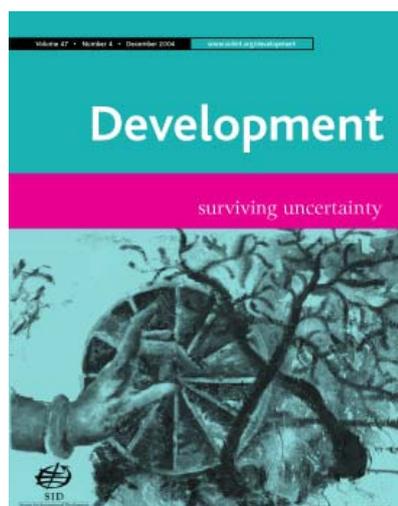


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Conclusion? We cannot predict the future with any certainty, but we can tell stories of what might happen and identify what we have to face. We can then use this work to consider how we might respond to whatever it is that comes our way.

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