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Preface

A transnational 'community of practice' has emerged over the past decade, interested in the most effective use of research, data and analysis in the formation of policy. The contributors to this volume are part of the community. Drawn from think tanks, universities and development agencies, they share not only an interest in research and its intellectual attractions, but also a passion for putting research to its best use.

The papers are innovative in this respect. They provide a coherent examination of policy thinking and institutional practice across national boundaries, on the questions of how, why and to what extent research informs policy in the field of international development. Making strong links between research and policy is far from straightforward when the links cross boundaries: there are problems of culture and understanding involved, but also problems of power and participation. The papers do not shy away from these problems. Collectively, they seek to advance understanding of research, not simply as a global public good, but as a policy tool of international organisations, development agencies and civil society.

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Abbreviations

ACCORD	African Centre for the Cooperative Resolution of Disputes
AERC	African Economic Research Consortium
AFSSRN	Asian Fisheries Social Science Research Network
AIDA	Accessible Information on Development Activities
AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
APQC	American Productivity and Quality Centre
ASARECA	Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASEAN-ISIS	ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Affairs
ASK	Ain o Salish Kendra
BMZ	Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany)
CACM	Central American Common Market
CAD	Canadian Dollar
CAHW	community animal health worker
CANDID	Creation, Adoption, Negation and Distortion of Ideas in Development
CCR	Centre for Conflict Resolution
CDF	Comprehensive Development Framework
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe
CERGE-EI	Centre for Economic Research and Graduate Education – Economics Institute
CFPS	Centre for Foreign Policy Studies
CGIAR	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CSCAP	Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific
CWDS	Centre for Women's Development Studies
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (of the OECD)
DAH	Decentralised Animal Health
DAHC	Decentralised Community-Based Animal Health Care
DFAIT	Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Canada)

DFID	Department for International Development
DG	Development Gateway (formerly Global Development Gateway)
DRC	Development Resource Centre (World Bank)
EADI	European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes
EC	European Commission
ED	Executive Director
EEPNET	Environmental Economics and Policy Network
EERC	Economic Education and Research Consortium
EGDI	Expert Group on Development Issues
ERF	Economic Research Forum
ERRC	European Roma Rights Centre
ESB	Education Sub-Board (Open Society Institute)
ESRC	Economic and Social Research Council
EU	European Union
EUMAP	EU Accession Monitoring Program
Eurodad	European Network on Debt and Development
FWLD	Forum for Women, Law and Development
G-24	Group of 24
GDG	Global Development Gateway (now Development Gateway)
GDN	Global Development Network
GDNet	the on-line Network associated with the GDN
GLR	Great Lakes Region
GNP	Gross National Product
GPPN	Global Public Policy Network
GRP	Global and Regional Research Program
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (German Agency for Development Cooperation)
HIPC	heavily indebted poor countries
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
HO	Home Office
ICEG	International Centre for Economic Growth
ICRIER	Indian Centre for Research on International Economic Relations
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IDA	International Development Association
IDB	InterAmerican Development Bank
IDRC	International Development Research Centre
IDS	Institute of Development Studies
IDT	International Development Target
IEA	International Economics Association
IFI	International Financial Institution
IFPRI	International Food Policy Research Institute
IGD	Institute for Global Dialogue
ILO	International Labour Organisation
IMF	International Monetary Fund

IMPACT	International Model for Policy Analysis and Agricultural Commodity Trade
INGOs	international non-governmental organisation(s)
IPF	International Policy Fellowship (Centre for Policy Studies, Central European University)
IQHEI	Institut québécois des hautes études internationales
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
ISS	Institute for Strategic Studies
ITDG	Intermediate Technology Development Group
JBIC	Japanese Bank for International Cooperation
JEEAR	Joint Evaluation of Emergency Assistance to Rwanda
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
KM	Knowledge Management
KNETs	Knowledge Network(s)
KS	Knowledge Sharing
KVB	Kenya Veterinary Board
LACEA	Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association
LATN	Latin American Trade Network
LGI	Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (Open Society Institute)
MDG	Millennium Development Goal
MMCP	Managing Multiethnic Communities Project (LGI)
MNC	multinational corporation
MSF	Médecins sans Frontières
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
NGO	non-governmental organisation
NORAD	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
NORRAG	Network for Policy Review Research and Advice on Education and Training
ODI	Overseas Development Institute
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OSI	Open Society Institute
Oxfam	Oxford Committee for Famine Relief
PAC	Partnership Africa Canada
PEAP	Poverty Eradication Action Plan
PHARE	Poland and Hungary Action for Restructuring of the Economy
PRGF	Poverty Reduction and Growth Facility
PRISM	Performance Reporting and Information System for Management
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
RAPID	Research and Policy in Development
RAPnet	Research and Policy Network
RAWOO	Raad voor het Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek in het kader van Ontwikkelingssamenwerking (Netherlands Development Assistance Research Council)

RBEC	Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (World Bank)
RDFN	Rural Development Forestry Network
RPP	Roma Participation Program
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SAIIA	South African Institute for International Affairs
SANEI	South Asia Network of Economic Institutes
SARC	South Asian Regional Cooperation
SAREC	Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries
SARN	South Asian Research Network
SCF	Save the Children Fund
SDC	Swiss Development Cooperation
SIDA	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SLA	Sustainable Livelihoods Approach
SPIA	Standing Panel on Impact Assessment
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TAN	Transnational Advocacy Network(s)
TWN	Third World Network
UCT	University of Cape Town
UDN	Uganda Debt Network
UK	United Kingdom
UN	United Nations
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UNU	United Nations University
US	United States
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USD	United States Dollar
VASEM	Vietnam Agricultural Spatial Equilibrium Model
WB	World Bank
WBI	World Bank Institute
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development
WDR	World Development Report
WTO	World Trade Organisation

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