

Security for Development: Confronting Threats to Survival and Safety
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THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

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Launched in 1999, the Global Development Network (GDN) is a global association of research and policy institutes dedicated to building high-quality social science research capacity across the developing and transition world. Our efforts are based on the belief that good policy research, properly applied, can accelerate the pace of development. Towards this end, our approach is unique – we support the generation of local knowledge on development, share research output amongst the research community, and apply it to policy by linking to policymakers. We have five core activities which together serve the twin goals of generating policy relevant, local research and building the capacity of research institutes and individual researchers in eight regions of the developing and transition world. To facilitate greater links between researchers in developing and developed countries, we also partner with three networks in the developed world.

Our Regional Research Competitions help identify and support young researchers with innovative ideas capable of informing our understanding of development. The intensive process of mentoring and disseminating research findings ensures in the words of our Chairman Ernesto Zedillo that “good ideas become the good practice of development”. The Global Development Awards and Medals Competition, the largest international competition on development research, recognizes outstanding new knowledge on development issues and supports the expansion or publication of this work through financial assistance. Our online initiative, www.gdnet.org is committed to promoting effective research communication to maximize the impact of development research. Our Global Research Projects involve hundreds of researchers worldwide, conducting studies on common themes. Finally, annual conferences provide a global platform for the exchange of ideas on sustainable development and poverty reduction while allowing our grantees the opportunity to present their research to a host of fellow academics, policymakers, development practitioners and sponsors of research.

Since June 2005, the headquarters of the Global Development Network has been located in New Delhi, India. Currently a not-for-profit organization, we are in the process of changing our status to that of an international organization. A host of countries including Colombia, Egypt, India, Italy, Senegal, Spain and Sri Lanka remain committed to supporting the future of GDN.

CONFERENCE THEME

The 2008 conference will address the role of physical security as a precondition of human development. It will focus on pervasive (basic, ongoing, persistent, recurring, and long-term) threats, that have potential to cause physical or material damage, shortens the planning horizon of individuals, communities and enterprises and challenges their very survival. Threats to be addressed include violence, such as domestic abuse, violent crime, and civil conflict, and major calamities including pandemics and natural disasters such as earthquakes, drought and floods.

The conference will go beyond the recognition and identification of threats by highlighting responses to them in various parts of the world. It will compare successful and failed approaches

to safeguard agents and assist development. Central here is the observation that an adequate response to many of these threats is wholly or mainly beyond the capacity of the individual or even the community. The conference will therefore pay special attention to national and international emergency responses and prevention strategies. Examples include: the introduction and/or strengthening of the rule of law as the primary means of protecting individuals and property and averting the perpetuation of crime and conflict; the restoration of peace and rehabilitation of the economy following civil unrest; and achieving the preparedness of countries and communities to deal with the aftermath of major calamities such as pandemics or earthquakes.

FACETS OF SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT

The conference proper will feature presentations by nearly 100 participants and will include a combination of plenary and parallel sessions. While the opening plenary will provide the framework for examining and responding to threats to security, other plenaries will focus on various aspects of the relationship between security and development – how the rule of law works to both punish and prevent violence; conflict mitigation and prevention strategies; the impact of contagious diseases in destroying human capital and undermining labor productivity; and how individuals and communities attempt to deal with natural disasters. The final plenary will focus on concrete implications for policy and participants will hear from current and former policymakers on the challenges of policymaking in their respective countries.

Opening Plenary: Securing Development: A Framework for Assessing Costs and Exploring Solutions

Speakers at this session will set the conceptual agenda for the rest of the conference by sharing their outlook on the conference theme, indicating the rationale for focusing on the analysis of pervasive, physical threats and illustrating their costs for development. The presentations will analyze the impact of such threats on individuals, communities and enterprises, and offer a framework for assessing the costs and feasibility of both coping with insecurity and implementing emergency response strategies locally, nationally, or internationally.

Contagious Diseases: Responses to the Security Threat without Borders

This paper by Mark Gersovitz will demonstrate that contagious diseases have serious consequences for individuals and communities, by destroying human capital and undermining labor productivity through increased illness and mortality. Participants will discuss how community-based, national, and regional public health systems can be effectively integrated into a coherent global system of monitoring and control of contagious diseases.

Interpersonal Violence: the Rule of Law and its Enforcement

Considering the many forms of interpersonal violence (criminal brutality and murder, violence authorized by a predatory state, domestic abuse) and their connection to development, this paper by Martin Krygier and Whitney Mason will explore how the rule of law works to both punish and prevent violence. The presenters will provide specific examples of both successes and failures, and explore the appropriate balance between penalty-based and preventive strategies, both at the community level and beyond.

National Security: Deterring and Surviving Civil Conflicts

Civil conflict causes numerous deaths and injuries among civilians as well as combatants, destroys infrastructure, devastates health systems and often results in massive displacement through forced expulsion or voluntary flight. In her paper, Marta Reynal Querol discusses the main determinants of conflict, the role of institutions in conflict-prone societies, relationship between democracy and conflict and proposes an agenda to prevent civil wars.

Natural Disasters: Anticipating and Coping with Catastrophes

Natural disasters (droughts, earthquakes, floods and fires) cause enormous strain on the development process through illness and death, the destruction of infrastructure, and the erosion of livelihoods, rendering returns to investment and the availability of human capital more uncertain. The paper by Ajay Chhibber and Rachid Laajaj makes the case for better global and regional financing mechanisms to respond to disasters and more market based financing mechanisms and an emphasis on forecasting research. It argues for more works on the links between climate change and the frequency of disasters.

Closing Plenary: Prevention of Threats and Emergency Response: Challenges for Policy Making

Drawing from the examples of successful and failed responses to the various threats examined during the conference, Paul Collier will highlight the policy implications of enhancing security for development. The paper will provide clear guidelines for policymakers at the local, national and international levels emerging from the analysis of the relative economic, political and social costs and benefits of allocating resources for prevention versus emergency response after the occurrence of a conflict or calamity. Eminent policymakers with direct experience in security issues will serve as respondents in the session.

PARALLEL SESSIONS: A REGION SPECIFIC LOOK AT SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT

Four parallel sessions will focus on a range of topics from security and development in transition China, crime and security in Latin America, preventing conflict in Africa and transborder security threats in East and South Asia and the Pacific Islands. As in previous years, two parallels will focus on presentations by finalists of the 2007 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition.

WORKSHOPS

This year's conference includes pre and post conference workshops. Organized by a range of partners, the 2008 GDN conference will provide the venue for workshops on a variety of research themes including inequality, public finance and development; interdisciplinary research for development; education and development; acceleration of economic growth in Africa; understanding fragile states; migration and development; promoting innovative health programs; and changing investment patterns in Asia.

