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Research output

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Projects

Improving governance at the local level to meet the UN Millennium Development Goals for Water and Sanitation: the case of WaterAid in Mali
Desai, V.
Wateraid
1/10/08 → 30/09/12

What's love got to do with it?
Desai, V.
Lund University, Sweden
1/03/20 → 31/12/22

Workshop on speculations in slums of the developing world
Desai, V. & Loftus, A.
Development Studies Association
1/03/12 → 31/05/12

Activities

Elected Member of Council (Research & Higher Education Committee & Trustee) to Royal Geographical Society
Vandana Desai (Participant)
28 Jun 2021 → 28 Jun 2024

Academic Board elected staff member
Vandana Desai (Participant)
17 Mar 2021 → 17 Sept 2024

Ethical Challenges and Dilemmas: working with poor communities
Vandana Desai (Speaker)
21 May 2019

Rewriting Widowhood: Intersectionality, Well-being and Agency amongst Widowed Women in Nepal
Vandana Desai (Examiner)
21 Jul 2016

Critical Reflections on Local Ownership of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for poor communities in Pakistan: whose discourse, whose rights, whose burden?
Vandana Desai (Examiner)
4 May 2016

Academic Assessor, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (External organisation)
Vandana Desai (Participant)
1 Feb 2016 → 27 Feb 2016

From Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals

Vandana Desai (Speaker)

14 Oct 2015

Looking back and forward: emerging trends and patterns in international development

Vandana Desai (Speaker)

4 Sept 2015

Academic Assessor, ESRC-DFID Education and development: (External organisation)

Vandana Desai (Participant)

15 Jul 2015 → 25 Aug 2015

Royal Geographical Society (RGS) (External organisation)

Vandana Desai (Participant)

2015

Professional Social Development conference

Vandana Desai (Speaker)

25 Nov 2014

Fluid Governance: Scalar politics in the South African waterscape

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

7 Nov 2014

From Kitchen to the Stage: Women negotiating empowering spaces through self-help groups in Kerala

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

Mar 2014

Public Engagement: Inspiring, encouraging and supporting Postgraduate Researchers

Vandana Desai (Panel participant)

27 Feb 2014

European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes Working Group (External organisation)

Vandana Desai (Participant)

Jul 2012

LSE Symposium on 'International Media Portrayals of Cities in the Global South

Vandana Desai (Panel participant)

16 May 2012

Social enterprise as a poverty reduction tool

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2012

Guest Visiting Lecturer

Vandana Desai (Speaker)

1 Aug 2011 → 30 Aug 2011

Advisory Panel of CREPA (Le Centre Régional pour l'Eau Potable et l'Assainissement à faible coût - African Regional Center for Water and Sanitation)

Vandana Desai (Panel participant)

Apr 2011 → Apr 2013

Examining the role of grassroot organisations in developing sustainable forest management in Vietnam

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2011

Local perspectives on changing rural livelihoods and natural resources in the Chhattisgarh Plains, India

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2011

Reframing participatory development and livelihoods in Afghanistan's rural north: A power analysis to understand variegated realities of vulnerability

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2011

Plenary Lecture

Vandana Desai (Speaker)

5 Jun 2010

Guest Lectures

Vandana Desai (Speaker)

Mar 2010 → Mar 2012

Social capital in poor communities: A case study from rural northern Peru

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2010

Urban World (RCUES) (Journal)

Vandana Desai (Member of editorial board)

May 2009 → ...

New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Cooperation in Europe (NORFACE) (External organisation)

Vandana Desai (Participant)

Mar 2009

Gender Adviser to the Diversity Unit of the British Council

Vandana Desai (Contributor)

2008 → 2012

Life-Paths of Educated Omani Women

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2008

National Priorities Research program (NPRP) of the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) (External organisation)

Vandana Desai (Participant)

2008 → 2014

Elected to Advisory Council of Think Global (Development Education Association - DEA), London

Vandana Desai (Contributor)

Sept 2007 → Sept 2013

Community Participation in the low-income settlements of Bogota

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2007

A cost effectiveness comparison of alternative microfinance models as service delivery mechanisms

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2006

Development Areas Research Group (DARG) (External organisation)

Vandana Desai (Participant)

2006 → ...

