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KEY EXPERIENCE

Main areas of expertise include:

- Adaptive programming, including providing advice to donor agencies and implementers for how to deliver more adaptive and politically smart support
- Theory-based evaluations and other learning methods
- Political economy and governance analysis, especially of service delivery reform (education, health, water and sanitation)
- Fragile states and post-conflict countries, including peacebuilding and statebuilding

Country experience includes: Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, China, Nepal

QUALIFICATIONS

2006-2007 Msc Global Governance and Diplomacy (Distinction), University of Oxford

2000-2003 Bsc Politics (First Class), University of Bristol

CAREER

June 2018 **Director, Global Learning on Adaptive Management**, Overseas Development Institute
Co-lead, with Ben Ramalingam, a major new initiative, Global Learning for Adaptive Management (GLAM) funded by DFID and USAID, which aims to actively identify, operationalise and promote rigorous evidence-based approaches to adaptive management. GLAM is implemented by a consortium, led by the ODI, with the Institute of Development Studies of the University of Sussex, Oxfam, International Rescue Committee, Oxford Policy Management, Social Impact and ThoughtWorks.

September 2015 **Head of Programme, Politics and Governance**, Overseas Development Institute
Responsible for management and leadership of ODI's programme on politics and governance, business development and financial management
Continue to lead new support and policy advice, with a focus on adaptive programming in a number of sectors
From Oct 2015 – Dec 2016, embedded within DFID giving support to adaptive programming, including support to select country offices
ODI lead for USAID project on real-time data and adaptive programming
Regular speaker and commentator on adaptive programming and related trends

October 2011-August 2015 **Research Fellow and Team Leader: Services and Sector reform**, Politics and Governance Programme, Overseas Development Institute
Regularly led and managed projects, presented findings and conducted original analysis on accountability, governance and improved development outcomes
Led new support and policy advice on political and governance factors affecting the delivery of basic services, including education and health, with particular expertise in Eastern Africa. Regular contributor to conferences and seminars

- April 2009- October 2011** **Research Officer**, Politics and Governance Programme, Overseas Development Institute
Conducted research into political party and parliamentary strengthening, aid effectiveness and accountability, and accountability and service delivery.
- June 2008- March 2009** **Research and Development Officer**, Education Action
Conducted research and scoping, managed programmes and contributed to the development of new programmes for an NGO which aims to test out new approaches to education in countries affected by conflict. Managed the delivery of programmes in Northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, and Gaza.
- Jan 2008- April 2008** **Freelance Consultant**, Global Partners and Associates
Led new analysis on use of Information and Communication Technologies for democracy and accountability strengthening
- Sept-Dec 2007** **Executive Assistant to the Regional Representative for China and Mongolia**, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Regional Office Beijing
Developed contingency plans and horizon-scanning for key regional trends
- Oct 2003- June 2007** **Research Fellow** (previously Research Assistant), Institute for Public Policy Research (ippr)

SELECTED RECENT ODI ASSIGNMENTS

- *[Real-time data and adaptive programming with USAID \(2016-2017\)](#)*
ODI lead as part of IDS led consortium, examining the role of real-time data and adaptive programming
- *[Achieving Sustainable Governance Transitions and service delivery, with DFID \(2011-2016\)](#)*
Overall lead for a flagship programme with DFID, examining how to strengthening the politics and governance of public goods and services, with a focus on adaptive programming
- *[Doing Development Differently in Nigeria, with DFID and World Bank \(2015\)](#)*
Co-convenor of design workshop with DFID and World Bank staff in Nigeria, to identify options for including more adaptive, learning and politically smart approaches in future programmes; contributor subsequent to 'Doing Development Differently at the World Bank' report.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Wild, L, Booth, D, Valters, C (2017) [Putting theory into practice: how DFID is doing development differently](#), London: Overseas Development Institute
- Wild, L, Andrews, M, Pett, J, Dempster, H (2016) [Doing development differently: who we are, what we're doing and what we're learning](#), London: Overseas Development Institute
- Booth, D, Harris, D, Wild, L (2016) [From political economy analysis to doing development differently: a learning experience](#), London: Overseas Development Institute
- Wild, L, Booth, D, Cummings, C, Foresti, M, Wales, J (2015) [Adapting development – Improving services to the poor](#), London: Overseas Development Institute
- Wild, L and Wales, J with Chambers, V (2015) [CARE's experience with community score cards – What works and why?](#) ODI/CARE: London
- Rocha Menocal, A, Cummings, C, Wild, L (2015) [Evaluation of the NIMD programme 2011-2014](#), London: Overseas Development Institute
- Nicolai, S, Wild, L, Wales, J, Hine, S, Engel, J (2014) [Unbalanced progress – What political dynamics mean for education access and quality](#), Working Paper, Development Progress
- O'Neil T, and Cammack, D with Kanyongolo, E, Walita Mkandawire, M, Mwalyambwire, T, Welham, B and Wild, L (2014) [Fragmented governance and local service delivery \(education, health, water\) in Malawi](#), London: Overseas Development Institute
- Wild, L and Foresti, M (2013) Working with the politics: how to improve public services for the poor, London: Overseas Development Institute

- Wild, L and Mason, N (2013) Examining the role of WASH services within peace- and state- building processes: findings from Tearfund programmes in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of South Sudan, ODI Research Report, London: Overseas Development Institute