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SAIS IDEV Alumni Newsletter

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[Letter from the Director](#)

Dear Alumni and Students,

It snowed in DC today, so I am definitely late in sending out this Fall letter. But unpredictable weather is the least of our erratic problems in DC. For all of us, who study and care about the challenges of poverty, income inequality, environmental sustainability, and social justice, these months have felt like an ongoing assault on common sense and decency. So, it is indeed a privilege to spend most of my waking hours surrounded by thoughtful, energetic and inspiring students and

colleagues. Being at IDEV gives me hope for our collective future. And, now the news!

Development Roundtable Coordinator, Stephanie Arzate, has been hard at work organizing a lineup of speakers, including our own professors Frank Fukuyama and Brian Levy, as well as SAIS alumna Andrée Simon. Another speaker, Sandra Pepera, Director for Gender, Women and Democracy, National Democratic Institute, will close out the fall. Please consider attending a roundtable discussion if you are in town. You can also catch the recording online on [the SAIS IDEV website](#).

Our summer internship program was a success once again. There was at least one IDEV student on five of the seven continents. They spent their summer measuring South Africa's macroeconomic stability, redefining development in Romania, investing in sustainable housing in Mongolia, and evaluating women's empowerment programs in India, among other interesting projects. Please read about their experiences in [SAIS Perspectives](#), IDEV's student-led online publication.

SAIS *Perspectives* had an annual launch in October this year, with an exhibit featuring images taken by many talented SAISers. These photographs shared space with the work of photographer James Whitlow Delano, who has documented the human toll of Duterte's war on drugs in slums outside Manila. I had the honor of joining James and Shamila Chaudhary, (Senior Advisor to the Dean) in a discussion of how informality, unemployment, and the lack of services shape the lives of the urban poor. This year's topic for *Perspectives* is "Work in a Changing World" – and we hope that many of you will consider submitting articles and blog posts to our Editor-in-Chief Maya Gainer and her team: Alison Decker, Deboleena Rakshit, Saksham Khosla, Yifan Powers, and Sarah Sassoon.

It's so wonderful when Practicum alumni become clients. Thanks to Lauren Purnell (class of 2017) and Caitlin Hamill (class of 2014) for hosting teams with Winrock

and New Balance. During the intersession, members of six Practicum teams will be heading to Angola, Cambodia, the Caribbean (Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, St. Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago), India, and Taiwan to conduct fieldwork. If you wish to have a student consulting team work with your organization, please get in touch with me.

Opportunities such as the Practicum and summer internships are invaluable to our students, but they require significant additional resources. We are grateful to the estate of Hope Simon Miller for a generous contribution to the Internship fund endowed in her name. In addition, SAIS alumni Tariq Hussain, Tingting Juni Zhu, and our own Professor Dornsife also made contributions to the Practicum fund. Please consider contributing to IDEV to enrich the student experience. Every contribution, no matter the size, is important!

It was great to see everyone at our Fall Alumni Happy Hour – we were joined by alumni from the Class of 1996 to the Class of 2018. Join us for the next happy hour in the spring at our new spot Duke's Grocery [on April 4th](#).

Please stay in touch. We love getting updates from you.

Warm regards,

Tanvi

CHINA★AFRICA RESEARCH INITIATIVE

[The China Africa Research Initiative at SAIS \(SAIS-CARI\)](#) has received a renewed two-year grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York to keep producing cutting-edge research on China's role in Africa and reinforce our position as a go-to reference on related issues. Thanks to this renewed partnership, SAIS-CARI has recently issued a call for proposals for the 2019 round of applications to the SAIS-CARI Fellows program.

Fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis or by invitation to researchers, policy-makers, or journalists who wish to carry out research and write about an under-explored policy issue related to China-Africa engagement related. In this round, we are looking for proposals that focus on China's strategic interests and how they impact Africa, Africa's traditional Western partners, or other key actors in Africa.

We are particularly interested in research that examines the development-security nexus; China's military and maritime engagement in Africa; and the impact of China's rising influence on efforts to combat piracy and terrorism, debt distress and economic and political instability, and humanitarian crises. **Proposals must be submitted to sais-cari@jhu.edu by November 30, 2018** – please visit our [2019 Fellowships Page](#) for more information.

SAIS-CARI is also continuing its work on China-Africa manufacturing and technology transfer thanks to Britain's ESRC (UK Economic and Social Research Council). On April 15-16, 2019, SAIS-CARI will be holding its 5th Annual Conference on these topics. As the

conference date approaches, more details will be posted to [CARI's website](#).

