

Reimagining Development Aid: Challenges and Alternatives in EU and UK International Development Assistance

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This roundtable critically examines evolving challenges and critiques of EU and UK international development aid, addressing key issues such as gendered impacts, nationalisation, populism, neoliberalism, financialisation, aid as reparations, and the growing prioritisation of 'security' concerns, including migration. In line with BISA's theme of exploring alternative visions of the global, this session problematises current aid approaches that often favour national and populist agendas and commercial interest over sustainable, equitable development. The panel features six experts with diverse perspectives, who will go beyond critiquing existing frameworks, to explore options for more inclusive, human-centred approaches. Furthermore, they aim to bridge academic insights with practitioner needs, examining the opportunities and challenges scholars face in engaging effectively with policymakers in today's development landscape.

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