1. Inequality, Public Finance and Development
2. Interdisciplinary Research for Development
3. Education Quality and Development
4. Acceleration of Economic Growth in Africa
5. Impact of Disasters on Household Welfare
6. Development on the Move: Measuring and Optimizing the Economic and Social Impacts of Migration on Development

7. Promoting Innovative Programs from the Developing World: Towards Realizing the Health MDGs in Africa and Asia
8. Fragile States: Addressing Vulnerability
9. Bridging Research and Policy

BUSINESS MEETINGS

The GDN Board of Directors will meet during the annual conference to discuss progress in GDN activities in the last year and provide strategic direction for future activities. Members of the Board of Directors and GDN staff will also hold a series of consultations with our Regional Network Partners. The meeting of the GDN Advisory Committee will bring together representatives of agencies supporting GDN's mission and activities to provide an update on developments in the past year and welcome suggestions on future courses of action.

PARTNERS

GDN is grateful for the support of a range of partners including our Regional Network Partner the Oceania Development Network and the Australian Agency for International Development. In addition various forms of support are provided by no fewer than 25 different organizations, bilateral and multilateral institutions and research institutes.

CONFERENCE VENUE: AUSTRALIA

GDN's traveling conferences are held in a different region each year, our aim being to involve in a significant way, local research communities in these countries. The 2008 conference is held in Brisbane, Australia for this purpose – to allow researchers to engage with researchers and policymakers in the Asia Pacific and South Pacific regions and also strengthen our links with the Australian research community. Attracting an impressive array of both international and local scholars, the conference will include topics relevant to the local development context.

The conference proper (January 29 – 31) will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Center. Pre and post conference workshops (January 27-28 and February 1-3) will be held at the Citigate Sebel and Chifley hotels.

LIST OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

A list of the participants is available online on the conference intranet site at:
<http://conference.gdnet.org>

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Note: GDN workshops involve the participation of researchers working on specific development research topics and are typically by invitation only.

SUNDAY JANUARY 27, 2008: PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Workshop: Inequality, Public Finance and Development

Location: Lincoln Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

Transition in Europe provides a case of deep and comprehensive reforms with far-reaching liberalization and privatization coupled with fundamental institutional change. These forces have led to a modest increase in inequality (with some exceptions). The latter consequence can be partly attributed to the changed role of the state and the fiscal system which has developed significant social responsibilities so that the state sector remains large in terms of GDP per capita. This if true, has implications for explaining high and persistent inequality in many developing countries, including transition economies outside Europe. This workshop, organized by the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), will present ongoing research on inequality in the European transition economies, with particular focus on Southeast Europe, and will additionally present and test the idea of a Global Research Project on "Inequality, Public Finance, and Development".

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Workshop: Interdisciplinary Research for Development

Location: Washington Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

This two day workshop funded by Irish Aid and the New Zealand Agency for International Development, examines the process and utility of interdisciplinary research in development initiatives by focusing on two distinct issues – direct budget support and HIV/AIDS. The workshop will address two vital questions – does an interdisciplinary perspective add significant value to the efficacy of development policy and how does such a perspective add to development practice? Researchers selected through a call for proposals will address (1) the possible integration of perspectives with a view to critically examine what is gained and lost in the process (2) whether an interdisciplinary perspective better addresses the complexity of real-world development challenges (3) and finally, how an interdisciplinary approach can provide solutions to these challenges.

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

GDN Staff Meeting with Regional Network Partner Heads

Location: Lincoln Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

MONDAY JANUARY 28, 2008: PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Workshop: Interdisciplinary Research for Development

Location: Washington Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Meeting of the GDN Advisory Committee (*by invitation only*)

Location: Lincoln Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Workshop: Education Quality and Development

Location: Level 2 Board Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

This half-day workshop will convene researchers from different regions to present and discuss recent, unpublished studies on improving education in developing and transition countries. While these countries have achieved remarkable progress in providing basic education to their youth, there are significant disparities that persist, such as between rural and urban populations, between females and males, and among ethnic divisions. And while enrollments have expanded, the quality of teaching and learning has not improved as much or has in fact worsened. Papers will assess public, private or combined initiatives that have provided better educational opportunities for groups that traditionally have low education. Papers will also examine the consequences for developing improved and more equitable education. Organized by the Education Policy Research Component of GDN, the workshop will include a keynote speaker and discussants from non-government and international organizations. Participants at this workshop will also discuss prospects for continuing and expanding regional education research networks.

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Workshop: The Impact of Disasters on Household Welfare

Location: Washington Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

This workshop organized by the Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development, Japan, discusses evidence on the impact of natural and man-made disasters on household welfare. Drawing on evidence from the Asian economic crisis and natural disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis, participants will discuss ex-ante risk management and ex-post risk-coping behaviors of households. The workshop will also discuss idiosyncratic risks to households and the role of self-insurance and credit accessibility as key factors in facilitating risk-coping strategies.

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Workshop: Acceleration of Economic Growth in Africa

Location: Washington Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

At GDN's Beijing conference, researchers from our network partner in Japan (GDN-Japan) and discussants from China and Kenya discussed the prospects of industrial development and trade promotion in Africa. This follow-up workshop focuses on research results and policy recommendations regarding African development. Some of the topics to be discussed include the application of lessons learned from Asian development, the effective use of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to provide technical training, government support to select industries with a comparative advantage, and the promotion of trade through fair negotiations on trade policy.

3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

**Meeting of the GDN Board of Directors with Heads of the Regional Network Partners
(by invitation only)**

Location: Lincoln Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

7:30 PM – 9.30 PM

Dinner for Members of the Board and Advisory Committee (by invitation only)

TUESDAY JANUARY 29, 2008: CONFERENCE PROPER

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Meeting of the GDN Board of Directors

Location: P3, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch

Location: Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Plenary 1: Securing Development: A Framework for Assessing Costs and Exploring Solutions

Location: Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The opening plenary session will explore the connections between development and security by discussing the rationale for focusing on pervasive physical threats to security and illustrate their costs for development. The links between economic security, development and growth are crucial. The absence of security limits girls' educational opportunities and reduces performance on multiple fronts – health, growth and education of the future generation. Insecurity frequently associated with inequality of opportunity, tends to produce conflict while security threats increase personal and investment risk and directly truncate domestic and foreign investment and hamper growth. External interventions or attacks, divert public sector resources away from investments and services that support growth. The speakers will analyze the impact of such threats on individuals, communities and enterprises, and offer a framework for assessing the costs and feasibility of both coping with insecurity and implementing emergency response strategies locally, nationally, or internationally.

