



IDEV Spring 2007 Development Roundtable

Friday, January 26 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Theories, Challenges, and Realities of Civil Society Development

Although donor funding for civil society development programs continues apace, there is significant disagreement about the most effective strategies to promote civil society in the developing world. **Dr. Craig Davis, Director of Civil Society Programs at the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX)**, will contribute to the current debate regarding civil society's role in providing stability and promoting democratic development. With a special focus on efforts in the Muslim world, Davis will outline successful strategies for civil society development drawn from on-the-ground experience in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

Friday, February 9 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Promoting Local Entrepreneurship Globally and the Possibilities for Impact

Complimenting their loans at the country level, international financial institutions, including the World Bank, can increase their global impact by partnering directly with individual entrepreneurs and small to medium enterprises (SMEs). **Harold Rosen is Director of the Grassroots Business Initiative (GBI) Department of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) of the World Bank Group** where he manages direct support for thousands of SMEs and entrepreneurs around the world. Rosen will explain the most effective strategies for supporting local businesses, the success that international financial institutions have achieved, and the challenges that remain in catalyzing this important sector.

Friday, February 23 12:30 - 1:30 pm

How to Save the World: Treat it Like A Business

For decades, social entrepreneurs have served as a creative force to improve the developing world. Now, their impact is increased through new strategies that promote social entrepreneurship. **Bill Drayton, President of the Ashoka Foundation**, calls social entrepreneurship the "most important historical force at work today." He will discuss new approaches towards encouraging social entrepreneurship and new strategies that mobilize everyone as changemakers for development. *Co-sponsored with the SAIS Socially Responsible Business Club.*

Friday, March 9 12:30 - 2:00 pm

After the Washington Consensus: Rethinking Social Policies in Latin America

Following the "lost decade" of the 1980s and unremarkable growth in the 1990s, multilateral lenders and donors are looking for new initiatives to stimulate growth and development in Latin America. **Dr. Eduardo Lora, Principal Advisor in the Research Department of the Inter American Development Bank**, will explain the range of new programs and strategies currently under consideration by international lenders. **Dr. Francisco Ferreira, Lead Economist at the World Bank's Development Research Group**, will review the rationale for and recent performance of conditional cash transfer programs - such as *Oportunidades* and *Bolsa Familia* - and ask just how much difference they can make in the region's efforts to reduce poverty and inequality. *Co-sponsored with the SAIS Latin American Studies Department.*

Friday, March 23 12:30 - 1:30 pm

The Role of the US and the International Community in Security and Development

The challenges posed by Darfur, Afghanistan, Iraq and other flashpoints of instability pose major challenges to the international community and global development. What is the role of NATO, the UN, the OECD, and other partners in addressing these humanitarian, political, and economic crises? What are the lessons learned from previous peacekeeping and counterterrorism efforts? **Gerald Anderson is Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Organizational Affairs**, a SAIS alumnus, and previously Director of the Office of Peacekeeping, Sanctions & Counter-terrorism. Drawing from his experience working on conflict resolution and development issues in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, Anderson will offer policy suggestions for achieving greater international stability and global development. *Co-sponsored with the SAIS Security and Development Club.*

Friday, April 6 12:30 - 1:30 pm

The Global War on Terror and the Impact on Human Rights

The war in Iraq and the fight against Al-Qaeda have posed major challenges to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the foundation for the global movement for human rights. Critics contend that the war on terror has increasingly become a war on human rights, providing cover and sanction for repressive governments around the world, undermining human rights globally, and compromising US national security. **Larry Cox, Executive Director of Amnesty International**, will explain the key events that created the current situation, suggest what can be done to make the United States a credible proponent of human rights, and propose actions that encourage the rule of law and human rights around the world. *Co-sponsored with the SAIS International Law and Organization Program.*

Friday, April 20 12:30 - 2:00 pm

The Question of Commercialization and the Future of Microfinance

The successful transformation of microfinance NGOs into banks in many Latin American countries during the 1990s initiated what many view as a revolution in the microfinance industry. However, numerous non-profits, as well as Nobel Prize winner Mohammed Yunus, view commercialization as an "inappropriate" model for reaching the poor. Is there room for both a social and commercial model in microfinance? What are the implications of each approach for the future of microfinance, and where is the industry headed? **Rupert Scofield, Executive Director of FINCA International** and **Tryfan Evans, Director of the Tufts-Omidyar Fund** and a SAIS alumnus, will provide their perspectives on this debate. *Co-sponsored with the SAIS Microfinance Club.* PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT IS OFF THE RECORD AND NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION.

About the Development Roundtable: Under the guidance of Professor Francis Fukuyama, Director of the SAIS International Development (IDEV) Program, the Development Roundtable provides a forum for informed discussion of the major issues facing the development community today. The biweekly events give speakers the opportunity to address the challenges of global development assistance and suggest new initiatives that will improve the field. Formerly known as the brown bag series, for more than a dozen years the lectures have hosted influential speakers at noontime before a diverse audience of representatives from the academic, policy, and government spheres. The Development Roundtable is moderated and coordinated by Ethan Arnheim. To RSVP for the Development Roundtable or receive future event announcements, please send an email to: developmentroundtable@jhu.edu

All events are free, open to the public, and held in the Rome Building, 1619 Massachusetts Ave., NW