



## 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 offers a Specialization in Social Change and Development, which emphasizes participatory development strategies.

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### SPRING 2003 BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES

**SAIS Rome Building • 1619 Massachusetts Ave., NW**  
**Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 PM • Reservations not required**

**January 29** [ Rome 806 ]

#### **Nature, Wealth, and Power: Emerging Best Practice for Revitalizing Rural Africa**

Jon Anderson, USAID  
Asif Shaikh, International Resources Group  
Peter Veit, World Resources Institute

Natural resources are a major source of wealth and power in Africa and cannot be separated from the broader context of economic and development challenges. They are central to the livelihoods of 70 percent of the population and are a key to rural development and good governance. Experience demonstrates that programs that integrate **nature** (environmental management), **wealth** (economic concerns), and **power** (good governance) have promising results. Building on lessons learned from more than 20 years of natural resource-based development in rural Africa, this presentation will highlight key findings, principles and action steps for investment.

**February 5** [ Rome 806 ]

#### **Countering Pessimism: Can the Arab/Islamic World Develop?**

Nick Eberstadt, American Enterprise Institute

The contemporary literature on development in the Arab-Islamic world holds that the disappointing economic record is a reflection of deeply rooted and largely intractable problems within the contemporary Islamic world. Mr. Eberstadt, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and author of a recent paper on the subject, will argue that today's "development pessimism" is based on an exaggeration of the severity of these problems and will discuss the promise for economic development.

**February 12** [ Rome 533 ]

#### **Consolidating Democracy in Transitioning States: The Community of Democracies**

Robert Herman, The Democracy Coalition Project

The Community of Democracies established, to strengthen democratic values and institutions at home and abroad, is looking to build on recent successes in Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia. Dr. Herman, co-director of the Open Society Institute's Democracy Coalition Project and editor of *Defending Democracy: A Global Survey of Foreign Policy Trends 1992-2002*, will discuss the Community's track record.

**February 19** [ Rome 806 ]

#### **Social Entrepreneurship as a Vehicle for Economic Development**

Anil Chitrakar, Ashoka

What does it take to encourage innovation at the village level and to scale-up successful projects in order to have a broader development impact? Mr. Chitrakar, a former Ashoka fellow and current scholar-in-residence, will discuss creative strategies to encourage innovation in the social arena, such as using technology and information to help villagers improve their lives. He will draw on concrete examples to illustrate his view that innovation at the village level can be replicated on a national stage.



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**February 26** [ Rome 806 ]

**U.S. Efforts to Prevent Child Labor in Asia, Africa, and Latin America**

Eileen Pennington and Sharon Heller, U.S. Department of Labor

The U.S. Department of Labor is the leading donor to the ILO's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor, which develops statistical surveys and baseline information on child labor and helps to remove children from hazardous work. SAIS graduates Ms. Pennington and Ms. Heller will discuss their work at the DOL and the important role governments can play in supporting and implementing targeted programs to eliminate child labor and the international trafficking of children. They will also draw attention to the relationship between ending child labor and international trade agreements.

**March 5** [ Rome 806 ]

**Civil Society and Corporations: The Experience of an Innovative Partnership and its Impact on the Global Workplace**

Kevin Quigley, Global Alliance for Workers and Communities

The Global Alliance for Workers and Communities is an initiative involving the International Youth Foundation, Nike, the Gap, and the World Bank in a multi-sectoral effort to improve workplace conditions and enhance workers' rights. How has it been successful? Dr. Quigley, the first executive director of the Global Alliance, will discuss his experience in starting the initiative and watching it blossom to cover five countries and 50 factories.

**March 12**

**Spring Break Week**

No Speaker

**March 19** [ Rome 806 ]

**Humanitarian Assistance and the Food Crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa**

Cara Thanassi, OXFAM America

With yet another large-scale humanitarian crisis afflicting sub-Saharan Africa, what lessons from past experience are humanitarian organizations applying to the current crisis? Ms. Thanassi, Oxfam's policy advisor on humanitarian issues, will provide an overview of Oxfam's work in southern and eastern Africa. She will discuss her recent visit to Angola to facilitate improvements in aid disbursement and current efforts to promote a greater response to the crisis by the U.S. government.

**March 26** [ Rome 806 ]

**Measuring Women's Empowerment as a Variable in International Development**

Anju Malhotra, International Center for Research on Women

The promotion of women's empowerment as a development goal is based on a dual argument: that social justice is an important aspect of

human welfare that is intrinsically worth pursuing and that women's empowerment is a means to development. No major development agency has a rigorous method for measuring and tracking changes in empowerment levels, making it difficult for the international development community to be confident that its efforts are succeeding. Dr. Malhotra will discuss her methodological approaches to measuring and analyzing women's empowerment.

**April 2** [ Rome 533 ]

**Microcredit's Race to Profitability: Who Gets Left Behind?**

Andree Simon, FINCA International

As the drive to achieve financially sustainable development programs intensifies, unprofitable programs and services are increasingly being cast aside. How is this more commercial environment impacting microcredit business models and what does this imply for future development efforts? Andree Simon, a SAIS/Wharton graduate who is now manager of strategy and planning for FINCA, will talk about approaches she and other practitioners are taking to address these challenges.

**April 9** [ Rome 806 ]

**Indigenous Movements and Grassroots Development in Latin America**

Kevin Healy, Inter-American Foundation

As Latin America's indigenous movements gain strength, they are having an impact on development policies and project design and implementation. Mr. Healy, a development sociologist and author of *Llamas, Weavings and Organic Chocolate: Multicultural Grassroots Development in the Andes and Amazon of Bolivia*, will discuss the impact of the indigenous movements on development in the region.

**April 16** [ Rome 806 ]

**Linking Democratization and Education in the Middle East**

Dr. Arnold Packer, Institute for Policy Studies, Johns Hopkins University  
Doha Melhen, IPS Student

At the heart of a functioning democracy is the educated citizen, and a number of Middle Eastern countries recognize the need to reform their educational systems to foster good citizenship. In Lebanon, for example, the government is attempting to develop strategies to promote citizen participation in the political decision making process. Dr. Packer and Doha Melhen will discuss the recent reforms of the Lebanese educational system and their vision of a curriculum for the Middle East that will equip students with the skills they need to participate in strong and stable democracies.

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