

**GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEM IN THE CONTEXT OF
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)
AND CLIMATE CHANGE***

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**WED, OCTOBER 14
12:30 – 2:00 PM
ROME 200**

As the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) anchor the global development agenda for the next 15 years, the elimination of hunger and malnutrition are high up on the list. Achieving this goal will require a rethinking of the global food system to address persisting and emerging challenges. Climate change is expected to further put at risk food security and nutrition with increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. In this presentation, Dr. Fan will focus on what should be done to rethink the global food system in order to achieve global food security and nutrition as well as other SDGs, including climate action.

WILL AFRICA FEED CHINA?*
DR. DEBORAH BRAUTIGAM
SAIS**

**THUR, OCTOBER 29
4:30 – 6:00 PM
KENNEY AUDITORIUM**

Is China building a new empire in rural Africa? Few development topics are as controversial and emotionally charged as the belief that the Chinese government is aggressively buying up huge tracts of prime African land to grow food to ship back to China. In *Will Africa Feed China?* Deborah Brautigam, one of the world's leading experts on China and Africa, probes the myths and realities behind the media headlines.

**WELL-BEING AND THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR
IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ENRIQUE RUEDA-SABATER
CENTER FOR GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT
THE BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP**

**WED, NOVEMBER 11
12:30 – 2:00 PM
ROME 200**

There is increasing consensus that the goal for national strategies (or development plans) must be broader than economic growth. Well-being offers an alternative lens to judging progress and inclusiveness. But focusing on well-being does not necessarily mean more interventionist governments. Enrique Rueda-Sabater will provide his perspective from a personal trajectory that includes World Bank Group, Cisco Systems and Boston Consulting Group.

***THE GREAT SURGE*
DR. STEVEN RADELET
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**

**WED, NOVEMBER 18
12:30 – 2:00 PM
ROME 200**

Most people believe that with few exceptions like China and India, the majority of developing countries are hopelessly mired in deep poverty, led by inept dictators, and living with pervasive famine, widespread disease, constant violence, and little hope for progress. But a major transformation is underway – and has been for two decades now -- in the majority of the world's poorest countries, largely unnoticed by much of the world. Since the early 1990s more than 700 million people have been lifted out of extreme poverty, the average income for hundreds of millions of people in dozens of poor countries has more than doubled, six million fewer children die every year from disease, war and violence has declined significantly, average life expectancy has increased by six years, tens of millions more girls are in school, the share of people living in chronic hunger has been cut nearly in half, millions more people have access to clean water, and democracy – often fragile and imperfect – has become the norm rather than the exception in developing countries around the world. *The Great Surge* tells the remarkable story of this unprecedented economic, social, and political progress among the global poor.

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