

Challenges Facing the Developing World in the 21st Century:

Research and Practice in Global Governance



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WELCOME TO THE INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT'S 10TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Today's world is faced with increasingly complex challenges that, in a context of growing interconnections among countries, must be addressed in ways that coordinate global and local efforts. Indeed, current issues such as climate change, migration, conflicts, epidemic, and extreme poverty have both a transnational scope and a local one. Neither international structures nor state-centric approaches are enough in and of themselves. Tackling current global challenges must inevitably include international structures as well as governments, the private sector, non-profits, and the civil society to achieve what none can accomplish on its own. There is thus a critical need to explore and design inclusive and coordinated forms of local and global governance.

To attain this goal, researchers and practitioners must work together to develop original, insightful ideas and knowledge to promote sustainable, inclusive development, and democratic governance. Interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research, combined with efforts by leaders from the international, public, private and non-profit sectors are necessary to understand and overcome the complexity of the fundamental global challenges we face.

In this context, the 2019 ISID annual conference brings together interdisciplinary academics, experts, and practitioners to discuss and debate today's global challenges and priorities that require innovative governance solutions. The conference will focus on important questions that confront researchers and policy-makers seeking to solve governance problems and evaluate their impact on global issues.

The conference will be organized around three core questions reflecting current challenges in global governance:

1. How do we harmonize local and global policy efforts to respond to pressing governance issues?
2. How do actors and institutions evaluate legitimacy, accountability and representation?
3. How do we assess governance success and what mechanisms can we use to evaluate change?

Each question will be addressed in the context of five different themes reflecting the complex environment in which global challenges occur: Corruption, Environment, Democracy, Migration and Refugees and International Organizations.



PANEL 1: CORRUPTION

Few if any governance challenges are as prevalent and ubiquitous as corruption. In the last three decades we have witnessed growing policy and international attention to corruption, which has resulted in a fairly stable menu of policies to address it. However, these policy solutions - transparency, empowerment of control agencies, and lobby regulation - have proven to be both difficult to implement, as well as not uniformly effective in tackling corruption. Moreover, we have seen anti-corruption policies and discourses being deployed strategically for political gain. For years the World Bank has maintained that "corruption is a global problem that requires global solutions." This panel brings together practitioners and researchers from different fields to examine this claim, complement the discussion with a focus on the combination of local and global solutions, and evaluate the relative gains and remaining challenges in curbing corruption.



PANEL 2: ENVIRONMENT

The 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment marked a turning point in environmental governance. Since then, multiple international environmental agreements and treaties have been established, providing the legal framework for addressing environmental challenges and sustainable development. In addition, governments from all levels get involved by creating laws and policies to reach international norms as well as to meet local priorities. However, their impact on environmental outcomes but also on human development remain unclear. This panel will examine how the different levels of governance tackle environmental challenges and sustainable development.



PANEL 3: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

In the last decades, we have witnessed a marked shift in paradigm and working of policy oriented international organizations. Institutions such as the World Bank are now heavily invested in producing evidence-based knowledge. This practice has allowed a more focused effort on the needs of target countries and their specificities. At the same time, these organizations remain pivotal due to their capacity for international coordination. This panel discusses these recent trends and asks whether and how international organizations are now fulfilling their role of knowledge aggregator and coordinator, how this is done in combination with the traditional role of these institutions, and the organizational challenges these changes bring with them.





PANEL 4: DEMOCRACY

In the past decade, scholars, journalists, and pundits have concluded that democracy across the world is greatly endangered. From the Philippines to Sri Lanka to Venezuela, liberal institutions and the democratic franchise are under threat. This challenge to democracy is accentuated by a deep concern with the global rise of right-wing populism that targets minorities and migrants. At the same time, some academics have argued that democracy is, in fact, relatively resilient; global databases demonstrate that democratic decline has been minuscule. This panel examines the state of democracy in the developing world, by interrogating how we should interpret cases of democratic breakdown, democratic regression (loss of democratic quality), and democratic resilience. Are there any patterns across the developing world that we can identify? What do specific cases tell us about the nature of democracy in developing countries?



