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Unleashing Human Potential: Global Citizens in Pursuit of the Common Good

February 11-12, 2011

On behalf of the Ford Program, thank you to all who attended the third annual Human Development Conference, **"Unleashing Human Potential: Global Citizens in Pursuit of the Common Good"**. It was a successful twoday conference, with more than 250 students and faculty in attendance from across the United States and abroad. Papers were featured from 73 students on research conducted in over 30 countries, and panels addressed topics ranging from agriculture, global health, and the environment to gender equality, human rights, and education. The weekend began with a message of hope, solidarity, and passion for research in human development during the <u>opening remarks</u> made by Steve Reifenberg, Executive Director of the Kellogg Institute, and ended with a <u>keynote speech</u> from microfinance specialist, David Roodman of the Center for Global Development.

The Ford Program would also like to thank the visiting delegation of faculty and students from Uganda Martyrs University, Ford's key partner in on-site development work in Uganda, who attended the event and participated as panel moderators and presenters.

Please stay tuned for next year's conference! The call for papers will go out in Fall 2011.







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A Human Development Conference at the University of Notre Dame

Schedule

All events will take place in the <mark>Hesburgh</mark> Center for International <mark>Studies</mark> unless otherwise noted.

Friday Panels

Panel Session 1 - 3:15pm-4:45pm

Development Through Peacebuilding - Graduate Panel - Hesburgh Center C104/105

This panel considers development in conflict and post-conflict contexts with topics that include the reintegration of ex-combatants, the role and rights of women during conflict, and healing in a post-apartheid society. By looking at the experiences of Israel-Palestine, South Africa, and Colombia, panelists will discuss peacebuilding strategies that promote social and economic development.

Moderated by Asher Kaufman, History and Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

Jimena Holguín University of Notre Dame Community Reintegration in DDR Programs: An Analysis of the Communitarian Component of the Reintegration Program in Colombia, 2002–2008

Elisheva Simon American University SIT South Africa *Healing the Emotional Wounds of Apartheid*

Njuhi Chege University of Notre Dame Experiences in Israel-Palestine in Operationalizing the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000): Gender Perspectives, War, and Peace

Rethinking Agriculture - Hesburgh Center C-103

Efficient food production is vital to development in order to keep people healthy and bolster local economies. Panelists will assess the impacts of current agricultural practices and present potential solutions for future implementation.

Moderated by Jess Lowenberg-DeBoer, Agricultural Economics, Purdue University

Gabriela Baker Oberlin College SIT Vietnam Adjusting to Climate Change in the Local Context: Agro-Ecological Adaptations in Long Hoa, Vietnam

David Emmerman Amherst College SIT Ecuador Silvopasture Reforestation: The Environmental and Economic Efficacy of Agroforestry Grazing Systems in Chone, Ecuador

Olivia Haddad Gettysburg College SIT Panama Food Security in Loma Bonita: Subsistence, Cash Crops, and Salaried Work

Emily Werner American University *The Phenomenon of the Cerrados: Exporting Brazil's Potential*

Women in Development: Challenges and Fighting Back - Hesburgh Center Auditorium

This panel examines the obstacles facing women today and the social, political, and economic empowerment of women in public and private spheres. Drawing from experiences in Argentina, Ghana, and Uganda, panelists will discuss power relationships in decision-making, women's collective action for human rights advocacy, and gender empowerment through poultry rearing.

Moderated by Alicia Decker, History and Women's Studies, Purdue University

Jacob Brems University of Notre Dame Poultry Rearing and the Empowerment of Marginalized Women

Rebecca Crook Northwestern University Religion and Relationship Power among Couples in Accra, Ghana: Implications for Domestic Violence Prevention

Alexander Lee University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill SIT Oman *The Law of the Peoples: Omani Public Perception of Secular and Islamic Criminal Systems*

Allison Wilhite Stonehill College SIT Argentina

The Impact of Human Rights Organizations on Democratization: The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo and Argentina's Transition to Democracy

Panel Session 2 - 5:00pm-6:30pm

Health and Sanitation - Graduate Panel - Hesburgh Center C104/105

One of the primary goals of development is to improve public health in impoverished regions, both for the immediate well-being of the people and to facilitate long-term progress. These panelists are working toward this goal, through projects dealing with affordable treatments, clean water, and vital health event surveillance. Moderated by Katherine Taylor, Eck Institute for Global Health, University of Notre Dame

Abigail Weaver University of Notre Dame A University/NGO Partnership in Haiti to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis: Low-Tech Quality Control of Medicated Salt

