

Announcement

The PRI spring seminar series examines the most critical themes in the field of international development today, focusing on sustainable development, governance and anti-corruption, democracy and civil society-building, and gender in the Third World. The speakers for this series are renowned practitioners and scholars, each with decades of experience working in all areas of the develop-ing world, in international aid organizations such as the World Bank, and international nongovernmental organizations.

Schedule

All seminars are free and open to the public -12:00 to 1:00 in the Paul Adams Lounge, Adams Alumni Center

Bruce Rich -February 21
Stephen Ndegwa -April 11
Julia Pitner -April 18
Elaine Zuckerman -May 2

REGISTRATION

All seminars are free and open to the public, but we ask that you register. To register, please contact Charlotte Talley at PRI by E-mail, ctalley@ku.edu , or by phone, 864-9101 . Provide your name, department, and the seminar(s) you wish to attend. You will receive an E-mail confirmation. For more information about the speakers, please contact Prof. Kate Weaver in Political Science, cweaver@ku.edu.

Please register 1 week before the seminar. Program announcements will be sent out prior to each seminar. Global Development: Critical Perspectives on International Aid and the Developing World

Policy Research Institute Seminar Series, Spring 2005

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Speakers

Bruce Rich, Environmental Defense

“The Evolution of Common Environmental Standards and Policies in Public and Private International Finance”

Bruce Rich is Senior Attorney and Director of the International Program at Environmental Defense in Washington, D.C. He is the author of a major critique and history of the World Bank, *Mortgaging the Earth* (1994) and was awarded the U.N. Global 500 Award for environmental achievement. Over the last 5 years he has been involved in an international advocacy campaign to promote environmental and social reforms in the Export Credit Agencies of the major industrialized countries.

Additional co-sponsor: Environmental Studies

Stephen Ndegwa, World Bank

“Transformed or Diminished:
States, Citizens and Development in Africa Today”

Stephen Ndegwa is a governance specialist at the World Bank, attached to the Public Sector Governance Division under the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Vice Presidency. He is a non-resident Visiting Scholar at Northwestern University and Fellow at the Globalization Research center, UCLA. Ndegwa is the author of *The Two Faces of Civil Society* and editor of *A Decade of Democracy in Africa*. He has published widely on African politics, development, democracy, electoral systems, civil society and citizenship.

Additional co-sponsor: African Studies

Julia Pitner, Executive Director, Institute for World Affairs

"The Alphabet Soup of Development: Building Peace and Pushing for Reform in the Middle East”

Julia Pitner is the former Director of Search for Common Ground’s Middle East program, and the current Executive Director of the Institute of World Affairs Lebanon program. She has over 12 years of experience working with organizations in the Middle East and international community on civil society, private business, the media, and security. For the last 5 years, she has lived in the region developing and managing peace-building projects in many places including Israel/Palestine, Egypt, Lebanon, Kuwait, and Iraq. She has published on the development of civil society, human rights, and political analysis of conflicts in the region.

Additional co-sponsor: African Studies

Elaine Zuckerman, President and Founder, Gender Action

“Gendered Impact of Structural Adjustment:
The Case of Serbia and Montenegro”

Elaine Zuckerman worked inside the World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank for two decades. During this time, she became impassioned to eliminate the disconnect between IFI rhetoric and studies showing the need for greater gender equality to reduce poverty and enhance economic growth and their neglect to promote gender equality in large investments. She created the first World Bank program to prevent harmful impacts of development loans on the poor, especially women. She has worked in China, Latin America, Africa, and Eastern Europe on reducing poverty, education and health financing, and rural development and environmental projects.

Additional co-sponsors:

Women's Studies and Russian and East European Studies

Elaine Zuckerman,
President and Founder, Gender Action
Monday, April 18

**“Gendered Impact of Structural Adjustment:
The Case of Serbia and Montenegro”**

Elaine Zuckerman, President and Founder of Gender Action, worked inside the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank for two decades. While working inside these International Financial Institutions (IFIs), she became impassioned to eliminate the disconnect between IFI rhetoric and studies demonstrating the need for greater gender equality to reduce poverty and enhance economic growth and their neglect to promote gender equality in most large investments.

Elaine has a past history of reforming the IFIs from inside. During the 1980s, Elaine created the first World Bank advocacy program to prevent the harmful impacts of structural adjustment loans on the poor, especially women. While serving on the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) Board of Directors during the 1980s, she designed and chaired the first AWID Forum workshop that examined the impact of adjustment on women. In the 1990s, she created the first Inter-American Development Bank strategy for the Amazon. It prohibited further investments in roads, ranching, and migration that had damaged indigenous societies and the environment and encouraged investments in health, clean water, sanitation, education, and renewable resources.

During her work for the IFIs and consulting for bilateral aid agencies and civil society organizations (such as the International Center for Research on Women and Oxfam), she worked on China, Latin America, Africa and Eastern Europe. She focused on gender, poverty reduction strategies, the social impact of macroeconomic policies and structural adjustment reforms, social investment funds, education and health financing, and rural development and environment projects.

Elaine completed her studies in political economy at McGill University, the University of Toronto, and Beijing University, and in business administration at Georgetown University. She speaks and reads Chinese, French and Spanish.