

USEFUL RESOURCES: BLOGGING ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH

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GUIDANCE AND ADVICE

- 10 Brilliant Examples of How to Open Your Blog Post With a Bang, by Michael D.
 Pollock
- 52 Types of Blog Posts that Are Proven to Work, by Karol K
- 5 Effective Ways to End Your Blog Post, by Julian Cavasos
- How to write an academic blog, by Corey Tomsons
- How to get started blogging, by Grammar Girl
- 10 top tips for new bloggers, by George Julian
- How to become a guest blogger, by Diane S.Thieke
- How to write a blog post from your journal article, by Patrick Dunleavy
- How to write a science blog, by Anne Steenstrup-Duch
- Effective Academic Blogging, by Joe Essid
- How to plan, create and launch a successful multi-author academic blog, by Amy Mollett, Cheryl Brumley, Chris Gilson and Sierra Williams
- Three rules of academic blogging, by David Perry
- So, You Want to Start an Academic Blog? Four Tips to Know Before You Start, by Tanya Boza
- 'Academic Blogging: Political Analysis in the Digital Age' by Oxford University Politics Blog
- Book: Social Media for Academics

BLOGS TO TRY READING

Reading other people's blogs can help you start to think about what you want to say and how to say it. Here's a selection of blogs relevant to R2HC's work to get you started. Most are multi-author blogs (MABs).

- Center for Global Development: Commentary and Analysis: Experts from this US
 development think tank blog their research and ideas. Try: <u>Five Takeaways on the</u>
 <u>Future of Humanitarian Reform</u>
- <u>Chris Blattman</u> is an academic at the University of Chicago, and a long-standing high profile blogger on economic development. <u>Try: Research in war zones: So you</u> <u>want to go to a (post)-war zone?</u>



- <u>Devpolicy</u>: This MAB hosted by the Australian National University invites posts by development practitioners and academics, often through an Asia-Pacific lens. **Try:** <u>Should aid workers lead comfortable lives?</u>
- <u>DuckofMinerva.com</u>: This MAB focuses on world politics from an academic perspective. Try: <u>White saviors abroad – social doctors at home? Blunt and subtle colonialism in US Global Health education</u>
- Economics: There are so many economics blogs, you can find a list of 100 here.
- <u>Elrha's blog on Medium</u> hosts voices on humanitarian action, research and innovation. Try: <u>Lessons from the Cash Learning Partnership in driving large-scale change</u>
- Evidence Aid Blog: An INGO focused on the use of evidence in humanitarian aid.
 Try: What is research in humanitarian crises and do ethical research principles apply?
- Explorations of style- a blog about academic writing. Try: Why academics and researchers should take blogging and social media seriously
- <u>From Poverty to Power</u>, a long-standing Oxfam blog focused on key issues in humanitarian aid and development. **Try:** <u>How to have Difficult Conversations: 5</u> practical tips for better academic-practitioner research collaborations
- Humanicontrarian: an ex-MSF-er writes about the sector. Try: <u>Community</u>
 Engagement Problems Less Discussed
- <u>ICRC's Humanitarian Law and Policy Blog</u> posts from academics, practitioners and experts on international humanitarian issues. **Try:** <u>Trust me, I'm a humanitarian</u>
- <u>Pat Thomson</u> at Patter, blogging about education, research and academia. Try:
 "Blogging helps academic writing"
- <u>Political violence at a glance:</u> this MAB run by two US-based academics provides analysis of political violence around the world. Try: <u>Gaza on a Knife's Edge</u>
- Speaking of Medicine: Blog site of the PLOS medical journals', focused on global public health. Try: HIV Viral Load Testing in Africa – No Longer Why but How?
- World Bank Blogs: MAB with Bank experts writing on economic development. Try:
 The new World Development symposium on experiments in development: Has anyone got anything new to say about RCTs or are we just re-hashing the same-old arguments over again?



OTHER SITES TO CONSIDER WRITING FOR

Many of the sites mentioned above can take submissions from guest posters. Look at a blog site and you'll usually find guidance on what kind of blogs or articles will be accepted, who can contribute and how. The below sites also invite external submissions of well-written and researched online blogs or articles from credible sources such as researchers or humanitarian professionals.

- Guardian Global Development- online newspaper which takes external submissions.
- Global Voices- apply to become a volunteer author
- The Conversation- invites articles from researchers and academics
- <u>Jstor-</u> accepts blogs and longer pieces based on/about JSTOR scholarship
- Relief Web UN humanitarian community information platform
- <u>Devex</u>- global media platform for the development community.