

## Chris Whitty: "Most 'good ideas' in development don't work, and many cause harm."

We're using Storify to capture highlights from the JSRP / Asia Foundation Evidence & Power conference at the LSE earlier this month.

For a quick glance at all the wisdom, quips and barbs that came out of our first session, *Knowledge Matters: thinking about change*, check out the Storify play-by-play [here](#).

### Knowledge Matters: thinking about change

Highlights from session 1 of the Justice and Security Research Consortium's July 2 "Evidence and Power in Development Policy" conference.

#### Introduction: Tim Allen, London School of Economics

The session was chaired by JSRP Research Director Tim Allen:

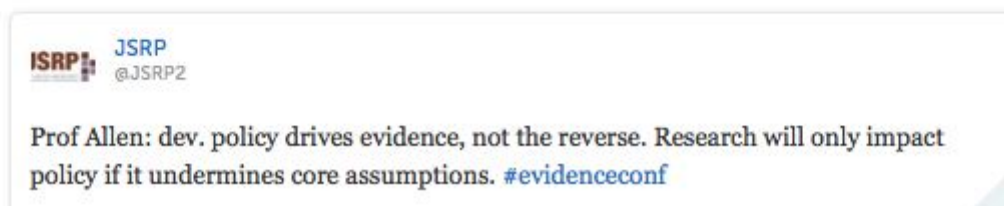


**Professor Tim Allen**  
 Professor Tim Allen justice and security in fragile and conflict-affected regions ; ;  
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... who began the conversation with a shot across the bow at the use of evidence in development policy-making:



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Prof Allen: dev. policy drives evidence, not the reverse. Research will only impact policy if it undermines core assumptions. #evidenceconf

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If you were at the conference, we'd love to hear what you thought of it — [please fill out our three-question, two-minute survey](#).

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