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Is the challenge for Rio+20 to build the collective political will to respond to the current crises? Or is it to bring the social dimension back alongside the economic and environmental dimensions of sustainability? Or is it now time to expose 'green economy' as an attempt to cover up the role of contemporary capitalism in promoting systemic inequality and worsening global environmental problems?

According to the articles by UNRISD Director Sarah Cook and research analyst Kiah Smith, policy analyst Tariq Banuri and award-winning academic Bram Buscher, these are among the key issues that the development community needs to debate in the lead-up to Rio+20 in June 2012. In publishing these provocative articles along with interviews and opinion pieces, *Development* (Volume 55, Number 1) on 'Greening the Economy' continues its tradition of publishing on timely and relevant issues to 'take the conversation further' on today's major topics.

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A strong message of the journal is that transforming our current unsustainable production and consumption patterns requires major long-term changes in our individual and collective behaviour and lifestyles. For this we need not only a 'green economy' but also 'green governance' that creates synergies among diverse values, local governance and macro-level policy.

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