CHAIR

Ernesto Zedillo

Director, Yale Center for the Study of Globalization and Chair, GDN Board of Directors, United States

SPEAKERS

Michael Spence

Nobel Laureate and Professor Emeritus, Stanford University, United States

Graeme Wheeler

Managing Director of Operations, The World Bank, United States

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Meeting of the GDN Board of Directors (*closed session*)

Location: M1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Parallels 1: Security and Development as Global Phenomena

The finalists of the 2007 Global Development Awards Competition present their final proposals at two of these parallel sessions. Winners of the 2005 Global Development Awards Competition return to present their final research revealing innovative mechanisms to alleviate poverty in Argentina and India. The parallel 'Impact of Rich Countries' Policies on Poverty: Perspectives from the Developing World' presents completed research from this GDN Global Research Project and the final parallel examines the complex phenomena of human trafficking and associated development costs.

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Parallel 1.1: Presentations by Finalists of the 2007 Global Development Awards Competition – Outstanding Research on Development

Location: P1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The Japanese Award for "Outstanding Research on Development" carries cash prizes of US \$35,000 plus travel expenses to our annual conference. An award of \$30,000 is given to the institution whose proposed research, along the themes of one of our five categories, holds the greatest promise for improving our understanding of development. One additional prize of US \$5000 is given to the institution of a second finalist to continue work in the chosen research area. Funding for the Award is generously provided by the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan.

CHAIR

Lyn Squire

Independent Consultant, United States

FINALISTS

SPEAKER A

DESIGNATION

SPEAKER B

DESIGNATION

SPEAKER C

DESIGNATION

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Parallel 1.2: Presentations by Finalists of the 2007 Global Development Awards Competition – Most Innovative Development Project

Location: P3, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The Japanese Award for the 'Most Innovative Development Project' carries cash prizes of US \$35,000 plus travel expenses to our conference. An Award of US \$30,000 will be given to the institution whose project embodies a fresh approach to an important development need and holds the greatest promise for benefiting the poor in developing and transition countries. Criteria

include the degree of innovation and the potential for broad application of the project in other countries. The institution of the second finalist will receive a prize of US \$5,000. Funding for the Award is generously provided by the Ministry of Finance, Government of Japan. This year's final three projects are from India, Macedonia and Peru.

CHAIR

Hiroto Arakawa

Executive Director, JBIC Institute, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Japan

FINALISTS

Varughese Kurudamannil Jacob

Lead Partner, Byrraju Foundation, India

"Safe Water for Everyone using Effective Technology (SWEET)"

Albina Ruiz

Executive Director, Ciudad Saludable, Peru

"Sustainable solid waste management in the rural cities of Peru"

Zoran Kostov

Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity, Macedonia

"Addressing housing needs for the poor through microfinance partnerships"

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Parallel 1.3: Presentation by the 2005 Award winners – Outstanding Research on Development

Location: P4, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

This session will present findings from the '2005 Outstanding Research on Development' award winners. In 2005, the prize for 'Outstanding Research on Development' was awarded to two researchers on a tie basis. The first research project, 'Evaluating Public Health Insurance: A Case Study of Buenos Aires' examines public health insurance delivery in the city of Buenos Aires and aims to create monitoring methods and develop recommendations for implementing effective policy decisions. The second winning research project, 'Role of Watershed Institutions in Mitigating Poverty: An Economic Analysis of Determinants and Impact of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) Institutions across Activities in Micro Watersheds,' focuses on self-help groups in rural India and evaluates their social and economic impacts.

CHAIR

L. Alan Winters

Professor of Economics, University of Sussex, United Kingdom

PRESENTERS

Daniel Alejandro Maceira

Director, Center for the Implementation of Public Policies Promoting Equity and Growth, Argentina

Suresh Kumar Devarajulu

Associate Professor, Horticultural College and Research Institute, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India

DISCUSSANTS

Rebecca Thornton

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Michigan, United States

Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis

Senior Research Fellow, United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research, Finland

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Parallel 1.4: Impact of Rich Countries' Policies on Poverty: Perspectives from the Developing World

Location: P2, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Launched in 2004, this GDN Global Research Project involved 30 country studies aimed at analyzing and quantifying the impact of rich countries' policies on poverty in developing countries in three major areas: trade, migration, and capital flows. Focusing on specific policy-country combinations, the project enlisted a unique team of researchers from developing and transition countries to select policies to investigate and to identify the most appropriate methodologies at the country level. This session presents three papers conducted as part of this project – they focus on the impact of technical barriers to trade on Argentine exports; the effects of international treaties aiming to facilitate foreign direct investment in transition economies; and the causes and effects of remittances from Southeast European countries.

CHAIR

Isher Judge Ahluwalia

Chairperson, Board of Governors, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, India

SPEAKERS

Maria Laura Alzua

Economist, Institute for the Study of the Argentine and Latin American Reality, Argentina

Tom Coupe

Program Director, Kyiv School of Economics – Economics Education and Research Consortium, Ukraine

Milena Jovicic

Professor of Economics, University of Belgrade, Serbia

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Parallel 1.5: Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Location: P5, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

This session will discuss both a conceptual framework for analyzing the phenomenon of trafficking in humans and results of research. The presentations will highlight the scale and routes of the traffic and emphasize the human rights dimension of the problem. Moreover, in the spirit of this conference emphasizing responses to various aspects of insecurity, session participants will highlight strategies and programs to combat trafficking and the available best practices. One of the papers will contain an overview of the local and international legal framework, the effectiveness and sensitivity, or lack thereof, of law enforcing authorities to gender-related crimes, and the rehabilitation programs of governments and non-government organizations, including prevention of re-trafficking. Another paper will focus specifically on Russia, drawing a picture of irregular migration and trafficking in that country. Finally, the third paper will share knowledge, experiences and methodologies of the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW) to enhance the effectiveness of anti-trafficking activities.

