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Unlike other (excellent) blogs, our primary objective is not to create a forum where researchers present their latest publication, make policy recommendations, or elaborate on their personal positions on global development. Our blogs are not intended to be either summaries of single research papers or highly opinionated think pieces. We ask authors to focus on an urgent development challenge, and illustrate what they have learned from their research and the research of others about how to address it. We want to know what research has to say about policy challenges, and what it means for development action.

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Partners (institutional and financial) who, like us, believe in linking development research and policy beyond the formulation of policy recommendations and excellent research communication.

Contributors, researchers and scholars, who care about their professional contribution to development policy and action, and who are interested in making sense of policy challenges from their privileged standpoint as researchers.

Associate editors, who identify with us a policy challenge and a list of potential contributors to discuss it, and who are ready to pitch a debate to our editorial team.

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