Micro-credit programmes and its impact in rural Bangladesh – a case of Grameen Bank'

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2005

Reviewer for Development Studies course

Vandana Desai (Examiner)

2000 → 2001

Progress in Development Studies (Journal)

Vandana Desai (Member of editorial board)

1999 → ...

Political Studies Association (PSA) (External organisation)

Vandana Desai (Participant)

1998 → ...

Visiting Guest Lecturer

Vandana Desai (Speaker)

1 Nov 1995 → 30 Nov 1995

Development Studies Association (DSA) (External organisation)

Vandana Desai (Participant)

1992 → ...

Prizes

Wingate Scholar

Desai, Vandana (Recipient)

Department of Geography, Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation

Description

Wingate Scholarship from October 1988-October 1991 for D.Phil research at Oxford University.

Details

Awarded date Oct 1988

Granting Organisations Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation

Prize: Prize (including medals and awards)

Eileen Younghusband Memorial Fund Award

Desai, Vandana (Recipient)

Department of Geography, London School of Economics and Political Science

Description

London School of Economics and Political Science

Research on Community Participation in Bombay

Details

Awarded date 1992

Granting Organisations London School of Economics and Political Science

Prize: Prize (including medals and awards)

Elected Life Member of the Indian Sociological Society

Desai, Vandana (Recipient)

Details

Awarded date 1994

Granting Organisations Indian Sociological Society

Prize: Election to learned society

College Team Teaching Prize

Desai, Vandana (Recipient)

Department of Geography, Royal Holloway Univ London

Description

College Team Teaching Prize 2006-7 (with Dr. Xingmin Meng and Jenny Kynaston) for module on 'Tools for development and environment' on the MSc course 'Practising Sustainable Development' at Royal Holloway

Details

Awarded date 2006

Granting Organisations Royal Holloway

Prize: Prize (including medals and awards)

Certificate of Commendation for College's Excellence Teaching Prize Scheme 2014

Desai, Vandana (Recipient)

Department of Geography

Description

Certificate of Commendation for College's Excellence Teaching Prize Scheme 2014 for building PhD student's skills in policy and public engagement.

Details

Awarded date 2014

Granting Organisations Royal Holloway

Keywords Public Engagement, public policy, postgraduate student skills, skills formation

Prize: Prize (including medals and awards)

College Performance Award

Desai, Vandana (Recipient)

Department of Geography, Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice Group

Details

Awarded date 2015

Degree of recognition Local

Granting Organisations Royal Holloway, University of London

Prize: Prize (including medals and awards)

College's Performance Award 2018

Desai, Vandana (Recipient)

Department of Geography, Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice Group

Description

College's Performance Award 2018 in recognition of leadership in achieving the departmental Athena Swan Silver award and for wider leadership in Geography discipline around questions of race and equality.

Details

Awarded date Jan 2018

Degree of recognition Local

Granting Organisations Royal Holloway, University of London

Keywords Athena Swan, Leadership, Race, Equality

Prize: Prize (including medals and awards)

College's Performance Award 2022

Desai, Vandana (Recipient)

Department of Geography, Geopolitics, Development, Security and Justice Group

Description

In recognition of leadership and engagement in Equality, Diversity & Inclusion, both within the department and outside, highlighting particularly input into the delivery of the BME PhD studentship, the UKIERI mobility programme award and role with the Race, Culture and Equality working group for the Royal Geographical Society.

Details

Awarded date Jan 2022

Degree of recognition Local

Granting Organisations Royal Holloway, University of London

Keywords Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, Studentship, Mobility

Prize: Prize (including medals and awards)

Prizes**Certificate of Commendation for College's Excellence Teaching Prize Scheme 2014**

Desai, Vandana (Recipient), 2014

College Performance Award

Desai, Vandana (Recipient), 2015

College's Performance Award 2018

Desai, Vandana (Recipient), Jan 2018

College's Performance Award 2022

Desai, Vandana (Recipient), Jan 2022

College Team Teaching Prize

Desai, Vandana (Recipient), 2006

Eileen Younghusband Memorial Fund Award

Desai, Vandana (Recipient), 1992

Elected Life Member of the Indian Sociological Society
Desai, Vandana (Recipient), 1994

Wingate Scholar
Desai, Vandana (Recipient), Oct 1988

Awards

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Lund University, Sweden: £19,446.00
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