

Fortnightly links: Trump, education, tons of aid, donated shoes, and more

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The ODI's Alex Their [offers his take](#) on what a Trump presidency might mean for aid. And other ODI experts [offer their views](#) on President-elect Trump's potential impact on other development issues (you have to press the plus buttons to see them). Meanwhile, Elizabeth Stuart [offers an interesting argument](#): that Trump's election illustrates the importance of the SDGs.

On the subject of the SDGs, they are the topic of the 2017 conference of the Australia-New Zealand Society of Ecological Economics. The conference webpage is [here](#). The conference runs from 9-13 January 2017.

In the *London Review of Books* Owen Bennett-Jones offers a [good primer](#) on the intertwined histories, and ideological differences, of ISIS and al-Qaida.

David Evans [blogs](#) on the failure and then partial success of attempts to scale-up education interventions in India. (The paper his blog is based on is [here](#).)

On *AidWorks*, Emily Troutman provides a sharp [analysis](#) of common problems with aid and humanitarian organizations' use of "data" and "evidence-based" aid in their reporting and social media.

The Economist reports on [shoe donation projects](#), such as that run by TOMS, and looks at recent studies that appear to show their positive impacts, if any, are very modest. If you want to see (at least some of) the studies in question, the webpage of the researcher, Bruce Wydick, is [here](#). There's another [interesting paper](#) on his

site, which points to very clear benefits from providing disabled people with wheelchairs in Addis Ababa.

Lastly, if you feel you've done enough reading this week and are craving some audiovisual content instead, check out this short (20 minute) [documentary](#) on the connections between climate change and child marriage in Bangladesh.

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