

Editorial Line

The *Revue internationale des études du développement* (RIED), formerly *Revue Tiers Monde* created in 1960 on the initiative of activist academics, is a multidisciplinary journal published in France, providing a forum for debates on development. It is a scientific publication that presents original work – in French, English, and Spanish – in accordance with the state of the art and based on explicit fieldwork, data, or archives, answering research questions that arise today in the South.

The 21st century has brought new issues to the field of development, in line with the current universal challenges that are climate, the environment, and economic and social inequalities. What RIED still aims to explore and understand today is the transformations of the “developing” world, and to do so, the journal calls upon most of the humanities and social sciences: sociology, geography, economics, anthropology, ethnology, political science, history, demography, social psychology, and even linguistics through contextual studies. Other scientific fields, such as the environmental sciences or ecology, may also be of use when combined with the social sciences to focus on the diversity of the impacts, power relations, logics, interests, and practices of those involved.

Approach

The analyses of the dynamics at work may either be precise and circumscribed in time and space or global and prospective with diversified fieldworks and settings. A critical dimension and a distanced approach of “development” are recommended.

The complex processes of economic, socio-political, and cultural change induced by globalization and/or by endogenous processes on local societies and territories should particularly be considered. Understanding the complex processes involved in “development” implies taking into consideration the manifold determinants, heterogeneous settings, and diversified actors. As a result, regardless of the method used (qualitative or quantitative), the research published addresses different spatial and temporal scales of analysis, possibly covering several geographical areas from a comparative perspective, and taking an interest in transnational issues. It also includes work on migration issues, including when the fieldwork was carried out in countries of the North.

The variety of themes, disciplinary approaches, and geographic areas allows the coexistence of contrasting theoretical positions within the journal. The themes addressed by recent or upcoming issues include food supply, actors in international aid, and development through the prism of common goods. The aim is to foster the cross-fertilization of ideas, to suggest future avenues for research, and to fuel debates on economic change, global stakes, political practices, and social action.

Process

The double-blind evaluation of papers by experts guarantees the scientific quality of the journal. Special issue editors ensure both the coherence of the texts included and the plurality of points of view, as far as possible. Papers outside the scope of special issues may be submitted for *Varia* issues.

The *Revue internationale des études du développement* thus aims to provide a platform of reference to exchange views, both drawing from classic work and putting forward innovative themes. It collects submissions from experienced as well as young researchers, and any other author offering quality research in the broad field of development studies.

Sections

▪ **Special Issue**

The “Special Issue” follows a call for papers that presents the theme addressed and the lines of inquiry favored by the editors. Submissions are subject to a double-blind review process.

▪ **Figures of Development Known and Unknown**

The section “Figures of Development Known and Unknown” endeavors to bear witness to the development and transformations of the world by presenting life stories or snapshots of singular individual journeys. This section aims to decompartmentalize the idea of “development” by embracing a vast universe of institutional productions and related social realities with a critical, multidisciplinary approach. In this sense, the section should highlight the life stories of unknown individuals, who are generally deprived of a public voice, stories that reflect the upheavals stemming from the “development” imperative. The section may also trace organizational (institutions or other actors) or cultural evolutions, or even track how the use of notions and intellectual references linked to development has changed.

▪ **Documents**

The “Documents” section provides a space for empirical field material, or secondary iconographic documents, which are less academic in content, method of analysis, or are still work in progress. It aims to provide up-to-date information on emerging or overlooked questions, even minor ones, and may resonate with the theme addressed in the body of the special issue.

▪ **Varia**

The “Varia” section is found in every issue. It features speculative submissions, which do not follow a call for papers for a special issue, but are subject to the same rigorous double-blind evaluation process. This section also presents papers that cannot be published in a special issue, due to lack of space or because they are too far removed from its subject.

▪ **Book Reviews**

The “Book Reviews” are written by researchers, professionals, or students, and keep track of the various publications in development studies. This section features reviews of recent books and of books consistent with the special issue.

Audience

The journal is aimed at a broad audience: researchers and students, as well as development professionals. Its scientific yet accessible nature and the variety of subjects addressed also bridge the gap between research and a broader audience. Based on rigorous analyses, it thus draws its whole readership’s attention to the great evolutions and issues that affect the South, and more generally the world.

Institutional information (the composition of the board and advisory panel can be found [here](#)).

Created in 1960 by Henri Laugier, from the Institut d’étude du développement économique et social, the journal became part of the Éditions de la Sorbonne (formerly Publications de la Sorbonne) in January 2017.

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