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Development 57.1 on 'Shared Societies' is out now!

Development 57.1 'Shared Societies', a special issue of the quarterly journal of the Society for International Development, has been produced in partnership with the Club de Madrid.

This issue of *Development* explores the concept of "Shared Societies" developed by the Club de Madrid to inspire commitment to a notion of society where all individuals and constituent groups hold status as equally contributing participants, free to express their differences while integrating their voices within the broader population. It is a society centred on respect for the dignity of the individual and his or her community, no matter how different they may

seem. In this context, this Journal issue also explores how such concept and approach could contribute to the discussion on the post-2015 development agenda.

Journal authors explore ways to move beyond mainstream approaches to integration and inclusion of diverse communities. They seek a third way other than "assimilation", which leaves the weaker group resentful that their identity has not been truly recognized and respected, and simple "cohabitation", which often consolidates tensions between majority and minority groups and leaves both resentful and confused. The articles therefore explore elements that could inspire new bases for inter-group relations and contribute to new societal projects for truly Shared Societies, ones which are not owned by one section of the community but truly belong to everyone.

Unfortunately, while some societies are showing the benefits of adopting this orientation and approach, too many in the world around us do not often seem to share these aspirations and we continually experience how hate for diversity, quest for power and greed appear to be stronger drivers than peace, understanding and conviviality. In the context of these challenges and the progressive erosion of the social foundations of many of our societies, this edition of *Development* is timely, and the aspirations for harmonious, just and convivial societies, which are promoted by conceptual frameworks such as those of Shared Societies and Buen Vivir, convey vital rays of light into the somehow gloomy prospects of our post-modern societies. This Journal issue aims to contribute to finding a path towards such new visions for humanity.

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Opening Remarks:

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Keynotes:

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