CHAIR AND DISCUSSANT

Natalia Dinello

Political Environment Scanning Adviser, United Nations Population Fund, United States

SPEAKERS

Elena Tyuryukanova

Lead Researcher, Institute for Socio-Economic Studies of Population, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Soofia Mumtaz

Chief of Research, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Pakistan

Bandana Pattanaik

International Coordinator, Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women, Thailand

DISCUSSANT

Liudmila Erokhina

Senior Researcher, Vladivostok Centre for Organized Crime and Corruption, Ukraine

7.30 PM - 9.30 PM

Welcoming Dinner supported by the Brisbane City Council

Location: Main Auditorium, City Hall

WELCOMING ADDRESS

Hon. Bob McMullan MP

Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, Australia

SPEAKER

Olav Kjørven

Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations
Development Programme, United States

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30, 2008

9:00 AM – 10:45 AM

Plenary 2: Contagious Diseases: Responses to the Security Threat Without Borders

Location: Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Although the last century has been marked by impressive successes in tackling many illnesses, globalization has accelerated the spread of contagious diseases through intensive trade and travel. These events are exacerbated by the concerns about a deterioration of health standards due to underdevelopment and poverty in many parts of the developing world. This session will discuss the consequences of contagious diseases and coping mechanisms through community-based, national and international responses, International measures and coping strategies to contain and prevent serious epidemics and pandemics such as global surveillance and early warning systems will also be discussed.

CHAIR

Margret Thalwitz

Director, Global Programs and Partnerships, The World Bank, United States

SPEAKER

Mark Gersovitz

Professor of Economics, Johns Hopkins University, United States

DISCUSSANTS

Mely-Caballero Anthony

Associate Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and Secretary-General, Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia

Geoffrey Lamb

Senior Fellow, Global Development Program, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, United States

11:15 AM – 12:45 PM

Parallels 2: Presentations by Medals Finalists of the 2007 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition

The Medals for Outstanding Research on Development carry cash prizes of US \$75 000 and travel to our conference in Brisbane. Two prize medals – one of US \$10,000 plus travel and another of US \$5,000 plus travel will be granted for each of five selected themes that focus on various dimensions of the interaction between security and development – addressing vulnerability in fragile states; household exposure to risks; the rule of law; women's rights, security and development and natural resources management towards achieving sustainable development.

Medals are awarded to completed papers based on the degree of innovation and quality of content.

Parallel 2.1: Fragile States: Addressing Vulnerability

Location: P1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

State fragility or weakness may be defined in terms of the lack of capacity to carry out the legitimate functions of the state, including the ability to provide law and order and basic services. Previous research indicates that fragile states tend to be disproportionately poor and have difficulty performing core functions of statehood, including the provision of basic physical security and enforcement of the rule of law. These states are also often associated with poor infrastructure, underdeveloped markets, the lack of economic growth, and ineffective use of foreign aid. The factors causing state ineffectiveness may be political, institutional, cultural, economic, or environmental, or related to ethnic, religious, or ideological differences. Submissions in this competition category identify lessons learned from addressing state fragility by examining successful and failed interventions in order to propose ways to resolve state ineffectiveness.

CHAIR

Ron Duncan

Foundation Executive Director, Pacific Institute of Advanced Studies in Development and Governance, University of the South Pacific, Fiji

FINALISTS

Nguyen Viet Cuong

Lecturer, Faculty of Trade, National Economics University, Vietnam

Subhash Chandra Sekhar Challa

Assistant Professor, Institute of Economic Growth, India

Dante Contreras

Associate Professor of Economics, Universidad de Chile, Chile

Kala Seetharam Sridhar

Fellow, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, India

Afees Salisu

Lecturer, Department of Economics, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Nigeria

Parallel 2.2: Household Exposure to Risk: Effects on Poverty

Location: P3, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Natural disasters, contagious diseases, civil conflict, and physical abuse pose severe threats to the wellbeing of all. Given their lack of protection, these risks have potentially fatal consequences for the personal safety of the poor. Prevention and emergency response – flood protection, immunization against major diseases, well-disciplined police forces, relief capability – are also a part of life throughout the developed world - but are often inadequate in the developing world. Regional or national, even international action is required to deal with covariant risk and

catastrophic shocks. Prevention and emergency response may also be best managed at the national or in some cases international level. Submissions in this category address one or more aspects of the causes or consequences of risks faced by the poor.

CHAIR

Craig Wilson

Executive Director, Foundation for Development Cooperation, Australia

FINALISTS

Quynh Nguyen

Consultant, Research and Development Department, Bank for Foreign Trade of Vietnam, Vietnam

Edgar Villa

Professor of Economics, Javeriana University, Colombia

Abayomi Oyekale

Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria

Milu Muyinga

Research Fellow, Egerton University, Kenya

Denis Ouedraogo

Lecturer, Polytechnics University of Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso

Parallel 2.3: The Rule of Law: Providing Security for Development

Location: P4, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The rule of law entails that acts of national governments and citizens comply with established legal rules and mechanisms and that law is a reliable check on the power of governments and citizens. It is usually perceived as an indispensable means of providing security for individuals, organizations, and businesses in reference to major threats to survival and safety, such as interpersonal violence and crime, civil conflict, state oppression and environmental degradation. It can at the same time combat the fear that cripples social confidence and development. The rule of law is inherently linked to politics: laws are enacted through political procedures, and their implementation requires accountability and transparency of the state apparatus to avoid abuses in the name of law. Submissions in this competition category analyze the role of the rule of law and related political and civic arrangements in providing broadly conceived security for development.

CHAIR

Albert Palmer

Chief Justice of the Solomon Islands, Solomon Islands

FINALISTS

Jaideep Gupte

PhD Candidate, Department of Politics, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Lucas Ronconi

Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California Berkeley, United States

Eyerusalem Siba

Assistant Researcher, Ethiopian Development Research Institute, Ethiopia

Flaubert Mbieko

Research Associate, Université des Montagnes, Cameroon

Fatimakhon Ahmedova

Leading Specialist in Human Rights and Conflict Prevention, Centre for Democratic Transformations, Tajikistan

Parallel 2.4: Women's Rights, Security and Development: Challenges and Opportunities

Location: P5, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Physical abuse, sexual assault, trafficking and other sources of insecurity continue to plague women globally. Threats may come from domestic partners, community leaders, state actors, foreign invaders or international peace-keeping troops. Gender-based violence has serious implications for development. Researchers, development practitioners, activists and policymakers have sought ways to mainstream these issues, but significant gaps remain in our understanding of the gender dimensions of security. Risks to basic rights increase in volatile conflict situations, when women are often left alone at home to manage the household while men are drafted into the armed forces. The costs of violating women's basic rights are significant, from reduced income to increased health risks for the family or children's lack of basic education. The finalists in this category address one or more aspects of the causes or consequences of threats and violence against women, in all its forms, as well as responses to these threats.

