



INAUGURAL DUKE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



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BACKGROUND

Duke University has now been involved in research, education, and policy engagement in international development for more than three decades, through university-wide and school/institute/center-specific initiatives and projects. This inaugural Duke Conference on International Development will bring together representatives of international organizations, non-governmental organizations, private sector, and academia. The conference will serve as a platform for Duke researchers to engage the world of policymakers—to showcase exceptional work being done by Duke faculty and students, generate new ideas, and foster productive partnerships.

FORMAT

The conference is organized as plenary sessions and concurrent discussions, each moderated by a member of Duke's faculty or leadership team. The panel discussions have been designed to enable participants to understand and appreciate pressing development problems from the point of view of experts on the issues. The first day will begin with a networking lunch, followed by the opening keynote: "The Future of Development Finance." It will be followed by sessions on two current global policy challenges: multilateralism and migration. The second day will start with a conference keynote: "Rethinking International Development." The plenaries and panel sessions that follow will cover current issues in development, taking both geographic and sectoral perspectives, each organized and sponsored by various schools, departments, institutes, and initiatives across Duke University.

CHAIRS

The Duke Center for International Development (DCID) and the Duke University Center for International and Global Studies (DUCIGS), and the Duke at Home in the World events series.

CO-SPONSORS

RTI International, Duke Sanford School for Public Policy, Duke DevLab, Duke Department of Political Science, Duke Department of Economics, Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI), the Duke Africa Initiative, the Duke India Initiative, the Duke University Population Research Institute, the Social Science Research Institute (SSRI), Duke Policy Bridge, The Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund, and the von der Heyden Fellows Fund, established by Karl ('62) and Mary Ellen von der Heyden



THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Location: Perkins Library, Duke University

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Registration and Networking Luncheon

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The welcome luncheon is co-sponsored by RTI International, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary.

- Welcome Remarks: [Indermit Gill](#), DCID Director and [Giovanni Zanalda](#), DUCIGS Director

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Keynote on Development Finance

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Featuring a leading thinker on international development, this session will launch Duke University's series of annual "development drilldowns." Dr. Homi Kharas heads the Brookings Global Development Program (drill down). He was the lead author and executive secretary of the secretariat supporting the High Level Panel co-chaired by President Johnson-Sirleaf, President Yudhoyono and Prime Minister Cameron, which advised the U.N. Secretary General on the post-2015 development agenda. His report served as the basis for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Moderators: Indermit Gill and Giovanni Zanalda

- **Speaker:** [Homi Kharas](#), Interim Vice President, Global Economy and Development, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC
- **Comment:** [Paul Weisenfeld](#), Executive Vice President, International Development, RTI International

2:15 pm – 3:45 pm Session 1: Global Migration

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There are 258 million international migrants and 26 million refugees and asylum seekers in the world today. This session will explore some pressing questions. What is needed to maximize co-development of migrants' host and home states? How should these policies differ between economic and non-economic migrants, and between the more and less skilled workers? How can policies address the growing numbers of women among migrants and refugees? The session will survey global migration trends, and the importance of sound migration policies for poverty reduction. It will then take up the cases of the Maldives and Turkey. Though geographically isolated, the Maldives have the largest proportion of migrant workers in South Asia. Migrant labor catalyzed Maldives' transition from a low to a middle-income economy, but it now raises questions of sustainability. Unlike the Maldives, Turkey is located at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and has always had migrants. Refugees from Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria have increased its negotiating power with the European Union, but they also pose difficult questions about integration into labor markets and society. What should the Maldives and Turkey do? The session will explore this question.

Moderator: [Seth Sanders](#), Professor of Public Policy, and Lead Investigator of a research project on Immigrant Assimilation and Labor Market Adjustment.

