

# **The Future of Development: Human Rights and International Aid Beyond the Economic Crisis**

**Robert L. Bernstein International Human Rights Fellowship Symposium**

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**Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights  
Yale Law School, 127 Wall Street, New Haven, CT**

The recent, devastating global economic crisis will have a lasting impact on the efforts of international development organizations and the world's governments to reduce poverty and improve living conditions in the developing world. While reduced funds for global development initiatives is one immediate consequence of the crisis, there may be other far-reaching consequences as governments and organizations like the World Bank and International Monetary Fund evaluate how market-based development strategies affected developing countries as the crisis unfolded.

This year, with support from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, the Bernstein symposium will explore the intersection of human rights and issues in global economic development. We hope to focus the attention of the human rights community on the impact of the financial crisis on existing development efforts, as well as on emerging strategies, so that the current urgent challenges may create opportunities for re-examining international development models and fostering a fruitful exchange between development and human rights perspectives.

## Thursday, April 8

### 1:00 – 2:45 p.m. Assessing Development Debates from the Ground (Rm. 122)

Practitioners from aid and development organizations working in developing countries will consider how debates in policymaking and academic circles reflect and affect their experiences on the ground, and contribute their own perspectives on what best promotes development.

- **Christopher Blattman**, *Assistant Professor of Political Science and Economics, Yale University*
- **Gregg Gonsalves**, *Student, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Yale University, and former coordinator, AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa*
- **Michael Kleinman**, *Investment Manager, Humanity United*
- **Leah Donahue**, *Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Fellow in International Human Rights and Economic Development, Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights, Yale Law School (moderator)*

### 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Keynote Lecture (Rm. 127)

- **William Easterly**, *Professor of Economics, New York University*

## Friday, April 9

### 10:00 –11:45 a.m. Discussion with Current Bernstein Fellows (Faculty Lounge)

The three current Bernstein Fellows will talk about their work. **Emily Tendayi Achiume** ('08) is working with Lawyers for Human Rights in Johannesburg to document the treatment of Zimbabwean refugees in South Africa; **Stratos Pahi**s ('09) is working for the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva, Switzerland, conducting research within the ICJ's Business, Human Rights and Accountability Project; and **Katherine Wiltenburg Todrys** ('07) is working with Human Rights Watch's Health and Human Rights program researching human rights violations associated with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis transmission and treatment in prisons in southern Africa.

### 12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch (Faculty Lounge)

**1:00- 2:45 p.m.      The UN Millennium Development Goals at Ten Years (Rm. 127)**

The 2009 United Nations Millennium Development Goals Report indicates that while important progress has been made toward some targets, many others will likely not be attained by 2015, due to the global economic crisis and the failure of world governments to fulfill pledges for increased aid.

Some have questioned whether the MDGs even represent an approach worth pursuing, while others have argued that the goals are virtually unmeasurable and that because of a lack of scientific rigor in the monitoring and evaluation of development programs, it is difficult to know how much progress has really been attained and to what the progress is attributable.

This panel will explore these issues and ask what should be on the agenda of a MDGs Review Summit that UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has called for 2010.

- **Dean Karlan**, *Professor of Economics, Yale University*
- **John W. McArthur**, *Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Promise*
- **Alicia Ely Yamin**, *Joseph H. Flom Fellow on Global Health and Human Rights, Human Rights Program, Harvard Law School, and Adjunct Lecturer, Harvard School of Public Health*
- **George Priest**, *Professor of Law and Economics, Yale Law School* (moderator)

**3:00 – 4:45 p.m.      Aid, Corruption, Conflict, and Democracy (Rm. 127)**

Two recent provocative books have focused new attention on the relationships between aid and governance. Paul Collier, in *Wars, Guns, and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places*, argues that western governments and institutions promote superficial democracy in aid-recipient countries in ways that lead to unrest and instability, holding back development and increasing poverty. Dambisa Moyo in *Dead Aid* argues that Western aid to African governments has kept dictators in power and caused rampant corruption, themes echoed by Ugandan journalist Andrew Mwenda. However, their policy prescriptions are very different.

This panel will explore the tensions between aid, corruption, conflict, and democracy.

- **Daniel Kaufmann**, *Senior Fellow in Global Economy and Development, The Brookings Institution*
- **Sering Falu Njie**, *Deputy Director for Policy, United Nations Millennium Campaign*
- **Carlos Seiglie**, *Professor of Economics, Rutgers University-Newark*
- **Susan Rose-Ackerman**, *Henry R. Luce Professor of Jurisprudence, Yale Law School and Yale University Department of Political Science* (moderator)

**4:45 p.m.                      Reception and Introduction of 2010-2011 Robert L. Bernstein Fellows  
Alumni Reading Room**