CHAIR

Soledad Vieitez Cerdeño

Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Granada, Spain

FINALISTS

Joanie Fredericks

Executive Director, Rural Education, Awareness & Community Health (REACH), South Africa

Degnet Abebaw

Senior researcher, Poverty and Human Resources Division, Ethiopia

Dilani Gunewardena

Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

Chrystelle Tsafack Temah

PhD candidate, Centre for Studies and Research on International Development, University of Clermont-Ferrand, France

Anish Mukhopadhyay

PhD candidate, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, India

Parallel 2.5: Natural Resources: Risks and Implications for Sustaining Development

Location: P2, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The essentially finite supply of natural resources such as energy and water coupled with increased demands stemming from rapid growth, industrialization and urbanization have serious implications for development. Supply concerns are exacerbated, in many cases, by the declining quality of the existing stock of resources. Energy, environment, water and food security are all interlinked and have become increasingly common items on the agenda of policymakers at all levels. Moreover, the uncontrolled usage of energy sources is linked to environmental degradation, which in turn affects the availability and quality of water and food stocks. High pollution, declining air and water quality, storms, floods and drought caused by environmental changes are serious challenges in most developing countries and now considered by many experts and policymakers as serious security threats. Submissions in this category address aspects of energy, environment, water and food security and the implications for sustainable development.

CHAIR

Olav Kjørven

Assistant Secretary-General and Director of Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme, United States

FINALISTS

Ricardo Gonzalez-Jimenez

PhD Candidate, Universidad Austral de Chile, Chile

Juan-Pablo Montero

Professor of Economics, Catholic University of Chile

Jane Kabubo-Mariara

Senior Lecturer, School of Economics, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Aditi Mukherji

Post-doctoral fellow (Economics), International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka

Nisreen Salti

Assistant Professor, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Lunch

Location: Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM

Lunchtime session: Macroeconomic Policy and Performance in Post-Conflict

Location: M1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Civil war is among the most destructive social phenomena. In addition to direct costs in the form of battle deaths and allocation of resources to military activities, research shows that wars are followed by diseases, poor growth, social fractionalization, environmental damage (such as illicit logging and landmine contamination), and a high risk of renewed warfare. This session, sponsored by The World Bank, is based on three papers, produced as part of a recent World Bank research project on 'Post-Conflict Transitions.' In the context of this project nearly thirty research papers and case studies were produced, which help advance an understanding of post-conflict development by identifying the obstacles to progress and some of the conditions under which post-conflict societies succeed. The three papers in this session focus on the economic aspects of post-conflict situations.

CHAIR

Gobind Nankani

President, Global Development Network, India

SPEAKERS

Norman Loayza

Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank, United States

Klaus Schmidt-Hebbel

Chief of Economic Research, Central Bank of Chile, Chile

Ibrahim Elbadawi

Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank, United States

DISCUSSANT

Mauricio Cardenas

Executive Director, Fedesarrollo and President, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Colombia

12:45 AM – 2:15 PM

Lunch Meetings of Awards and Medals Selection Committees

Location: P3, P4, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

2:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Plenary 3: Natural Disasters: Anticipating and Coping with Catastrophes

Location: Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Natural disasters present ongoing threats and have a potential to cause physical, material, economic and social damage, which shorten the planning horizon of individuals, communities, and enterprises and challenges their very survival. Devastating families and communities, natural disasters are likely to make them more vulnerable in the face of political, economic, and military pressures and endanger their physical survival, thus constituting a major

security threat. This session will explore these issues and methods of anticipating, preventing, and coping with natural disasters.

CHAIR

Michael Renner

Director, Global Security Project, Worldwatch Institute, United States

SPEAKER

Ajay Chhibber

Country Director for Vietnam, The World Bank, United States

DISCUSSANTS

Debarati Guha-Sapir

Director, WHO Collaborating Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Diseases, University of Louvain School of Public Health, Belgium

Budy Resosudarmo

Fellow, Division of Economics, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, Australia

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Parallels 3: Research on Security and Beyond: GDN and the Regional Network Partners

These parallel sessions will present lessons from research conducted by GDN's Regional Network Partners. While focused on issues of global interest, these sessions are unique in the local perspective they offer - the trade-offs between findings from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and human security in the Pacific Island countries; the interaction between crime and productivity standards in Latin America; managing post-conflict recovery in Africa; transborder security threats in East and South Asia; and ethnic conflict and crime in societies in transition.

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Parallel 3.1: Crime and Security in Latin America

Location: P3, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

This session, organized by GDN's Regional Partner, the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), focuses on crime and security in Latin America. The first paper, 'Understanding High Crime Rates in Latin America: The Role of Social Policy Factors' discusses the pattern, causes and consequences of high crime rates and argues that high crime incidences are expected, given the socio-economic and public policy characteristics of the region. The second paper, 'Commission on Growth and Development: Crime and Growth in Colombia' explores fundamental growth determinants of Colombia using standard variables that capture human capital, institutions, and geography. The author argues that the unexpected and quantitatively large increases in crime rates resulting from the expansion of drug-trafficking activities, were the driving force behind the considerable breakdown in Colombia's productivity

growth rates. Emphasis is placed on policy responses to growth deceleration as opposed to an examination of the causes of this deceleration.

CHAIR

Eliana Cardoso

Professor of Economics, School of Economics at the Foundation Getulio Vargas, Brazil

SPEAKERS

Mauricio Cardenas

Executive Director, Fedesarrollo and President, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Colombia

Rodrigo Soares

Professor of Economics, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

DISCUSSANTS

Norman Loayza

Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank, United States

Andy Neumeyer

Professor of Economics, Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Argentina

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Parallel 3.2: Small Island States - Issues on Security, Growth and Development

Location: P1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

This session examines small island developing states, which include Pacific Island Countries (PICs), which are extremely vulnerable to natural and human-made disasters. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has recently launched its fourth assessment report which anticipates increased instances of global warming which in turn can be attributed to extreme weather events and rising sea levels. These have dire consequences for PICs which like the rest of the world need to urgently mainstream mitigation and adaptation measures. Being small players in the global economy and reliant on one or two commodities, PICs are seriously affected by fluctuations in the international economic system. They are currently making the difficult adjustment towards a global free trade regime which in the immediate future will slow economic growth, reduce prospects for employment and increase social and political challenges. Thus human security in PICs requires increasing attention by researchers so that policy options can be identified to meet both natural and economic challenges.

