions and a discussion.

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