

**‘DEVELOPMENT STUDIES’ (DS) AND ‘INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
AND HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCIES’ (IDHE) RETREAT  
CUMBERLAND LODGE**

**Monday 13 – Wednesday 15 January 2014**

**Climate Change, Resource Scarcity and Disasters**

*‘With many communities around the world experiencing extreme weather conditions, changes to agricultural cycles, longer dry seasons and rising sea levels, climate change is no longer a future challenge, but a very present risk. It is not just the direct consequences of climate change and variability, which we need to be worried about also the consequences of the consequences. These are being borne out through a number of complex and interacting factors such as weak governance, poverty, inequality, legacy of past conflicts, political instability and ethnic fault lines. These impacts take an array of forms, including political instability, food insecurity, economic weakness and internal migration.’*

Janani Vivekananda, International Alert

This retreat is designed for students enrolled on the Masters degrees in International Development and International Development and Humanitarian Emergencies to address some of the above issues in the magnificent setting of Cumberland Lodge, in the middle of Windsor Great Park and close to a most beautiful lake, Virginia Waters, on outskirts of London. Among the highlights is the climate change game, which gives players direct experience of making investment decisions in conditions of (climate change-induced) *uncertainty*. Several past cohorts have found this game not only illuminating of the dilemmas but also nail-bitingly exciting.

**Animateurs: David Keen, professor of conflict studies, LSE, author of Complex Emergencies (2008), and Robert Wade, professor of political economy, LSE, author of Governing the Market (2004)**

**Schedule of Events**

**MONDAY 13 JANUARY**

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| 16:00 | Depart LSE (outside NAB, Professor Wade) |
| 18:00 | Arrive Cumberland Lodge                  |
| 19:30 | Dinner                                   |
| 20:15 | Cumberland Lodge Welcome followed by:    |

**Film: Greedy Lying Bastards: a well-reviewed expose of the climate change denial industry**

**TUESDAY 14 JAN**

08:15 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Speaker:</b> Professor Gwyn Prins, formerly LSE Research Professor and director of Mackinder Programme for the Study of Long Wave Events</p> <p><b>Working Title:</b> “Why we disagree about climate change: understanding controversy, inaction and opportunity”</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Tea break
11:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Speaker: Dr Mareike Schomerus</b>, Research Consortium Director of the Justice and Security Research Programme, LSE</p> <p><b>Working Title:</b> “Why it is misleading to invoke climate change as the driver of violent conflicts, and how the demand for certainty in development policy-making nevertheless makes it a common practice”</p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Walkabout (or runabout) in Great Windsor Park
15:00 – 18:30	<p><b>Perspectivity Game: Making Investment Decisions in Conditions of Uncertainty about Impacts of Global Climate Change</b> (Dharmesh, dharmeshmistry@gmail.com)</p>
15:30 – 15:45	Tea served
19:30 – 20:30	Dinner
20:30 – 21:30	<p><b>Film: The Flaw</b> (David Sington): how high income/wealth concentration helped to produce the Great Recession, featuring Nobel Prize winners Stiglitz and Shiller, Leontief Prize winner Wade, and more. One of only 22 documentaries to be selected for Sundance Film Festival in 2010. The “flaw” refers to Alan Greenspan’s testimony to Congress in late 2008 that he had discovered a flaw in his ideology which had otherwise served him well for 40 years. Previous cohorts of ID students have been spellbound by the film.</p>
21:30 – 23:59	Disco and more

#### WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

08:30 – 09:00	Breakfast
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09:15 – 09:30	Group Photo
09:30 – 11:00	<p><b>Speaker: Jeffrey Mazo</b>, International Institute of Strategic Studies, consulting senior fellow in environmental security and science policy, consulting editor <i>Survival</i>.</p> <p><b>Working title:</b> “Climate change, conflict and human security: climate-driven migration and food and water insecurity, both on the ground in Darfur and NAfrica/ME and in the IPCC reports”</p>
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee
11:15 – 12:30	<p><b>Speaker: Jeffrey Mazo</b></p> <p><b>Working Title:</b> “Denialism and the climate policy debate”</p>
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch
15:00	Depart for LSE