- **Speaker:** [Caglar Ozden](#), World Bank, "Moving for Prosperity: Global Migration and Labor Markets."
- **Speaker:** [Dany Bahar](#), David M. Rubenstein Fellow, Brookings Institution
- **Speaker:** [Piotr Plewa](#), Duke University, "Labor Migration in the Maldives."
- **Speaker:** [Juliette Tolay](#), Penn State Harrisburg, "Finding prosperity on the move? Syrian refugees, labor and Turkey"

Session Sponsors: [Duke University Population Research Institute \(DUPRI\)](#) and DUCIGS

The international development landscape is at a crossroads, with general agreement that change is both necessary and inevitable and much disagreement about the direction change will – or should – take. Experts on this panel will discuss the future of international development institutions and the interaction between multilateral and bilateral development efforts. Economists and political scientists from academia and the policy community will provide perspective on likely trajectories, advance ideas for potential changes, and discuss impediments to change. This session will launch a DCID-sponsored signature research initiative on the future of international development institutions led by Sarah Bermeo, Faculty Affiliate of the Duke Center for International Development.

Moderator: [Tony Pipa](#), Brookings Institution

- **Speaker:** [Sarah Bermeo](#), Associate Professor, Sanford School of Public Policy
- **Speaker:** [Tana Johnson](#), Assistant Professor, Sanford School of Public Policy
- **Speaker:** [Christopher Kilby](#), Professor of Economics, Villanova University
- **Speaker:** [Scott Morris](#), Senior Fellow and Director, US Development Policy Initiative, Center for Global Development, Washington DC
- **Speaker:** [Randy Stone](#), Professor of Political Science, University of Rochester

Session Sponsors: Sanford School of Public Policy, DCID, and the Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund

FRIDAY**NOVEMBER 16, 2018**

Location: Penn Pavilion, Duke University

8:00 – 8:45 am Networking Breakfast and Registration Penn 2/3**8:45-10:15 am Keynote Address: Rethinking Development Penn 1**

Dr. Kaushik Basu, the Carl Marks Professor of International Studies and Professor of Economics at Cornell University, will keynote the conference. Dr. Basu is a leading scholar of international development, game theory and welfare economics; he is also the current president of the International Economic Association. From 2012 to 2016, he was senior vice president and chief economist of the World Bank, and from 2009 to 2012 the chief economic advisor to the Indian Government. He has chaired Cornell's Department of Economics and its Center for Analytic Economics, having earlier founded the Centre for Development Economics at the Delhi School of Economics. He has received numerous honors including the Padma Bhushan, one of India's highest civilian awards. His latest book is [The Republic of Beliefs: A New Approach to Law and Economics](#), published recently by Princeton University Press.

Moderator: [Michael Schoenfeld](#), Vice President, Public Affairs and Government Relations, Duke University

- **Welcome:** [Vincent Price](#), President, Duke University and Walter Hines Page Professor of Public Policy
- **Speaker:** [Kaushik Basu](#), Chief Economic Adviser, India (2009-12); Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, The World Bank Group (2012-16); and Carl Marks Professor, Cornell University

Session Sponsors: *The von der Heyden Fellows Fund, established by Karl ('62) and Mary Ellen von der Heyden, DCID, DUCIGS*

10:15 – 10:30 am Coffee Break Penn 2/3**10:30-12:00 pm Plenary: Development and Debt in Sub-Saharan Africa Penn 1**

During the last two decades, Sub-Saharan Africa has been transformed. A subcontinent of mostly low income countries not so long ago, the region's economy is now dominated by 20 middle-income countries. A region that depended mainly on aid from and trade with high-income Europe and North America now has two middle-income economies—China and India—as its largest trade partners. Governments in the region that had their slates wiped clean by large-scale debt relief are now racking up debt again, this time from private lenders at home and abroad. Meanwhile, softer commodity markets have weakened the growth prospects of the continent's largest economies. How will Africa fare over the coming decade? To answer this question, this session brings together current research on the African economy at Duke, the African Development Bank, and the World Bank, with commentary by senior development experts.

