

## Call for Articles, PRSPs in Central Asia & South Caucasus

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### Call for Articles

Central Asia and South Caucasus Social Development Network (CASC-Social) PRSPs in Central Asia and South Caucasus: Five Years On

The LSE Centre for Civil Society is pleased to announce a call for articles for the publication in the inaugural issue of the CASC-Social Newsletter in February 2007. CASC-Social was established in May 2006 at the LSE Centre for Civil Society as a network of researchers and practitioners interested in social development issues in Central Asia and the South Caucasus (CASC). The first issue of the CASC-Social Newsletter will be devoted to the experiences with the Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs) in the CASC region.

Most 'first generation' PRSPs in the CASC region are near completion, and 'second generation' PRSPs are being currently prepared. The first generation PRSPs represented an 'experiment', which can stimulate important policy processes and generate valuable experience and learning. The PRSPs in the CASC region have received relatively little attention from international scholars and development professionals.

There is still a need to document and analyse the key achievements and challenges in developing, implementing and monitoring poverty reduction strategies in the region. Some of the issues that can be explored include the extent of the pro-poor orientation of national governments, civil society mobilisation and public participation in the design and implementation of policies, donor support and co-ordination, implementation and monitoring procedures of poverty reduction strategies, as well as the design and conceptualisation of poverty in the PRSPs.

You are invited to submit articles (maximum 800 words) with your analysis of any of these or other relevant issues in one or several countries of the CASC region. All submissions will be reviewed by the CASC-Social editorial board, and a selection of articles will be published in the inaugural issue of the CASC Newsletter in February 2007. The deadline for submission is 20 January 2007. Articles/queries should be submitted to [CASC-SOCIAL-ANNOUNCE-L@LISTSERV.LSE.AC.UK](mailto:CASC-SOCIAL-ANNOUNCE-L@LISTSERV.LSE.AC.UK).

Please note that you will need to subscribe to the list in order to be able to submit articles and receive the newsletter. To subscribe to CASC-Social, send an email to [CASC-SOCIAL-ANNOUNCE-L@LISTSERV.LSE.AC.UK](mailto:CASC-SOCIAL-ANNOUNCE-L@LISTSERV.LSE.AC.UK) with your full name, institutional affiliation and email address.

### Guidelines for Submitting Short Articles:

Please include the following information in your submission:

- Short summary of research methods
- Main question (s)
- Implications for policy and practice

Presentation: Articles (max 800 words) should be Word processed and submitted as an email attachment. The text should be arranged in the following order of presentation. First sheet: title; subtitle (if any); author's name, affiliation, contact details (email preferable) at which you would like to be contacted by other members; and acknowledgements(if any). Respective affiliations and addresses of co-authors should be clearly indicated. Please specify in which capacity you

were involved in the research/programme (e.g., academic researcher, development consultant, project/NGO staff, etc.). Subsequent sheets: main body of text; list of references and footnotes; appendices; tables (on separate sheets); captions to illustrations (on a separate sheet); illustrations.

**General formatting:** Submissions should not exceed 800 words, and should be written in good English. Articles that require substantial editing and formatting will not be published. The text should be one and one-half spaced and organised under appropriate section headings. All pages should be numbered. Please do not use underlines or bold for emphasis, always italics. Foreign words should be set in italics. Footnotes to the text should be confined to the minimum number necessary. Footnotes should be numbered sequentially as arabic numbers superior to the text in the appropriate positions in the text.

**References:** References should use the Harvard system for published works, i.e. authors' name, date of publication, and page numbers if required, in brackets in the text (e.g.: 'Smith (1999, pp. 141-42) suggested that ...'). Full details should then be provided in a section under the heading References at the end of the text, giving author's last name and initials, date of publication, title of book or journal article, place of publication and publisher. Titles of journals should be given in full.