Alumni Updates

Carolyn Florey (Class of 2012)

Carolyn recently joined the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in Los Baños, Philippines as the Technology for Development Lead. In this role, she is responsible for the strategic deployment of digital tools across the institute. IRRI is one of 15 research centers that comprise the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) focused on agricultural innovation and research.

Mae Chaladmanakul (Class of 2018)

Mae is working with the gender section of UNICEF Headquarters in New York City. She is carrying out research on how digital skills development for girls can be translated into practice and shape UNICEF's programmatic and policy direction.

Emily Schaub (Class of 2018)

Emily is in DC with ICRW's Women and Girls at the Center of Development Learning Agenda. She facilitates collaboration among 30 Gates-funded projects to provide evidence-based answers to strategic questions around what works in gender-intentional programming. Emily recently connected with classmates Yoori Kim and Alice Schaus in Kigali, while attending an International Family Planning conference.

Stay connected!

We want to hear what you have been up to since graduation! Send your stories to saisidev@jhu.edu, and we will publish them in an upcoming newsletter. If you want to get in touch with other alumni from your year, below is contact information for the alumni chairs for recent classes:

Class of 2018: Hannah Kyle (hannah.kyle11@gmail.com) and Irene Rivera Calderon (irivera4@jhu.edu)

Class of 2017: Angela Madero (madero@jhu.edu) and Lauren Purnell (laurenapurnell@gmail.com)

Class of 2016: Mark Maples (mrmmaples@gmail.com) and Marco Gomez (mgomez239@gmail.com)

Class of 2015: Douglas Emeott (dwemeott@gmail.com) and Iva Panchilova (iva.panchilova@gmail.com)

Class of 2014: Laura Sennet (lsennett@gmail.com) and Mark Radin (radinmark@gmail.com)

Class of 2013: Katryn Bowe (katryn.bowe@gmail.com) and Priya Punatar (ppunatar@gmail.com)

Class of 2012: Joe Wilson (wils.jt@gmail.com) and Carolyn Florey (carolynflorey@gmail.com)

Library Resources for Alums

Alumni are welcome to walk in to the SAIS library at any time to use books and online resources for no charge, and can borrow books for a fee. Alums also have free access to some online resources remotely via KnowledgeNet:

<https://alumni.jhu.edu/knowledgenet-login>. Check out the SAIS Library's guide for alumni for more information: http://libguides.sais-jhu.edu/library/alumni_info.

Make a Gift

SAIS alumni donations have a big impact on the IDEV program to support students, especially in the practicum and internships. We invite you to help strengthen the mission of SAIS and donate here:

<https://secure.jhu.edu/form/sais>.

Refer a Prospective Student

The Johns Hopkins SAIS experience is incomparable, made even more rewarding by the remarkable students we attract from around the globe. No one knows better than our alumni what it takes to be successful at Johns Hopkins SAIS, so if you would like to refer a prospective student, please click [here](#).

[New Fall 2018 IDEV Courses](#)

- **International Migration, Diasporas and Development - Devesh Kapur**

While there are fierce debates on the impact of immigration on advanced industrial countries, the effects of emigration and diasporas on the source country are poorly understood. This seminar will seek to understand the economic, political and social consequences of international migration and diasporas on countries of origin.

- **Geoeconomic Strategy: Policy at the Nexus of Macroeconomics, Geopolitics and Financial Markets - Daleep Singh**

This course explores policy issues at the intersection of macroeconomics, geopolitics, and financial markets. Specifically, students will analyze three related trends: (1) leverage of economic influence and market instruments ("economic statecraft") by national actors to advance geopolitical goals; (2) conduct of foreign policy to support economic objectives; and (3) the potential re-shaping of the international order as a result of overusing the tools of economic statecraft.

Newcomers to IDEV



Jeremy Shiffman is Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Global Health Policy at Johns Hopkins University, with joint appointments in the Bloomberg School of Public Health (Department of International Health) and the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). A political scientist by training, his research focuses on the politics of health policy processes in low-income countries and in global governance. He has served on multiple technical advisory committees for organizations working in global health, and is on the editorial board of several health policy journals.