Lisa Zook University of Michigan Evaluation of Vital Event Surveillance under the Safe Motherhood Program in Rural Malawi

Karen Saavedra University of Notre Dame An Exploration into Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) Applied to Rural Water Resource Systems

Interfacing World Markets and Local Communities: The Economics of Development - Hesburgh Center C-103

The growth of any economy is fundamentally driven by the actions of its people at all income levels. Understanding the relationship between grassroots markets and multinational corporations is vital to understanding the true complexity of economic growth. This panel aims to explore different models of economic development, ranging from fledgling endeavors in Brazilian agriculture and Malagasy mining to the giant forces in economic development of China and the growth of hypermarkets in the Middle East.

Moderated by **Edward Ssemwogerere**, Business and Microfinance, Uganda Martyrs University

Katie McGuire Hamilton College SIT Madagascar *Rio Tinto's Madagascar Mine and the Shortcomings of Corporate Social Responsibility*

Valerie Valdez Manhattanville College

Causes and Consequences of Income Inequality in China

Ethan Simon Muhlenberg College SIT Oman *The Evolution of Omani Consumer Behavior in a Hypermarket-Driven Food Retail System*

Catherine Bryars Amherst College SIT Brazil Buying Into Agrarian Reform: Commercialization Strategies of the Agrarian Reform Communities in Marabá, Pará, Brazil

Beyond the Border: Roots and Repercussions of Mexican Immigration - Hesburgh Center Auditorium

The accelerated rate of immigration from Mexico has garnered a significant amount of attention in recent years. Though viewpoints on immigration have become increasingly polarized, the fundamental issue at hand remains incredibly complex and resonates in a multitude of sectors. This panel aims to discuss responses to immigration including the militarization of the border, the role of public opinion in policy, and the repercussions of immigration within the contexts of education and nutrition. Moderated by Allert Brown-Gort, Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame

Bridget Flores University of Notre Dame Reading Between the Lines: Analyzing How the US Media Constructs the Public Debate Around Undocumented Immigration, Using the Arizona Immigration Law SB 1070 as a Case Study

David Rivera University of Notre Dame Border Narrative Management and the Policy of Deterrence

Nicole Ashley University of Notre Dame The "Americanization" of Mexican Migrant Farm Worker Nutrition

Norma Jessica Lujan University of Notre Dame Education for a Reverse Migration: Mexico and the United States

Saturday Panels

Panel Session 3 - 10:30am-12:00pm

The Developing Workforce - Graduate Panel - Hesburgh Center C104/105

Sustainable human development hinges on a productive and ethically managed workforce. This panel will examine labor in the developing world in the form of workers' rights, gender roles, and worker initiatives.

Moderated by Barbara Fick, Law, University of Notre Dame

Elizabeth Allen University of Georgia

Modernization and Gender Attitudes: Analyzing Changes in Gender Parity and the Moroccan Labor Force

Katie Sobering University of Texas at Austin SIT Argentina Networks of Innovation: Hotel BAUEN and the Development of the Solidarity Economy in Argentina

Alexandr Rahmonov University of Notre Dame Protecting Tajik Labor Migrants: International and Domestic Mechanisms

International Influences in Post-Conflict Societies - Hesburgh Center Auditorium

In post-conflict situations, development is dependent upon a society's ability to reconcile the past and move forward in a way that promotes the rights of all citizens. The international community has a moral obligation to assist these fragile societies. This panel will examine the power and effects of international institutions in post-conflict situations by discussing peace accords, media assistance programs, truth commissions, and peace-building NGOs.

Moderated by **Joseph Bock**, Eck Institute for Global Health, University of Notre Dame

Lauren LaVare Siena College

Empty Promises for Reconciliation: A Case Study of the Failures in South African Truth Commission and War Tribunals in Former Yugoslavia

Marissa Moran George Washington University Restoring Their Voices: A Critical Assessment of U.S. Media Assistance in Rwanda and Bosnia

Laura Juncadella Skidmore College SIT Balkans

"The Current Flows Both Ways:" Peacebuilding NGOs and Civil Society in Post-Conflict Sarajevo

Jjuuko Dennis Uganda Martyrs University An Investigation on the Persistance of the Somali Conflict from the Early 1990s

The Evolution of Cultural Identity - Hesburgh Center C-102

The components of a community's culture cut across nearly every aspect of daily life. In the developing world, maintaining cultural heritage under the ever-increasing pressure of globalization is an especially difficult challenge. This panel draws upon the changing food culture in India, the tension between tourism and identity in Batwa culture, and the cultural enclave of a Mexican radio station to offer a case-specific approach of how different communities respond to change.

