



## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The SAIS International Development Program offers a comprehensive approach to the economic, social, political, and environmental aspects of development as they interact within each nation's particular cultural and historical setting. The program is dedicated to helping graduate students analyze how macro-economic policies intersect with community-driven approaches to development, preparing them for careers in both policy formulation and fieldwork. The I-Dev Program encompasses Social Change and Development, which was founded in 1985 and specializes in participatory development strategies.

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### SPRING 2002 BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES

**SAIS Nitze Building, Room 507 • 1740 Massachusetts Ave., NW**  
**Mondays 12:30-1:30 PM • Reservations not required**

#### February 4

##### **China in Transition: The Role of Migrant Workers**

**Anne Thurston**, Johns Hopkins University-SAIS

In recent years, some 100-120 million rural residents have left the countryside to find work in China's cities and coastal regions. Tens of millions more are likely to migrate now that China has entered the WTO. Although providing the *kuli* (from which the English word coolie comes), or bitter labor upon which China's economic development depends, migrant workers nonetheless remain second-class citizens in China's cities. In her presentation, Dr. Thurston will examine the plight of, and prospects for, China's migrant workers during this period of economic transition.

#### February 11

##### **Health Aspects of Humanitarian Disaster Assistance**

**Steve Hansch**, Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance Medicine

Conflicts, disasters and failed states kill or disable millions of civilians every year, motivating non-profit aid agencies to experiment with new strategies and tactics for the provision of protection and assistance. Collaboration among NGOs has produced new standards for humanitarian aid; and the SPHERE standards for nutrition, health, shelter, water and sanitation needs are leading to similar discussions on psycho-social health, basic education and human rights protection. This presentation will contrast and compare emerging international non-profit aid agency approaches to the challenges of humanitarian aid.

#### February 18

##### **Ending Congo's Agony: The Inter-Congolese Dialogue**

**Gilbert Khadiagala**, Johns Hopkins University-SAIS

Three million people have died as a consequence of the civil war in the Congo, but recently there have been some positive trends in efforts to resolve the conflict. Notably, the convening of the Inter-Congolese Dialogue provides a starting point for a process to restore the institutional fabric of the nation. Dr. Khadiagala will discuss the opportunities for and obstacles to peace in the Congo.

#### February 25

##### **Veils of Ignorance: Islam, Development and the West**

**Safaa El Tayeb El-Kogali**, The World Bank

Ms. El-Kogali will discuss the perceptions of Islam in Western societies, perceptions of the West in Islamic societies, and how these impressions influence the development process and outcomes in Islamic societies.



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**March 4**

**Workers' Rights, Trade and Development:  
The NAFTA Labor Side Agreement**

**Peter Accolla**, Department of Labor

Dr. Accolla, who has dealt with workers' rights both at the Labor Department and USAID, will discuss his recent experience monitoring the NAFTA Labor Side Agreement. In so doing, he will examine the implications of the side agreement for workers' rights in Mexico and for addressing workers' rights in future trade agreements.

**March 11**

**The Politics of Aid in Afghanistan  
During the Current Crisis**

**Vic Tanner**, Humanitarian Assistance Consultant  
in Tajikistan and Afghanistan

Mr. Tanner, who recently returned from Central Asia, will address the political calculations of aid delivery to Afghanistan prior to, during, and after the US bombing. Issues to be addressed will include aid delivery in the immediate aftermath of the Taliban collapse and the role of the crisis in galvanizing donor funding. Mr. Tanner will also examine the impact of US military action near Afghanistan's borders and on the delivery of aid, the various opinions within the NGO community about humanitarian interventions, and the role of international agencies in helping the Afghans restore their livelihoods.

**March 18**

**Spring Break Week**

No Speaker

**March 25**

**Biofortification: Can it Help the 800  
Million Malnourished People in the  
Developing World?**

**Bonnie McClafferty**, International Food Policy  
Research Institute (IFPRI)

Controversy surrounds biofortification and its longer-term health impacts. Yet, this new approach is being investigated by international agricultural research institutes as a possible solution to world malnutrition. What are the advantages of biofortification over such traditional nutrition inputs as providing the undernourished with vitamin and mineral supplements or commercially fortified foods? Can plant breeding for mineral-dense staple foods provide the answer? Ms. McClafferty will present the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research's (CGIAR) recent work in this area and discuss the opportunities and challenges surrounding this technology.

**April 1**

**Does Race Matter in Devising  
Development Policies?**

**Aklog Birara**, The World Bank

Dr. Birara will discuss race and caste as factors in development by examining whether the poor of certain races are marginalized or have access to assistance provided by international financial institutions. A senior advisor for the World Bank, Dr. Birara will lead a discussion on race as it relates to social and economic inclusion and empowerment—factors he will argue should be included in contemporary approaches to development.

**April 8**

**Bridging the Digital Divide in  
Developing Countries**

**Charles Santangelo**, Independent International  
Trade Consultant

Mr. Santangelo, a consultant in the information technology (IT) sector and former Eastern Europe director of the USAID Global Technology Network, will discuss how IT can assist developing countries and transitioning markets to bridge the digital divide with advanced economies. He will also examine the necessary elements for successful IT initiatives.

**April 15**

**Resource or Rip-off?**

**Katy Moran**, Renew the Earth

Is bio-prospecting a boon that will produce new therapeutic drugs, preserve traditional medical systems, conserve biological and cultural diversity by demonstrating its medical, economic, and social values, and bring biotechnology and other benefits to biodiversity rich but technology-poor countries? Or is it yet another form of colonialism, wherein the North rips off the South's resources and violates local intellectual property rights in a search for commercial profits? Ms. Moran will discuss this controversy.

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