Prior to coming to Johns Hopkins University, he was on the faculty of Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and American University's School of Public Affairs, where he was named Scholar-Teacher of the Year in 2017. He received a BA summa cum laude from Yale University in philosophy, an MA from Johns Hopkins SAIS in international relations, and a PhD from the University of Michigan in political science.



Yusra Shavar MPH PhD is an Assistant Scientist in the Department of International Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and holds a joint courtesy appointment at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Her research concerns the global governance of health and the politics of health policy processes. Recently, she conducted

research on the political prioritization of surgery, urban health, early childhood development, and rheumatic heart disease in the global health agenda, and learning in the global education agenda. She also investigates the politics surrounding the adoption and implementation of controversial and innovative health policies targeting vulnerable populations in low-income countries.

She received her undergraduate and master's degree in public health from the University of Virginia, her doctorate from the department of Public Administration and Public Policy at American University, and she completed her post-doctoral fellowship in the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania.

SAIS Perspectives: the IDEV online publication



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: "WORK IN A CHANGING WORLD"

We are interested in your perspective on how to promote secure and sustainable livelihoods in a rapidly changing world. Automation, globalization, demographic shifts, climate change, migration, and conflict are just a few of the factors reshaping the nature of work and the labor market. Understanding these changes and responding effectively comprise some of our most pressing policy challenges. For more information on submission criteria, visit www.saisperspectives.com.

Submit via email at sais.perspectives@gmail.com. Perspectives is especially interested in submissions relevant to the theme, but all submissions are welcome.

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Recent Articles

- [What Robocalypse?](#) (Charles Kenny, November 2018)
- [Time For Hard Choices: An Interview with WDR 2019 Director Simeon Djankov](#) (Saksham Khosla, November 2018)
- [Creating a New Model for Sustainable Law Enforcement](#) (Alison Decker, April 2018)
- [Myanmar's Contested Development Trajectory Part I](#) (June Choi, May 2018)
- [Myanmar's Contested Development Trajectory Part II](#) (June Choi, May 2018)

IDEV Practicum Projects



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new balance 

New Balance Team: Our team is evaluating the presence of forced labor and recruitment fees in New Balance's global supply chain, with a particular focus on the company's Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers in Taipei, Taiwan.

PANCAP Team: Our team will be working with the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the World Health Organization's "treat all" HIV/AIDS policy for four countries in the Caribbean region: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, St. Lucia, and Trinidad and Tobago. To this end, our team will be conducting a

broad economic analysis of the region to create an overarching research report on the regional implications of the policy, as well as country-specific economic analysis reports. Additionally, we will be creating a standardized cost-benefit analysis tool that will be used at the country level to determine the actual cost of advancing the "treat all" policy.

Winrock Team: Our team will travel to Phnomh Penh to analyze an internet-based employment service, Bong Pheak, which uses different technologies to reach unskilled factory, construction and hospitality workers, among others and connect them with employment opportunities regardless of qualifications. The team will create a business plan that includes recommendations for expansion within Cambodia and strategies to preserve the integrity of the application and ensure the continuation of ethical recruitment.

Athena Infonomics Team: Our practicum team will be supporting Athena Infonomics' ongoing research for the Gates Foundation by analyzing the challenges to the effective operation of the cooperative banking system and government crop procurement system. These institutions have the potential to help poor farmers in Uttar Pradesh access higher prices, but Athena's research has found that many farmers are unable to benefit from them. Based on desk research, data collected by Athena, and interviews in the field, the team will recommend interventions to help make cooperative banks and government procurement more reliable sources of support for farmers.

Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) Team: Our team is researching technological innovations in India's agribusiness sector, specifically in Bangalore, that can help improve access and affordability to nutritious, safe, desirable and healthy foods. We will be identifying supply chain pain points and replicable, scalable technological solutions to these issues.

Jefferies Team: Our team will work with Jefferies and the SAIS China Africa Research Initiative (CARI) in Luanda to conduct research on Chinese loans extended to Africa, with a focus on interpreting the principles China would apply in its restructuring of sovereign debts to Africa.



Professor Tanvi Nagpal with IDEV students in Bologna.



IDEV alumni, faculty and students at the Fall Alumni Happy Hour

Save the Date!

African Studies, ERE, and IDEV Joint Programs Holiday Party

Date: Tuesday, December 11th

Time: 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Location: ERE Suite, 4th floor, 1619 Massachusetts Ave NW

Spring 2019 Alumni Happy Hour

Date: Thursday, April 4th

Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Location: Duke's, 1513 17th Street NW



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