Moderated by Carolyn Nordstrom, Department of Anthropology, University of Notre Dame

Melody Sage Mills College SIT Mexico Two Ways to Reclaim and Re-imagine Radio: A Comparative Ethnography of Radio Arco Iris and Free Radio Santa Cruz

Will Gowen Hamilton College SIT Uganda Stuck Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Issues of Agency in Tourism and Education for the Batwa of Uganda

Katrina Organ Stonehill College SIT India

Causes and Impacts of the Changing Food Culture in Urban India (With Special Reference to New Delhi)

Environmental Concerns - Hesburgh Center C-103

From invasive species to pollution and deforestation, serious consequences for the natural world have followed globalization and development. This panel features studies from across the spectrum, identifying the issues and presenting ideas for lessening our impact on the environment.

Moderated by Peter Levi, Biological Sciences (PhD candidate), University of Notre Dame

Justin Loiseau University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill SIT Vietnam The Invasive Golden Apple Snail in the Mekong Delta: A Scientific Assessment with Environmental, Social, Economic, and Political Ramifications

Sarah Connette Davidson College SIT India

Renewable Energy as a Means to Community Development: A Case Study of Solar Power with Avani in Kumaon, Uttarakhand

Kate Wright DePauw University SIT Madagascar

Creating a Category V: Conservation Perceptions and Cultural Changes in the Anjozorobe-Angavo Forest Corridor

Erica Hann & **Amie Fleming** University of Puget Sound, Colby College SIT Botswana Ecology of the Seboba Trust Nature Trail: A Community-Based Development Project in Botswana

Panel Session 4 - 2:00pm-3:30pm

International Players: The Role of the Outsider - Graduate Panel - Hesburgh Center C104/105

This panel considers the complexities of an outsider's role in development. From individuals' relationships in local communities to International Financial Institutions' involvement in national economies, panelists seek to outline the practices and policies that ensure the international community's work fosters collaboration and true development.

Moderated by Amitava Dutt, Economics and Political Science, University of Notre Dame

Aaron R. King Villanova University

Partners in Development: Reciprocity and Accountability at the Local Level in International Aid Organizations

Brianna Zeigler Michigan State University

Participation, Power and Positionality: An Ethnographic Study from the Southern Highlands of Tanzania

Madalitso Phiri University of Cape Town Mozambique's Post-Conflict Political Economy: Africa's Success Story? (1992–2009)

Challenges and Opportunities for Children - Hesburgh Center C-102

This panel will explore the challenges of and various approaches to educating and caring for children in diverse contexts in the developing world. Through a discussion that considers street children, refugees, orphans, and war-affected children, panelists seek to provide a thorough analysis and identify effective and sustainable practices in education and childcare.

Moderated by Harriet Mutonyi, Education, Uganda Martyrs University

Marian Hale University of Colorado at Boulder SIT Jordan UNRWA's Role in Education in the Palestinian Refugee Camps of Jordan

Elizabeth Chaten University of Notre Dame SIT Jordan

Mainstreaming of Calcutta's Street Children at Loreto Day School Sealdah

Cait O'Donnell George Washington University SIT Uganda

"Don't Address Their Brains, Address Their Hearts": The Role of Sports in the Rehabilitation of War-Affected Children in Northern Uganda

Remer Brinson, **Dylan Berger**, and **Taylor Buckley** Wheaton College Caring for the Least of These: An Exploratory Sociocultural Analysis of the Honduran Orphan Care System

Healthcare in Development: Practice and Prevention - Hesburgh Center C-103

This panel explores several unique communities as they attempt to deal with situational healthcare problems. Through a discussion of conditions leading to ileal perforations, counseling-based HIV-AIDS therapy, preventative measures in Haitian salt production, and limited access to healthcare by indigent populations in Eastern Europe, this panel underlines the complexity of healthcare responses around the globe.

Moderated by Lacey Haussamen, Ford Program, University of Notre Dame

Rosabelle Conover University of Notre Dame Healthcare Discrimination against the Roma of Eastern Europe—Hungary and Romania

Marco Magallon University of Notre Dame *Haiti Salt Project*

Betsy Cowin University of Notre Dame SIT Uganda A Valued Support System: The Effect of Counseling Services in the Lives of Clients Seeking Treatment at Nsambya Home Care

Christopher De Boer Wheaton College *Typhoid Ileal Perforation Among Patients at Kagando Hospital, Uganda*

Violence and Vulnerability - Hesburgh Center Auditorium

In situations resulting from conflict, vulnerable populations have specific needs that should be considered and addressed. This panel will explore the plight of vulnerable groups of people in times of conflict and post-conflict. Considering elderly victims in the Balkan states, ethnic groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa, and the international media, panelists will discuss strategies for success in communities with vulnerable populations.