CHAIR

Thomas Webster

Director, National Research Institute, Papua New Guinea

SPEAKERS

Chalapan Kaluwin

Professor of Environmental Science and Geography, Dean of Research and Post Graduate Studies, University of Papua New Guinea, Papua New Guinea

Simon Saulei

Dean of Research and Postgraduate Studies, University of Papua New Guinea, Papua New Guinea

Vijay Naidu

Professor of Economics, University of the South Pacific, Fiji

Sanjesh Naidu

Economic Advisor, Pacific Island Countries Forum Secretariat, Fiji

DISCUSSANTS

Espen Ronneberg

Climate Change Advisor, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, Samoa

Alf Simpson

Pacific Natural Resources and Disaster Risk Management Consultant, Australia

Kevin Clements

Director, Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Queensland, Australia

Muhammad Bin Yahya

Director, Pacific International Uni-Tech, Samoa

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Parallel 3.3: Managing Post-Conflict Recovery in Africa

Location: P2, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

This session examines the process of post-conflict recovery on the African continent. The first paper presented will address the challenges of maintaining macroeconomic stability in post-conflict countries of Africa as the authorities strive to embark on reconstruction, re-initiate productive activities and meet the demands for health, education and other social services. The related issue of managing massive inflow of assistance in an environment of limited absorptive capacity will also be addressed. The second presentation will address strategies for financing post conflict recovery in Africa. Participants will discuss options for mobilizing resources to finance reconstruction and rehabilitation of economic and social infrastructure as well as create jobs for the 'fighters' while avoiding the dangers of debt overhang in the medium to long term.

CHAIR

William Lyakurwa

Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium, Kenya

SPEAKERS

Ibrahim A. Elbadawi

Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group, The World Bank, United States

Janvier D. Nkurunziza

Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa, Switzerland

DISCUSSANT

Victor Davies

Senior Research Economist, African Development Bank, Tunisia

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Parallel 3.4: Societies in Transition - Joining the Developed World

Location: P4, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

This session is organized by the Center for Economics Research and Graduate Education-Economics Institute (CERGE-EI) GDN's Regional Network Partner in Eastern and Central Europe. Almost two decades after the fall of communism, societies in Central and Eastern Europe are engaged in the process of reforming institutions to enable integration with Western Europe. This session encompasses papers on support for European Union accession, educational reform, the development of financial institutions and ethnic conflict and crime among societies in transition. The papers presented are examples of research funded by the GDN supported Regional Research Competition in recent years.

CHAIR

Jan Kmenta

Visiting Professor, Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education-Economics Institute, Czech Republic

SPEAKERS

Jan Bena

Junior Researcher, Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education-Economics Institute, Czech Republic

Jana Arsovska

Project Coordinator and Associate Researcher, Euro-Atlantic Club of Macedonia, Macedonia

Constantin Colonescu

Professor of Economics, Grant MacEwan College, Canada

Ija Trapeznikova

PhD Candidate, Department of Economics, Northwestern University, United States

DISCUSSANTS

Przemyslaw Wozniak

Member of the Center for Social and Economic Research Foundation Council, Center for Social and Economic Research, Poland

Danijel Nestic

Research Associate, Institute of Economics, Croatia

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Parallel 3.5: The Human Costs of New Transborder Security Threats

Location: P5, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Over the past three decades, the issue of transborder security threats, caused by illegal trafficking of human beings (especially women and children), climate change and sea level rise, infectious diseases, transnational crime, drugs and arms trafficking have attracted a wide range of attention by concerned actors. While several attempts have been made by governments, civil society activists, international and regional organizations to address these threats, little attention has been devoted to understanding the human costs. While there are various forms of internally and externally generated security threats to the Pacific Islands, sea level rise is a growing source of concern and threatens the very basis of the culture and identity of the region. Much focus on Asia on the other hand, has centered on the ability of the region to address emerging security challenges posed by infectious diseases through various regional institutions, mechanisms and relevant security arrangements. This session offers a cross-regional perspective – panelists from East and South Asia and the South Pacific discuss challenges facing their regions in efforts to develop a holistic approach to analyzing the human costs of transborder security threats.

CHAIR

Carolina Hernandez

Chair, Board of Directors, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, Philippines

PANELISTS

Mely-Caballero Anthony

Associate Professor, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and Secretary-General, Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia

Sridhar Khatri

Executive Director, South Asia Centre for Policy Studies, Nepal

Steve Ratuva

Head, Division of Sociology and Social Work, School of Social Science, Faculty of Arts and Law University of the South Pacific, Fiji

6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

GDN Meeting with the Advisory Committee (*by invitation only*)

Location: M1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet (*followed by dinner*)

Location: Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

GUEST SPEAKER

Jeffrey D. Sachs

Director, Earth Institute, Columbia University, United States (live videoconference)

MODERATOR

Gobind Nankani

President, Global Development Network, India

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9:00 AM– 11:00 AM

Plenary 4: Interpersonal Violence: the Rule of Law and its Enforcement

Location: Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Considering the importance of development in fragile states where interpersonal violence is recurring as a reflection of political and legal chaos as well as the traumas of poverty, the costs of interpersonal violence and the means of addressing them at local, national and international levels will constitute the core of this plenary session. It will examine the impact of interpersonal violence on individuals and communities and methods of prevention via pro-development policies. This session will therefore analyze the linkages between development and crime prevention and provide recommendations on how to strike a balance among political, legal, and development strategies in order to ensure that interpersonal violence is successfully addressed within the rule of law.

CHAIR

John Ohiorhenuan

Deputy Assistant Administrator and Senior Deputy Director, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, United Nations Development Programme, United States

SPEAKERS

Martin Krygier

Professor of Law, University of New South Wales, Australia

Whitney Mason

Managing Director, Political Risk Analysis, Australia

DISCUSSANTS

Alejandro Gaviria

Professor of Economics, University of the Andes, Colombia

M. Anne Brown

Research Fellow, Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Queensland, Australia

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Parallels 4: Poverty, Security and Sustainable Development

These parallel sessions will explore different facets of the relationship between poverty, security and sustainable development. How are conflict prevention strategies reflected in economic, social and governance reform choices as part of larger poverty reduction and development strategies in African countries? What are the reasons for the divergence in growth rates of countries at the bottom of the world economy? In the context of the gendered nature of food insecurity, what is the role of women's empowerment in improving family welfare? What are some of the development related security problems in transition China? These sessions focus crucially on issues of policy and agency and call for holistic strategies in the quest for a development model that is equitable and sustainable.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

4.1: Development for Conflict Prevention in Africa

Location: P3, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The Japan International Cooperation Agency and United Nations Development Programme initiated research project 'Integrating Conflict Prevention in the Agenda for Poverty Reduction and Aid Priorities in Africa' identifies policy practices where development reduces rather than exacerbates the risks of civil war in Africa. Recent research on economic and social correlates of civil war have identified a number of factors in a country's development pattern that are associated with a high risk of civil war - over-reliance on mineral resources, demographic patterns characterized by a growing youth population and unemployment, bad governance and horizontal inequalities. The policy implications of these research findings can have important consequences for security. How are conflict prevention strategies reflected in the economic, social and governance reform choices that influence poverty reduction and development strategies in African countries? The study analyzes government and donor supported policies likely to increase the risks of conflict in four case study countries - Mozambique, Burundi, Sierra Leone, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

