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### CALL FOR PAPERS

#### **SPECIAL ISSUE ON GLOBAL FOOD PRICE SHOCKS AND POOR PEOPLE: THEMES AND CASE STUDIES**

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#### **Topic background**

The 20<sup>th</sup> century witnessed unprecedented growth in agricultural productivity spurred by technological change and predicated on the commitments of governments to invest in agriculture. By the end of the century, staple food prices were at their lowest point in recorded history. Many governments were no longer concerned about large-scale food shortages, and agricultural investments dwindled. Public complacency came to an abrupt end with the global crisis in food prices 2007–2008, which featured protests and even violence in almost 50 countries. Global food and fuel prices have since fallen, but food prices remain high in many low- and middle-income countries, and the financial crisis is expected to generate new volatility.

The long-term problems of agricultural development must be addressed before poor farmers can benefit when prices rise, bear the risk of price shocks, and supply food to urban areas. Food price shocks can cause poor consumers to reduce food intake and diet quality, with long-term negative impacts on health and human development. Many poor farmers are themselves net food buyers. Understanding the impacts of price shocks is a fundamental step in designing appropriate public policies, but these are as varied as farmers' circumstances.

This special issue will assemble and compare empirical evidence of impacts on poor farmers and consumers across a range of food systems, including traditional, food-importing, and food-exporting economies. Selected country and regional case studies will be supported by thematic articles that compare effects among rural and urban populations, explore gender-related differences and farmers' risks from price volatility, and highlight linkages to input markets. Relevant case studies from all global regions will be considered, and submissions are particularly sought focusing on countries in China, Central Asia, the Commonwealth of Independent States, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and small island states, as well as on rising food insecurity in the OECD nations.

#### **Deadlines**

Article outlines or abstracts:	1 June 2009
Invited manuscripts:	1 October 2009
Revised manuscripts:	1 March 2010

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## Procedures

Following the Guidelines set out under the Submissions tab on our website, prospective authors should initially submit only an abstract (100–300 words) of their proposed article, stating whether this is intended to be a full-length article (6500 words, inclusive of notes and references) or a shorter item such as a Practical Note or Viewpoint (1500–3000 words).

We accept abstracts and invited manuscripts in English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish. The abstract should include (a) the full title of the intended contribution; (b) the names, affiliations, and full contact details of the author(s); and (c) an accurate summary of the content. It is assumed that submission of an abstract indicates that it describes original unpublished work, and that the author is committed to publishing the article in *Development in Practice* should s/he be invited to submit a full manuscript.

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