Moderated by **Susan St. Ville**, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame

Kathleen Stephan Stonehill College *The Importance of Age: Creating Space for the Elderly in Post-Conflict Studies*

David Ngendo Tshimba Uganda Martyrs University

A People Trapped in Narratives and Memories: Facing Pacification in the Great Lakes Region of Africa

Brianna Kilcullen George Washington University SIT South Africa The Truth and Reconciliation Commission: Advocate for Victims or Scapegoat for Perpetrators?

Erin Murphy University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill SIT Balkans Perceptions of the International Media in Post-Conflict Srebrenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Panel Session 5 - 3:45pm-5:15pm

Universal Entitlement: Sustaining the Cause of Human Rights - Graduate Panel -Hesburgh Center C104/105

Ensuring continued respect for human rights in a rapidly evolving world requires both immediate action and careful retrospection to understand the lessons of history. This panel focuses on the phenomenon of genocide in India, the state of food security in South Africa, and the role of the International Criminal Courts as they pertain to the sustained effort of promoting human rights.

Moderated by Sean O'Brien, Law, University of Notre Dame

Moses Retselisitsoe Phooko University of Notre Dame

Has the International Criminal Court Been Effective: Evaluating the Work and Progress of the International Criminal Court

Tiffany Parisi George Washington University

A World Without Evil: Moral and Cultural Considerations on Genocide Prevention and Response in Gujarat India

Rebecca Burns University of Notre Dame

Locating Food Security in Incongruent Rights Regimes: The Case of South Africa

Intelligent Aid: The Effectiveness of International Relief Efforts - Hesburgh Center C-103

One of the primary goals for modern aid agencies is to facilitate the efficient and effective flow of resources. This panel will explore many of the challenges facing aid distribution through analysis of different aid models, the role of the foreigner on the path to self-sustained development and the consequences of NGO saturation in afflicted regions.

Moderated by **Tina Mangieri**, Africa and the Middle East Program, SIT Study Abroad

Emily Daher Calvin College

The Role of the Foreigner in International Development: Perspectives from Ghana

John Villecco University of Notre Dame

Ethnographic Research in Uganda: Cultural Challenges and the Impact of NGO Saturation

Amy McDonough Occidental College SIT South Africa

The Role of Development Support Communication Professionals in Implementing International Aid to Promote Community Development: A Case Study of an AIDS Organization in South Africa

Courtney Meyer Albion College SIT Switzerland The Misnomer of "Official Development Assistance": Analyzing the Motivations Fueling Bilateral Aid Allocations and Their Distribution in Developing Countries

Governance in the Developing World - Hesburgh Center C-102

This panel will explore a variety of issues regarding public policy across the developing world, the challenges being faced, and the potential for progress. With a global scope and advancement in mind, these topics will range from property rights and criminal justice to infrastructure.

Moderated by **Ottón Solís**, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

Samuel Fuchs Brandeis University SIT Geneva Intellectual Property: Compulsory Licenses through the TRIPS Agreement and the Doha Declaration on Public Health

Gene Goldstein-Plesser Brown University SIT Nicaragua Managua: In Search of a Lost Center

Timothy Lau Wheaton College

Urban-Rural Convergence and Alternative Cityscapes: A Case Study on Shenzhen's Urban Villages

Sustainable Housing and Waste - Hesburgh Center Auditorium

As the global population climbs and urban areas continue to expand, the question of how the planet will handle this influx of people is becoming ever more relevant. This panel discusses a variety of ideas and issues regarding the environmental impacts of housing and waste.

Moderated by **Tracy Kijewski-Correa**, Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, University of Notre Dame

Mairin O'Donnell Brandeis University SIT Vietnam Is Vietnam Becoming a Wasteful Society?

