

DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE SERIES

Spring 2018

All events are free & open to the public. Please RSVP to developmentroundtable@jhu.edu

Panama: A Peaceful Country Committed to Democracy, Transparency & Human Development

Isabel Saint Malo de Alvarado - Vice President & Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Panama

Hosted in partnership with the Latin American Studies Program

Vice President Alvarado will discuss how Panama has become an example of a successful nation committed to democratic principles, enhanced transparency, and long-term stability. She will describe the efforts of the Government of Panama for social policies with the strategic objective of eradicating poverty and inequality through the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as the promotion of education, health, and gender equality. Her vision is to inspire a foreign policy where Panama serves as a country of dialogue and consensus building, a country positioned at the forefront of the global development agenda.

Tues, February 20

4:30 - 5:30 PM

BOB 500



Engaging Men to Invest in Gender Equality and Advance Global Development

Dr. Gary Barker - Founder and CEO, Promundo

Hosted in partnership with the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security

Gender inequality is one of the most pressing global development issues we face today: it hinders women's fundamental human rights, as well as their access to economic, social, and political opportunities. It also holds back social and economic development on a global scale, and threatens the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Too often, however, work to rectify these inequalities - largely through women-led movements - has lacked the support of men and boys and their buy-in as thoughtful partners in advancing the agenda. This needs to change if we hope to realize full equality in our lifetime.

Wed, February 28

12:30 - 1:30 PM

BOB 500



What Will Work Here: Version 2.0 of Policy Analysis & Evaluation

Dr. Robert Klitgaard - Professor & Former President, Claremont Graduate University

The standard ways we do, teach, and study policy analysis and evaluation need broadening and deepening - metaphorically, moving from Version 1.0 to Version 2.0. We need to help stakeholders clarify objectives, expand alternatives, and build partnerships that lead to a stream of actions rather than a discrete decision. Beyond teaching that instills "the tools," and practicums that work on discrete issues, we need to redefine the issues and enlarge the audiences being addressed. And in our research about our research - our evaluations of our evaluations - we should look beyond "Was the study valid?" and "Were our recommendations followed?" to "Did we help people rethink objectives, enhance alternatives, and improve relationships?"

Wed, March 14

12:30 - 1:30 PM

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Navigation by Judgment: Why & When Top Down Management of Foreign Aid Doesn't Work

Dr. Daniel Honig - Assistant Professor of International Development, SAIS

This talk draws on Dr. Honig's newly released book, *Navigation by Judgment*. He argues that high-quality implementation of foreign aid programs often requires contextual information that cannot be seen by those in distant headquarters. Tight controls and a focus on reaching pre-set measurable targets often prevent front-line workers from using skill, local knowledge, and creativity to solve problems in ways that maximize the impact of foreign aid. Drawing on a novel database of over 14,000 discrete development projects across nine aid agencies and eight paired case studies of development projects, he argues that aid agencies will often benefit from giving field agents the authority to use their own judgments to guide aid delivery.

Mon, April 9

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Rome Auditorium



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