PANEL 5: MIGRATION AND REFUGEES

The recent spike in the number of migrants and refugees trying to enter Europe has prompted renewed interest in the relationship between migration and development, in which the former is invariably understood to be symptomatic of the failure of the latter. While neoliberal entrepreneurial mobility is celebrated, the movement of lower skilled poor migrants and refugees has come to be seen as increasingly problematic and a threat to the security and economic stability of western European states. In response to the so-called “refugee crisis” western governments have spoken of the need to strengthen ‘development’ in regions of origin to stem the inflow of people, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted in 2015, included migration for the time in the global development framework. This renewed interest development as a form of migration governance has served to deflect attention away from the ongoing role western states play in producing migrants and refugees through violent histories of colonial exploitation, state-making and resource extraction. This panel brings together scholars invested in critically rethinking the relationship between migration and development and discursive binaries separating “legitimate” and “illegitimate” forms of human mobility at this particular historical juncture.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Monday March 18, 2019

8:30 - 9:00

Arrival and Registration

9:00 - 9:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dean **Antonia Maioni** (Faculty of Arts)

Sonia Laszlo (Director of the Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill)

Erik Kuhonta (Associate Director of the Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill)

9:15 - 11:00

Panel 1: Corruption

Susan Rose-Ackerman (Yale): “Corruption and development: Cross-border law enforcement and domestic institutional reform.”

Paul Heywood (University of Nottingham): “Managing, not solving: On the challenges of combating contemporary corruption.”

Susan Muir (CUNY): “Corruption as a key category of civil society.”

Panel Chair: **Manuel Balán** (ISID)

11:00 - 11:15

Health Break

11:15 - 12:15

Academic Keynote Address:

Prof. Pranab Bardhan (UC Berkeley)

“A Global Agenda for Labour in the Face of Inequality and Populism”

12:15 - 1:30

Lunch

1:30 - 3:15

Panel 2: Environment

Michael Brown (McGill): “UN mediation of natural resource conflicts: Reflections of a UN mediator about policy implementation in challenging local governance settings.”

Arun Agrawal (U Michigan): “Social protection and climate resilience.”

Kathryn Hochstetler (LSE): “Green vs. green: Community responses to electricity installations in Brazil and South Africa.”

Louis Hotte (U Ottawa): “Foreign conflicts and OECD fish catches.”

Panel Chair: **Timothy Hodges** (ISID)

3:15 - 3:30

Health Break

3:30 - 5:15

Panel 3: International Organizations

Rachel Kiddell-Monroe (ISID and MSF) “Multicentric governance: involving communities in governing humanitarian action.”

Nitsan Chorev (Brown): “Bargaining in the shadow of power: The conditions of possibility for developmental foreign aid.”

Alex Mubiru (African Development Bank)

Colleen Duggan (IDRC)

Panel Chair: **Jennifer Welsh** (McGill)

5:15 - 5:30

Day 1 Closing Remarks:

The Right Honourable Joe Clark

5:30 - 6:30

Reception



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday March 19, 2019

8:30 - 9:00

Arrival and Registration

9:00 - 9:15

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Erik Kuhonta (Associate Director of the Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill)

9:15 - 11:00

Panel 4: Democracy

Rachel Beatty-Riedl (Northwestern): “Democratic Breakdown in Sub-Saharan Africa: Pathways of Autocratization.”

Sanjay Ruparelia (Ryerson): “Transitions to and regressions from democracy: Reflections on India and China.”

Poulami Roychowdhury (McGill): “Claiming rights while despising the state: How perceptions of state failure condition democratic practice.”

Panel Chair: Robert Greenhill (Global Canada)

11:00 - 11:15

Health Break

11:15 - 12:15

Policy Keynote Address:

Jim Brumby (World Bank)

“The Age of Governance”

12:15 - 1:30

Lunch

1:30 - 3:15

Panel 5: Migration and Refugees

Dean Yang (U Michigan): “Abundance from abroad: Migrant earnings and economic development in the Philippines.”

Lamis Abdelaaty (U Syracuse): “Explaining state responses to refugees.”

Martina Tazzioli (U Swansea): “Refugees, data, and debit cards: Rethinking control, freedom and autonomy in the Greek migratory laboratory.”