CHAIR

Mats Harsmar

Chief Analyst, Department for Development Policies, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

SPEAKERS

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr

Professor of International Affairs, The New School, United States

Victor Davies

Senior Research Economist, African Development Bank, Tunisia

Yuichi Sasaoka

Senior Advisor, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Japan

Tukumbi Lumumba-Kasango

Visiting Professor, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, United States

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

4.2: The Bottom Billion: Why the Poorest Countries are Failing and What Can Be Done About It: a Book Launch

Location: P1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

'The Bottom Billion' analyzes problems of fifty countries stuck at the bottom of the world economy. For forty years these countries comprising a population of nearly one billion people, have witnessed diverging growth rates from developed countries which since 1980 has been at about five percent a year. In his new book, Paul Collier analyzes why this divergence has occurred, highlighting four distinct traps that between them account for the problem. He proposes four types of international policy interventions which will be jointly needed to replace this divergence, by convergence - trade policies, governance standards, the provision of military security protection, and aid. Paul presents key findings from his latest publication and shares his proposed strategy towards solving one of the great humanitarian crises facing the world today.

CHAIR

William Lyakurwa

Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium, Kenya

SPEAKER

Paul Collier

Professor of Economics and Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University, United Kingdom

DISCUSSANTS

John Page

Chief Economist, Africa region, The World Bank, United States

Barbara Barungi

Economic Advisor, Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Programme, United States

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

4.3: Gender Dimensions of Food Insecurity: Recent Research at United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)

Location: P4, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Treating hunger as a violation of basic human rights, made worse by gender inequality, current research at UNU-WIDER addresses food insecurity within the context of the Millennium Development Goals, highlighting governmental legislation and the right to food movements. It examines the problem at three distinct levels – national, household and individual. This session will present the main messages of completed work, contained in two recent volumes titled 'Food Insecurity, Vulnerability and Human Rights Failure', 'Food Security: Indicators, Measurement, and the Impact of Trade Openness' and present UNU-WIDER's ongoing research on the gender dimensions of food insecurity, examining the possible role of women's empowerment, measured in varied ways, in improving family welfare. A report involving an intensive survey of participants in micro-credit programs in rural Bangladesh highlights the prevalence of domestic violence against women and its relationship in influencing women's access to credit. A second report will present findings on gender aspects of food insecurity in the context of growing urbanization in India with particular emphasis on the Indian metropolis of Mumbai.

CHAIR

Ernest Aryeetey

Director, Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research, University of Ghana, Ghana

SPEAKERS

Basudeb Guha-Khasnobis

Senior Research Fellow, United Nations University-World Institute for Development Economics Research, Finland

Khondker Aktaruzzaman

Researcher, Department of Economics, University of Helsinki, Finland

Neetu Choudhary

PhD Candidate in Economics, Indian Institute of Technology, India

DISCUSSANT

Zhang-Yue Zhou

Associate Professor in Business Studies, James Cook University, Australia

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

4.4: Rule of Law; Role of Law in the South Pacific

Location: P2, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

This session organized by the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law and the TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland explores the meaning of law in Pacific Island countries, commencing with consideration of the origins and nature of the rule of law and its application in the Pacific and proceeding to a more particular examination of the role of law in Papua New Guinea.

CHAIR

Jennifer Corrin

Executive Director, Asia Pacific Law, Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law, Associate Professor, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland, Australia

SPEAKERS

Anthony Angelo

Professor of Law, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Bernard Narokobi

High Commissioner, Papua New Guinea High Commission, New Zealand

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

4.5: Security for Development in Transition China

Location: P5, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

China has experienced dramatic changes and rapid developments in the last twenty years, even as development related security problems have taken ground in different regions of the country. If appropriate measures are not taken soon, some of these problems will become more critical and threaten the sustainability of the development process at large. This session, organized by Jilin University, will discuss from a political science perspective, the emergence of development related security problems in transitional China focusing on environment problems, regional disparity and conflicts, and quality oriented governance in Chinese cities.

CHAIR

Caibo Wang

Professor of Political Science, Department Chair of Political Science, School of Public Administration, Jilin University, China

SPEAKERS

Long Yang

Professor of Political Science, Dean of Zhou Enlai School of Government , Nankai University, China

Bo Peng

Associate Professor of Public Administration, Assistant Dean, School of International and Public Affairs, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

Zhiyao Zhang

Professor of Political Science, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University, China

DISCUSSANT

Junjiu Tan

Professor of Comparative Politics, Director of Center of Comparative Politics, Wuhan University, China

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch

Location: Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Lunchtime Session: The Think-Tank Initiative

Location: M1, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

If there has been one key lesson of international development experience to date, it is that public policies work best when they are designed and implemented by local actors. This session will outline a major collaborative program by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) to support independent policy research organizations – or “think tanks” – in developing countries. The program, which will begin operations in early 2008, will provide grantee organizations with a combination of long-term general support grants (“core funding”) and access to training and technical assistance to allow

them to improve research quality, expand policy linkages, and address other aspects of organizational development. This session will provide an overview of the objectives and activities of the program, and engage participants in a discussion on key issues and opportunities for the program as it moves forward.

CHAIR

Paul Collier (TBC)

Professor of Economics and Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University, United Kingdom

PRESENTERS

Brent Herbert-Copley

Director, Social and Economic Policy, International Development Research Centre, Canada

Linda Frey

Program Officer, Global Development, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, United States

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Plenary 5: National Security: Deterring and Surviving Civil Conflicts

Location: Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The conventional perspective of national security policy is that it protects states—and the people, institutions and values inside their national boundaries—from threats beyond their border. However, proliferation of violent civil conflicts in the last decade has called for broadening the concept of national security to include protection of people caught in any conflict, domestic or cross-border. This session will focus on civil conflicts as a source of pervasive, lingering security threats, the potential of which to cause physical or material damage shortens the planning horizon of individuals, communities, and enterprises and challenges their very survival. Considering the origins of violent civil conflicts and their consequences for development, it will examine conflict mitigation and prevention strategies; mechanisms for helping civilians survive through a conflict; restoring peace; and dealing with the aftermath of the conflict, including rehabilitation of the household unit and the post-conflict economy.

