

# Day 1: How has research shifted in practice over time?

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## Conference Topic, Day One:

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The transcripts are available for download from IDS OpenDocs (<https://opendocs.ids.ac.uk/opendocs/handle/123456789/8992>).

**Topic 1: How has research shifted in practice?** Are you aware of examples where research has taken on a more holistic orientation or where distinct orientations have been applied or combined? How do the conceptual frameworks enable you to think about their research practices? Does the distinction between taking a holistic/systemic approach to a research problem compared to taking an analytical one enable you to change the way you think about your research and how it should be conducted? Do these approaches relate to whether a problem is 'wicked' or 'tame'? Do you think that taking a highly participative or even citizen-led approach for conducting the research may be more appropriate for certain types of problem, for example exploring or modelling a research topic/problem? How will your practices adapt to meet these research paradigms?




**Target Audience:** This online conference is **free to join** and will bring together academics and researchers, from a wide range of disciplines, who are interested in refining their understanding of holistic and integrated approaches to research in a global context or who are already using these approaches in their work. The event is aimed at: **academics, researchers, policy makers, and knowledge professionals**, who are conducting, or using research, to inform policy or practice in order to solve socio-economic problems in society at local, national, regional or international levels. It will be of **particular interest** to those who would like explore:

- The range of research approaches adopted by experts in different fields
- How to apply approaches adopted by a range of sectors (beyond health) to their specific discipline
- The importance of adopting a holistic and integrated approach to solving societal problems
- The benefits of mixing methods, approaches, and disciplines
- The experiences of experts from different disciplines

- How research approaches have shifted during the 21st century and the implications this has for future research in a global context.

## Conference Speakers, Day One:

	<p><b>Gerald Bloom, IDS</b> is a medical doctor and health economist with expertise in health policy, planning and finance. He is co-convenor of the Health and Nutrition Cluster at the Institute of Development Studies in the UK. He has worked for many years on the management of health sector development in contexts of rapid economic, social and demographic change. He is particularly interested in the implications for health policy of the rapid spread of health markets. More recently he has become interested in mechanisms for building mutual learning between health policy analysts in large middle-income countries with experience of health system reform, and other low and middle income countries experiencing rapid change. Email: <a href="mailto:g.bloom@ids.ac.uk">g.bloom@ids.ac.uk</a></p>
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