Panel Chair: Diana Allan (ISID)

3:15 - 3:30

Day 2 Closing Remarks:

Prof. Sonia Laszlo

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



Prof. Pranab Bardhan

Pranab Bardhan is Professor of Graduate School in the Department of Economics, University of California at Berkeley. He was educated at Presidency College, Kolkata, India and Cambridge University, England. He had been at the faculty of MIT, Indian Statistical Institute and Delhi School of Economics before joining Berkeley. He has been Visiting Professor/Fellow at Trinity College, Cambridge, St. Catherine’s College, Oxford, and London School of Economics. He held the Distinguished Fulbright Siena Chair at the University of Siena, Italy in 2008-9. He was the BP Centennial Professor at London School of Economics for 2010 and 2011. He has done theoretical and field studies research on rural institutions in poor countries, on political economy of development policies, and on international trade. He is the author of 14 books and editor of 13 other books, and author of more than 150 journal articles, spanning the interdisciplinary area of economics, political science, and social anthropology.



Jim Brumby

Jim Brumby is a Director of the Governance Global Practice, and leads the department that focuses on public sector reform. He has been engaged on public management and economic reform at state, national and international levels for more than thirty years, having worked for the Treasury of the state of Victoria in Australia, the Treasury of New Zealand, the OECD, the IMF and currently since 2007, at the World Bank. He returned to World Bank headquarters in Washington DC in 2015 after a period in Indonesia as Lead Economist and Sector Manager. He holds an MPA from Harvard University.

DAY 1 CLOSING REMARKS:



Rt. Hon. Joe Clark, PC, CC, AOC

Joe Clark served 25 years in the House of Commons of Canada, including as Prime Minister of Canada (1979-80), Secretary of State for External Affairs (1984-1991), Minister of Constitutional Affairs (1991-93), Acting Minister of both National Defence and Justice, and Leader of Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition. He led the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada from 1976-83 and 1998-2003, and was a key figure in constitutional and trade negotiations, the historic Canadian responses to famine in Africa and the rescue of “boat people” in Asia, and the Commonwealth campaign against apartheid. He remains active in Canadian and international affairs, as president of Joe Clark and Associates, vice-chairman of the Global Leadership Foundation (www.g-l-f.org), chair of the Supervisory Board of Meridiam Africa, chair of the Awards Jury of the Global Centre for Pluralism, and a board member of GlobeScan, Lumenix, Meridiam S.A.R.L. and other Canadian and international companies and not-for-profit organizations. He was honoured to serve as an “honorary witness” of Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission, was a founding member of both the Pacific Council for International Policy and Canadians for a New Partnership, is a member of the Panel of Senior Figures of the Electoral Integrity Initiative of the Kofi Annan Foundation, and has led international Election and Governance missions in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Mr. Clark is a Companion of the Order of Canada, a member of the Alberta Order of Excellence and l’Ordre de la Pleiades, the author of “Canada: A Nation Too Good to Lose” (1994), and “How We Lead: Canada in a Century of Change” (2013).

PANEL SPEAKERS:



Lamis Abdelaaty

Lamis Abdelaaty is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Syracuse University. She specializes in international relations, human rights and humanitarian action, and asylum and migration. Her book manuscript asks why countries open their borders to some refugees while blocking others, and why a number of countries have given the United Nations control of asylum procedures and refugee camps on their territory. Her research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the American Philosophical Society, the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, and the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies. Abdelaaty holds a doctoral degree in politics from Princeton University.





Arun Agrawal

Arun Agrawal, PhD, emphasizes the politics of international development, institutional change, and environmental conservation in his research and teaching. He has written critically on indigenous knowledge, community-based conservation, common property, population resources, and environmental identities. Agrawal is the coordinator for the International Forestry Resources and Institutions network and is currently carrying out research in central and east Africa as well as South Asia. Since 2013, Agrawal has served as the editor-in-chief of *World Development* and his recent work has appeared in *Science*, *PNAS*, *Conservation Biology*, *Development and Change*, among other journals. Agrawal was educated at Duke University, the Indian Institute of Management, and Delhi University and has held teaching and research positions at Yale, Florida, McGill, Berkeley, and Harvard among other universities.



