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The University of York has strengths in the area of international development across all three faculties. The network aims to: connect colleagues working in this field to foster research collaboration; identify cross-departmental expertise more effectively; support areas of interdisciplinary excellence; build capacity for the preparation of large multidisciplinary grants; and support early career scholars working broadly in this area.

A commitment to human rights and social justice informs all our work.

Global Food Security and Sustainable Nutrition: Prof. Tony Heron

This theme concerns the relationship between the global food system - that is, the conditions under which food is produced, traded globally, marketed and consumed - and the spatial, socioeconomic and demographic inequalities found in terms of diet, nutrition, health and wellbeing. The theme also deals with the interconnection between the pursuit of ‘food security’ in the Global North and the sustainability of farming practices, livelihoods and the environment in the Global South.

Global Health and Equity: Prof. Marc Suhrcke

This theme covers the assessment of the determinants and consequences of health and health inequalities in low and middle income countries. It also includes the evaluation of interventions and policies to improve health. This may include healthcare interventions as well as policies outside of healthcare that have a likely impact on health (and health inequalities). The evaluation includes health impact evaluations (via trials or quasi-experimental) as well as economic evaluations (i.e. cost-effectiveness analysis).
Decent Work: Dr Zoë Irving

This theme links research activity concerned with the study and improvement of conditions of work and employment, transnationally and within nations and households. It builds on UoY strengths across faculties in the global study of modern slavery and unfree labour; the gendered dimensions of work and employment; cross-national and transnational analysis of family policy and household well-being; employment and social policy analysis; transnational labour mobilities and the roles of global actors and corporations in shaping work and employment practices.

Building Inclusive Societies After Conflict: Prof. Nina Caspersen

This theme focuses on the challenges and obstacles faced when trying to turn fragile and conflict affected states into stable, inclusive societies: how is this constrained, or enabled, by the dynamics of the conflict and by the available strategies for conflict resolution. It links expertise in the areas of peace processes, post-war reconstruction, institution-building and transitional justice.

Sustainability: Dr Jonathan Ensor

This theme is concerned with the interconnections between development and the environment. In particular, the focus is on how, at different scales, the governance and practices of development shape the environment, how the environment provides opportunities, challenges and constraints for development, and how different groups of people share the risks, benefits, costs and control over the outcomes that emerge from these interactions in social and environmental systems.