

Call for Expression of Interest

Development Studies Association of Australia
Thematic Research Working Groups

The Development Studies Association of Australia (DSAA) invites expressions of interest to form thematic research working groups (TRWGs) for small-group collective inquiry of topics relevant to development studies. Thematic focus areas are open.

By forming a TRWG, you will receive assistance from DSAA in connecting you with other members interested in your topic through the DSAA communication channels and with the support of a member of the DSAA Executive Committee. You will have early access to create a panel at forthcoming DSAA conferences and/or to host DSAA coordinated seminars. DSAA will also endeavour to connect you with further experts in your area of expertise beyond DSAA's own membership.

Structure of TRWGs:

- One or more nominated DSAA members as (co-)Chair.
- Convene on a nominated topic related to development studies.
- All participants to be DSAA members.¹
- Strong preference is given to diversity and inclusion of groups, including with relation to gender, age, geography and career stage of participants.
- Operate for a two-year term with option for renewal.

Obligations of TRWGs:

- Meet a minimum of twice yearly.
- Meet with DSAA-assigned contact a minimum of twice yearly.
- Commit to producing a minimum of two outputs across the term of the TRWG from any combination of producing an academic publication, hosting a DSAA seminar, arranging a panel at the DSAA conference and contributing a post to the DSAA pedagogy blog.

To nominate a TRWG, please contact Aidan Craney (a.craney@latrobe.edu.au) with details of your proposed topic and the details of any other DSAA members who are interested in joining your TRWG by October 31. Upon review of all applications, you will be contacted with a request to meet to discuss the logistics of officially forming a TRWG (including member recruitment) or to revise your application to better meet DSAA's aims.

¹ Complimentary Associate Membership is available to people who are from and/or live in Global South countries.