Michael Brown

Michael Brown is a regular consulting advisor to the United Nations on natural resource and land conflicts, mediation, indigenous peoples and peacebuilding. He is a Professor of Practice in Conflict Mediation at McGill University’s Institute for the Study of International Development. His work focuses on natural resource and land conflicts. He was the UN’s Senior Mediation Expert on Land and Natural Resource Conflicts for the Department of Political Affairs’ Standby Mediation Team, and a Senior Expert on Natural Resources, Environmental Diplomacy and Mediation for the UN Environment Programme. He has held leadership and senior advisory positions with the UN Development Programme, UN DPA, the World Bank, and UN peace missions.



Nitsan Chorev

Nitsan Chorev is the Harmon Family Professor of Sociology and International & Public Affairs at Brown University. Chorev was previously a member at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and a fellow at the UCLA International Institute. Among other publications, she is the author of *Remaking U.S. Trade Policy: From Protectionism to Globalization* (Cornell University Press, 2007) and of *The World Health Organization between North and South* (Cornell University Press, 2012). Her most recent book, *Give and Take: Developmental Foreign Aid and Local Pharmaceutical Production in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda* is coming out with Princeton University Press this September.



Colleen Duggan

Colleen Duggan is the Program Leader of the Governance and Justice Program of the International Development Research Centre. She has recently returned to IDRC after successfully completing a two year assignment as the Deputy-Director of Management with the UNHCR’s largest global field operation in Bogota, Colombia. She has 25 years of expertise with international organizations in strategic programming, planning, evaluation and donor relationship management in the areas of human rights and the rule of law in conflict-affected countries. Before IDRC, she worked for more than a decade with the UNHCR and with the United Nations Development Programme. She has focused on humanitarian response, security sector reform, transitional justice, human rights protection, and peacebuilding. Colleen has published works on evaluation in contexts of fragility and violence and on peacebuilding initiatives; early warning and conflict prevention; and gender and transitional justice.



Paul Heywood

Professor Paul Heywood holds the Sir Francis Hill Chair of European Politics in the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham, UK. He is currently seconded half-time to Global Integrity in Washington DC, where he leads a \$7m programme, GI-ACE (2018-21), funded by the UK Department of International Development. Prior to taking up his Chair in 1995, Heywood taught at the University of Glasgow and Queen Mary College, London. He studied at the University of Edinburgh, and did his doctorate at the London School of Economics. His research focuses on political corruption, institutional design and state capacity, and he is author, co-author or editor of eighteen books and more than eighty journal articles and book chapters.



Kathryn Hochstetler

Kathryn Hochstetler is a Professor of International Development at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the United Kingdom. She has been studying environmental politics in Brazil since 1989, returning almost every year. Since the 2009 international climate negotiation in Copenhagen, she has been tracking the changing role of Brazil, China, India, and South Africa as they have been rethinking their international climate responsibilities as emerging powers. She has published widely on environmental policy in Brazil and other emerging countries, including the prize-winning book *Greening Brazil: Environmental Activism in State and Society*. She is completing a new book on the development of wind and solar power in Brazil and South Africa.



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Louis Hotte is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Ottawa. He has published on problems of natural resource use, property rights and conflict; the political-economy of trade and the environment; as well as on the economics of crime and private protection. Louis has recently conducted a household survey in Costa Rica investigating the use of formal banking by women as a protection measure. His work appeared in the *Journal of Development Economics*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *the Canadian Journal of Economics* and *Public Choice*; it has attracted mention by scholars in both the Economics and Law literatures. He is currently Associate Editor for the journal *Environment and Development Economics* at Cambridge University Press.



Rachel Kiddell-Monroe

Rachel Kiddell-Monroe, a lawyer and an activist, specializes in humanitarian assistance, global health, governance and bioethics. She is currently a member of the MSF International Board of Directors. Rachel was President of the Board of Directors of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines from 2007 to 2013 and now serves as UAEM’s Senior Policy Advisor. She was recently appointed to the McGill University Health Centres Clinical Ethics Committee (adult). After working on indigenous rights and East Timor independence from 1989 to 1992, Rachel joined Médecins sans Frontières. With MSF she headed missions in Djibouti, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda before, during and after the genocide. After becoming programme director of MSF Canada, she was appointed Regional Humanitarian Affairs Advisor for Latin America from 1999-2003. She led the MSF Access Campaign in Canada until 2007.