Moderator: [Craig Burnside](#), Chair, Department of Economics, and Mary Grace Wilson Professor, Duke University

- **Speakers:** [Ivailo Izvorski](#). Principal author of the 2018 World Bank report on [Growth in Resource Rich Africa](#)
- **Speaker:** [Brian Pinto](#), Former Senior Adviser, World Bank. Reconciling Debt Sustainability and Development in Sub-Saharan Africa
- **Speakers:** [Indermit Gill](#) and [Kenan Karakulah](#), DCID. Findings of a Duke Policy Research Initiative on Middle-Income Africa
- **Comment:** [Louise Fox](#), Chief Economist, USAID
- **Comment:** [Albert Zeufack](#), Chief Economist, Africa Region, The World Bank

Session Sponsors: *DCID, DUCIGS, and the [Duke Africa Initiative](#)*

12:00 – 1:30 pm **Lunch, Student Poster Session, and Book Signing** **Penn 2/3**

Students from across the University will present posters on various topics related to international development

Dr. Kaushik Basu will be signing copies of his book *The Republic of Beliefs: A New Approach to Law and Economics*. Duke's Gothic Bookstore will be on hand to sell copies.

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION SESSIONS

1:30-3:00 pm **Plenary: India's Development Frontiers** **Penn 1**

This interdisciplinary panel explores the frontiers of policy research in India—on everything from economic growth and social mobility to demography and the environment.

Moderators: [Anirudh Krishna](#), Edgar T. Thompson Professor of Public Policy, Duke University and [Erik Wibbels](#), Robert O. Keohane Professor of Political Science, Duke University

- **Speaker:** [Anirudh Krishna](#), Edgar T. Thompson Professor of Public Policy, Duke University
- **Speaker:** [Poonam Gupta](#), Lead Economist for India, World Bank. On Current Economic Developments
- **Speaker:** [Alaka Malwade Basu](#), Professor of Development Sociology, Cornell University. On Demography, Reproductive Health and Family Planning
- **Speaker:** [Robyn Meeks](#), Assistant Professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy
- **Speaker:** [Mike Bergin](#), Professor, Pratt School of Engineering, Duke University. On Measuring and Reducing Pollution
- **Speaker:** [Anuja Purohit](#), Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, Office of Corporate Counsel RTI International, RTI India Board Member

Session Sponsors: Duke India Initiative, Duke Sanford School of Public Policy, and Duke Department of Political Science

3:00 – 3:30 pm **Coffee Break** **Penn 2/3**

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Session 5A: Academic Evidence and Policy Impact

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This panel will discuss current practices in academic research on development policy, and innovations by university-based researchers to inform the design and evaluation of development programs, institutionalize rigorous M&E standards, and build a strong research foundation for development policy. It will examine cases that point to promising ways for researchers to give timely input to development practitioners—both funders and implementers—at all stages of project conceptualization, design, implementation and evaluation.

Moderator: [Erik Wibbels](#), Robert O. Keohane Professor of Political Science, Duke University

- **Speaker:** [Arianna Legovini](#), Head of the Development Impact Evaluation (DIME) group, World Bank
- **Speaker:** [Erica Field](#), Professor of Economics, Duke University
- **Speaker:** [David Yang](#), Executive Director, Partners Global
- **Speaker:** [Carlos Scartascini](#), Principal Economist, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank
- **Comment:** [Eric Johnson](#), Director, Research, Governance and Economic Development Division, RTI International

Session Sponsors: Duke University's [DevLab](#), DUCIGS, DCID, and Duke Department of Economics

3:30 – 5:00 pm

Session 5B: Achieving the Health SDGs

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The 2030 SDGs set out ambitious targets for global health, including "end the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria" and "end preventable deaths of newborns and children under 5 years of age." Reaching these targets will require major transformations in the financing, delivery, governance, and architecture of global health. This panel will explore the feasibility of these transformations.

Moderator: [Chris Plowe](#), Director, Duke Global Health Institute

- **Speaker:** [Osondu Ogbuonji](#), Center for Policy Impact in Global Health, Duke University
- **Speaker:** [Rachel Nugent](#), Vice-President, Non-Communicable Diseases, RTI International
- **Speaker:** [Tony Pipa](#), Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution
- **Speaker:** [Wangechi Thuo](#), Neglected Tropical Diseases Technical Advisor, RTI International/ENVISION Project
- **Speaker:** [Catherine Admay](#), Lecturer of Public Policy, Sanford School of Public Policy and [Tom Nicholson](#), Executive Director of Advance Access and Delivery and Associate in Research, Duke Center for International Development

Session Sponsors: [Duke Global Health Institute](#)

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Closing Reception Sponsored by RTI

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