Matthew Sousa Siena College SIT Tanzania Study on Solar Power in Kimbiji Village, Tanzania

Tyeisha A. Cole Miami University SIT Kenya Inclusionary Zoning and Green Incentives for Development in Nairobi, Kenya

Hai-Vu Phan Yale University SIT Geneva Omnipresent Yet Elusive: The Paradox of Why Solar Energy is Not More Widely Used in Africa

Poster Presentations

Reed Sorensen University of Michigan Household Risk Factors for the Dengue Vector, Aedes Aegypti, in Rural Ecuador

Mary-Katharine Johnson Loyola University Maryland SIT Jordan *Civil Society and Inequality in Jordan: A Study on the Effectiveness of the Community Development Center in Ashrafiyah*

Kathryn Campbell University of Virginia SIT Argentina What Does it Mean to be a Militant Today? Conceptions of Militancy through Women Militants of the 1960s and 1970s in Argentina

Sarah Endres Rhodes College SIT Geneva Structural Earthquakes: Barriers to Migration and their Impact on Health in Haiti

Claire Schuch Macalester College SIT Chile Hospital Accessibility to Arica's Most Vulnerable Population

Mikelle Dahlin Bethel University SIT Uganda Compassion International: Efforts to Break the Cycle of Poverty and Fight Dependency

Alicia Elliott and **Erin Ellis** University of Notre Dame *MENA Women in the Workforce*

Lisa Zook University of Michigan Evaluation of Vital Event Surveillance under the Safe Motherhood Program in Rural Malawi

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Keynote Speaker

<u>David Roodman</u> is a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development currently focusing on microfinance. He is writing a book on the subject through an "open book" blog, sharing questions, discoveries, and chapter drafts. The book asks bottom-line questions about what we know about the benefits of microfinance, and what that implies for how we support it.

Roodman has been architect and manager of the Commitment to Development Index since the project's inception in 2002. The Index ranks the world's richest countries based on their dedication to policies that benefit the 5 billion people living in poorer nations. It is widely recognized as the most comprehensive measure of rich-country policies towards the developing world.

Roodman spent academic year 1998–99 on a Fulbright in Vietnam. Despite being ranked among the top young economists in the world, he has never taken a course in economics or statistics.

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Rachel Garneau, Publicist

Rachel is a sophomore Anthropology major from Chicago, Illinois. She has worked with young children in orphanages in Ghana, Nepal, and Honduras, and is currently working on a project aiming to improve the sanitation in a rural village in Benin through the construction of latrines.

Michelle Giezeman, Cochair

Michelle is a senior Political Science major and Public Service minor from Searcy, Arkansas. Through working with immigrants and refugees she has discovered a passion for studying regional politics and their effect on human and societal development.

Noelle Hilmer, Logistics Coordinator

Noelle is a senior Sociology, and Peace Studies pre-medicine major from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She loves to love people and strongly believes in integral human development.

Monica O'Hearn, Editor

Monica is a sophomore Political Science and Romance Languages and Literature major from Sigonella, Italy. She has studied development in Africa and hopes to one day take part in international development projects.

Julie Romano, Graphic Designer

Julie is a senior Graphic Design and Anthropology major from Corpus Christi, Texas. She is interested in development because it allows one to see beyond a person's "is" to a person's "could be," to creatively see potential where there was none.

Greg Rustico, IT Coordinator

Greg is a senior Political Science and Economics major from Middletown, New York. His area of interest is rural poverty, and he spent a summer in Kitete, Tanzania through the International Summer Service Learning Program run by the Center for Social Concerns.

Katie Schenkel, Publicist

Katie is a Science-Business major with a minor in Catholic Social Tradition from a family of six in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Through working at a health clinic for uninsured patients in her hometown and teaching in western Uganda, she has become very interested in how different disciplines must be integrated in order to further human development in domestic and international contexts.

Katie Snyder, Lead Abstract Coordinator

Katie is a senior from Minneapolis, Minnesota studying Math and International Peace Studies. She is passionate about development and feels extremely blessed to have nurtured this interest in her time at Notre Dame by spending a semester in Uganda through SIT and her past two summers participating in internships in Ecuador (through the Kellogg Institute) and Guatemala.

Curtis Tripp, Abstract Coordinator

Curtis is a junior from Waterford, Connecticut majoring in Environmental Science and Anthropology. He is drawn to international development by his interest in human rights and social justice, as well as his environmental concerns about international conservation and global sustainability.

Rohit Ummer, Abstract Coordinator

Rohit is a senior Chemistry major and Classics minor from El Paso, Texas. He has been involved in the International Summer Service Learning Program for the last two years after participating in a malnutrition relief service project in El Salvador on behalf of the Center for Social Concerns.

Marissa Woodard, Co-Chair

Marissa is a senior Economics and Sociology major from Melbourne, Florida. She is primarily motivated to seek human development by her love for people and has thus worked in Haiti and studied development and microfinance in Uganda.

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