Alex Mubiru

Alex Mubiru is the African Development Bank Group’s country manager for the United Republic of Tanzania where he manages a portfolio of more than USD 2 billion to support poverty reduction and promote shared prosperity in the country. Prior, Alex was the division manager for resource mobilization and sovereign partnerships, since September 2014. He has also served in several other capacities at the AfDB including as Lead Advisor on strategy and policy, as Principal Country Economist and as Principal Research Economist since joining in 2009. Between 2001 and 2009, Alex was as an assistant professor at both the National University of Singapore and the Singapore Management University. He holds a Doctorate from Princeton University.



Sarah Muir

Sarah Muir (Ph.D. University of Chicago, 2011) examines the practical logics of economic investment, ethical evaluation, and political critique, with a particular focus on social class and financial crisis. Situated at the intersection of linguistic, political-economic, and historical anthropology, her research is grounded in ethnographic fieldwork and archival research in Argentina. She is currently finishing a book manuscript entitled *The Limits of Critique: Middle-Class Knowledge in an Age of Routine Crisis*, which examines everyday middle-class Argentine politics in the wake of a century of financial crises. Dr. Muir has presented and published scholarship on monetary policy and currency devaluation, the circulation of psychoanalytic and conspiracy theories, and narratives and practices of corruption and solidarity.



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Poulami Roychowdhury is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at McGill University. Her research examines the relationship between politics, law, and social inequality. Her forthcoming book, *Capable Citizens* (Oxford University Press) traces the aftermath of legal reforms and political mobilization against gender-based violence in India. Other projects include: masculinity, ethnicity, and labor organizing in New York City, and media coverage of sexual violence. Prior to joining McGill, she was a Five College Pre-doctoral fellow at Smith College in Northampton, MA. She serves as Associate Editor of Social Politics and a Council Member for the ASA's Development Section.



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Timothy Hodges

Timothy Hodges is Professor of Practice at McGill University's Institute for the Study of International Development (ISID), where his work focuses on environmental global governance, and the negotiation and implementation of international sustainable development treaties by Indigenous Peoples, governments and stakeholders. Professor Hodges is a former career Canadian diplomat, with a focus on environmental, economic, and trade policy issues. Concurrently, he is Principal at Timothy J Hodges & Associates -- an international consultancy providing strategic advisory and leadership services to governments, private non-profit organizations, industry, and indigenous and local communities. He served as Co-Chair, Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the United Nations treaty on Access and Benefit-sharing of Genetic Resources and Traditional Knowledge (i.e., the Nagoya Protocol). Professor Hodges is past President of the Canadian Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers (PAFSO).



Robert Greenhill

With a strong interest in global issues, Robert Greenhill has combined a career in international business with a commitment to public policy. Robert Greenhill is Executive Chairman of the Global Canada Initiative. Previous roles include Managing Director and Chief Business Officer of the World Economic Forum, Deputy Minister and President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and President and Chief Operating Officer of the International Group of Bombardier Inc. Robert started his career with McKinsey & Company. Robert has a BA from the University of Alberta, MA from the London School of Economics, and MBA from INSEAD.



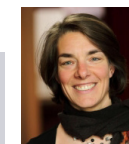
Jennifer Welsh

Jennifer M. Welsh is the incoming Canada 150 Research Chair in Global Governance and Security at McGill University. She was previously Professor and Chair in International Relations at the European University Institute (Florence, Italy) and Professor in International Relations at the University of Oxford, where she co-founded the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict. From 2013-2016, she served as the Special Adviser to the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-moon, on the Responsibility to Protect. Professor Welsh is the author, co-author, and editor of several books and articles on humanitarian intervention, the evolution of the notion of the 'responsibility to protect' in international society, the UN Security Council, and Canadian foreign policy.



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