CHAIR

TBC

SPEAKER

Marta Reynal Querol

Professor of Economics and Business, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

DISCUSSANTS

Peter Wallensteen

Dag Hammarskjöld Professor of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Uppsala University, Sweden

Sultan Abou-Ali

Professor of Economics, Zagazig University and former Minister of Economy and Trade, Egypt

Jesús A. Núñez (TBC)

Co-director, Institute for Studies in Conflicts and Humanitarian Action, Spain

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Plenary 6: Prevention of Threats and Emergency Response: Challenges to Policymaking

Location: Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

Drawing from the examples of successful and failed responses to various threats to security examined during the conference, the last plenary will highlight policy recommendations which will enhance security for development. It will provide clear guidelines for policymakers at the local, national and international levels. The session will address the relative economic, political and social costs and benefits of allocating resources for prevention as opposed to emergency response after the occurrence of a conflict or calamity. It will also convey lessons from available reconstruction experiences that both national and international policymakers can draw from in the formulation of pro-development strategies.

CHAIR and PANELIST

H.E. Luisa Dias Diogo

Prime Minister of Mozambique, Mozambique

SPEAKER

Paul Collier

Professor of Economics and Director, Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University, United Kingdom

PANELISTS

H.E. Mahinda Samarasinghe

Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights, Sri Lanka

Andres Penate

Former Head of DAS, Colombian State Security Agency, Colombia

Oldrich Cerny

Executive Director, Prague Security Studies Institute, Czech Republic

Bruce Davis

Director General, Australian Agency for International Development, Australia

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Prize ceremony for the 2007 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition

Location: Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

CHAIR

Hiroto Arakawa

Executive Director, JBIC Institute, Japan Bank for International Cooperation, Japan

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Closing Reception

Location: Plaza Ballroom, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2008:

9:00 AM – 4: 00 PM

Workshop: The Resources Sector: Securing Sustainable Livelihoods for Communities

Location: Connaught Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

The interaction between communities and the resources sector often results in complex outcomes. One key outcome of this interaction is the issue of security which has development and business planning implications for both communities and the resources sector respectively. For instance, threats to community security arise from a number of sources including a lack of or unequal access to employment and livelihoods, housing and basic services, health and education, and natural resources. As a result of working with these insecure communities, the resources sectors and their business operations are also compromised leading to both short and long-term financial and economic losses for both sides. This workshop, sponsored by the Foundation for Development Cooperation focuses on cutting-edge methods and tools of engagement to enable the world's resources sector to meet growing international demands for resource sector companies to do more to help secure communities which are part of and affected by their business operations.

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Workshop: Emerging Trends and Patterns of Trade and Investment in Asia

Location: Albert Room - Level 5, Chifley Hotel

This workshop sponsored by the Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University, brings together a group of leading researchers to examine emerging trends and patterns of foreign trade and investment in Asia (defined to cover East Asia and South Asia) with a view to contributing to the policy debate on how development strategies should be adopted in response to these changes. The existing body of knowledge in this subject area has predominantly been shaped by the experiences of Newly Industrialized Countries (NICs) in East Asia. Organization of this session is inspired by the conviction that generalization from the NIC experience is hazardous because the on-going process of economic globalization over the past two decades has dramatically transformed the international context of national development policy making. Moreover, as 'embracing the market,' albeit at varying degrees, has now become an Asia-wide phenomenon, it is vital to look at the issues from a broader relational perspective,

paying attention to opportunities for intra-regional division of labor within the wider context of global economic integration.

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Workshop: Promoting Innovative Programs from the Developing World: Towards Realizing the Health MDGs in Africa and Asia

Location: Kennedy Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

This workshop part of GDN's Global Research Project, 'Promoting Innovative Programs from the Developing World: Towards Realizing the Health MDGs in Africa and Asia' focuses on impact evaluations of health and health-related programs and aims at building rigorous impact evaluation skills in developing and transition countries. The project is in its second phase and the two-day workshop at Brisbane will bring together the twenty selected research teams to present the first draft of their reports. Policymakers, international experts and the project management team will provide feedback to the researchers on the preliminary results from the analysis and finalize work programs for the last year of the project. Funding for this project is provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Workshop: Fragile States: Assessing Vulnerability (*GDN-AusAID in cooperation with JBIC and JICA*)

Location: Lincoln Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

This two-day workshop will feature presentations on 'peace building in fragile states: focusing on experiences in security system reform and disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration of ex-combatants' (by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation Institute and the Japan International Cooperation Agency) and finalists of the 2007 Global Development Awards and Medals Competition in the category of 'fragile states'. Selected papers focus on the difficulties that countries face in performing the core function of statehood, including the provision of basic physical security, delivery of essential services, legitimacy of government, ethnic rivalry and corruption. Other presentations include the possibilities of measuring the vulnerability of fragile states and the relationship between aid and growth in fragile states. The concluding session of the workshop will attempt to capture the lessons learnt from the research undertaken and how these lessons may best be disseminated. The workshop will also identify the areas in which research needs to be undertaken.

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Workshop: Development on the Move: Measuring and Optimizing the Economic and Social Impacts of Migration on Development

Location: Buckingham Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

GDN's sixth Global Research Project, run in collaboration with the Institute for Public Policy Research (ippr), aims to further research and policymaking on the impacts of migration on development. The third project workshop will review the results of the pilot study in Jamaica and launch the main phase of the project. The workshop will include: presentation of the preliminary findings from the household survey conducted in the pilot country Jamaica, lessons learned in the preparatory phase of the project, detailed presentation of project methodology, training of the country study teams on the methodology for undertaking the household surveys and preparing

the country reports in the main phase of the project., as well as strategizing in detail about country level policy. The two-day workshop will allow for cross-fertilization among the country study teams and intense one-on-one interactions with project advisors and experts working on migration issues.

9:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Workshop: Bridging Research and Policy

Location: Washington Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

The workshop will focus on the first training pilot workshop held as part of the third phase of GDN's Global Research Project, *Bridging Research and Policy* - the "Business Model and Planning" workshop which aimed at assisting the emerging Caribbean Policy Research Institute (CaPRI) in Jamaica to develop as a regional "think-tank". This workshop will also discuss the resulting framework paper that summarises lessons from CaPRI and earlier consultations that will be used to aid finalization of the next phase of GDN's *Bridging Research and Policy* activities. The draft framework deals with several questions: (1) should future efforts focus on individual "gaps" or a more holistic "business model" framework and/or focus on core competencies associated "best" think tanks approach (2) the relationship between "bridging capability" and entrepreneurial leadership and potential strategies to support entrepreneurial leadership development (3) feasibility of voluntary "standard of practice" approaches for policy-research institutes (4) achieving complementarity in regional activities of various actors concerned with strengthening evidence based policy and research-to-policy practices.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2008:

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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Location: Albert Room - Level 5, Chifley Hotel

8:30 AM – 6:00 PM

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Location: Buckingham Room, Citigate Sebel Hotel

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