“DOES DECENTRALIZATION IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY?”
CHARLES CADWELL
Director
Urban Institute, Center on International Development and Governance

Decentralization in most developing countries has evolved as leaders adjust intergovernmental structures to manage power and maintain national cohesion. Typically decentralization has not been motivated by ambition to maximize the efficiency or equity of service provision. Yet development experts promote decentralization as a solution to weak delivery of core services. Is it? While there is good research testing approaches to specifics techniques of service delivery, it is less clear how the details of intergovernmental fiscal, administrative and political arrangements affect service delivery outcomes. Mr. Cadwell will describe work underway at the Urban Institute that addresses these trade-offs and suggest areas of needed research.

Wednesday, September 10
12:30 PM | Kenney Auditorium

“FEEDING THE WORLD: IS SUSTAINABLE INTENSIFICATION THE ANSWER?”
SIR GORDON CONWAY
Professor and Director of International Development
Imperial College, London

**Hosted by SAIS Global Issues in Agriculture Speaker Series
Sir Gordon Conway is one of the world's foremost experts on global food needs and will discuss the many interrelated issues critical to our global food supply from the science of agricultural advances to the politics of food security. What contributions can the social and natural sciences make in finding solutions? And how can we engage both government and the private sector to apply these solutions and achieve significant impact in the lives of the poor?

Wednesday, October 1
12:30 PM | Rome 200

“SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE ASIA - LATIN AMERICA RELATIONSHIP”
NAOYUKI YOSHINO
Dean
Asian Development Bank Institute

Economic relations between Asia and Latin America have reached a turning point. In a mere decade, the manufacturing prowess and insatiable hunger for natural resources of Asian economies, coupled with Latin America’s reemergence, have made Asia Latin America’s second largest trading partner. At the same time, this dynamic trade relationship has significantly increased Latin America’s strategic and economic importance to Asia. Dr. Yoshino will present the findings of a collaborative report by ADB, the Asian Development Bank and the Inter-Development Bank, identifying the main challenges and opportunities to strengthen future trade, investment and cooperation between these two regions.

Wednesday, October 8
12:30 PM | Rome 200

“WORKING WITH THE GRAIN:
INTEGRATING GOVERNANCE AND GROWTH IN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES”
BRIAN LEVY
Professor
Johns Hopkins University, SAIS

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12:30 PM | Rome 200

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