

Development for the World's Mobile Pastoralists: Understanding, Challenges and Responses

Inaugural Professorial Lecture by
Professor John Morton

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Pilkington Lecture Theatre, University of Greenwich, Medway Campus,
Central Avenue, Chatham Maritime, Chatham, Kent ME4 4TB



Tea and coffee will be served from 5.30pm. The lecture will begin at 6pm. The lecture is followed by refreshments, during which time Professor John Morton will be available to discuss his work.

Pastoralists, often referred to as 'nomads', move with the livestock on which they depend, grazing on communally managed pastures. Some development agencies estimate that there are up to 200 million pastoralists in today's world. Pastoralists are among the world's poorest, most vulnerable and most marginalised people, still vulnerable to misunderstanding and stereotyping.

During the 1990s, traditional views of pastoralism were questioned, and we came to understand the essential rationality and sustainability of pastoral livelihoods. But

pastoralists are still subject to recurrent drought, conflict and poor policy making. New, more pessimistic discussions focus on population growth and the threats of climate change.

This lecture will outline some of the pathways to further development by and for the world's pastoralists – enhancing their political rights, improving integration of development and disaster relief, opening markets, providing appropriate education and alternative livelihoods, and better understanding the complex threats of climate change.



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