The Future Development blog was first launched by the World Bank to offer solutions to the most prominent development challenges. The Brookings Institution re-launched the blog in January 2015. DCID Director Indermit Gill is a contributing editor and has written blogs about impact investing, technology, free trade, Punjab’s development, and immigration. Below are other blog posts by Duke faculty for the 2016-17 year.

Economist Indermit Gill took the helm as DCID director on Oct. 1, 2016. He was formerly director for development policy in the Office of the Chief Economist at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. Since joining the World Bank in 1993, he has held a number of leadership positions, including chief economist for Europe and Central Asia and staff director for the 2009 World Development Report on Economic Geography. He also was economic adviser in the World Bank’s East Asia and Pacific Regional Office and lead economist for human development in Latin America and the Caribbean.

His pioneering work includes introducing the concept of the “middle income trap” to describe how developing countries stagnate after reaching a certain level of income.

He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago and has taught at Georgetown University, the State University of New York at Buffalo and the University of Chicago.
The Master of International Development Policy (MIDP) program at Duke educates mid-career professionals from around the world who plan to dedicate their careers to policymaking and public service in and for developing countries.

New Partnerships

The MIDP program entered into three partnerships to provide funding for highly qualified applicants.

**Guatefuturo**
Guatefuturo is a nonprofit foundation that provides financial support to help Guatemalan citizens access graduate study programs abroad.

**Open Society Foundations**
OSF’s Civil Society Leadership Awards (CSLA) provide fully funded graduate study to individuals who demonstrate academic and professional excellence and a commitment to leading positive change in countries where civil society is challenged.

**Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education**
A unit under Indonesia’s Ministry of Finance, the fund provides financial support for students who have been awarded an Indonesian Education Scholarship.

MIDP at a Glance

The MIDP program has trained nearly 800 professionals from more than 100 countries. The following are statistics from the 2016-17 academic year.

- **79** fellows enrolled
- **30** countries represented
- **32** first-year fellows
- **32** second-year fellows
- **15** fellows entering one-year program
- **25** additional Duke students pursuing a certificate in International Development Policy

8 enrolled in International Taxation specialization
7 enrolled in Public Financial Management specialization

Region of Origin

- Australia - 1%
- Eurasia - 22%
- East and Southeast Asia - 24%
- Africa - 13%
- South America - 10%
- North America - 13%
- South Asia - 11%

Student Sponsorship

- Foreign governments - 49%
- U.S. government - 19%
- Foundations/nonprofits - 18%
- International organizations - 3%
- Self-funded - 6%
- Other - 5%
Executive Education

DCID provides both open enrollment and customized executive education programs to hone the skills of development professionals from around the world.

Summer Open Enrollment Programs

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Customized Programs

Mexico

The Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) offers a certificate program every year from May to October for tax professionals in Mexico. DCID Senior Fellows Peter Barnes and Peter Byrne teach modules on tax legislation, negotiations and transfer pricing.

Bangladesh

A total of 100 senior government officials from Bangladesh completed programs in March and May 2017 on public policy, service delivery and negotiations. The programs, led by Roy Kelly, were offered in partnership with the Bangladesh Ministry of Public Administration (MOPA).

China

Twenty-three officials from Huaqiao University in China’s Fujian province came to Duke in August 2016 for a two-week program on management and innovation in higher education.

Twenty-two officials from the Chinese Academy of Sciences attended a two-week program on science and technology innovations in September 2016.

Seventeen members of the Guian New Area delegation came to Duke in December 2016 for a program on big data, urban development and international trade.

DCID hosted a two-week program on management and innovation in higher education for officials from the Jiangsu Provincial Department of Education.
DCID faculty have been involved in policy advising and applied research in more than 40 countries since 2001, mostly related to tax, public finance, and decentralization reforms.

Policy Advising Activities

Graham Glenday
Turkey - Adviser to Turkey’s Ministry of Finance on tax expenditure accounts for the World Bank, October 2016

Graham Glenday and Fernando Fernholz
Mexico - Methodologies to update the economic discount rate, Ministry of Finance

Roy Kelly

Peter Barnes
Dominican Republic - Prudent design of tax incentives, as part of team from the United Nations Capacity Development Unit

Workshops and Conferences

Peter Barnes
Delivered presentations on U.S. tax reform and international tax issues in Mexico City and Delhi

Fernando Fernholz
Keynote speaker at First International Conference of Faculties of Humanities in Bolivia, September 2016

Graham Glenday
World Bank workshop on Public Investment Management in Ethiopia, April-May 2017

Roy Kelly
Workshop on Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations (IMF) in Kenya, April 2017
Implementing Federalism and Administrative Restructuring in Nepal (UNDP), December 2016
Fundamentals of Domestic Resource Mobilization in Thailand (USAID), March 2017

Francis Lethem
Seminar on managing project life cycle for conflict-sensitive development, Advanced School of the Institute of Developing Economies (IDEAS) in Japan, February 2017

Natalia Mirovitskaiia

Phyllis Pomerantz

Publications

Indermit Gill

Peter Barnes
“The U.S. must avoid this untested approach to international taxes”, op-ed in The Hill, Jan. 24, 2017
Co-authored three articles for Tax Notes magazine on U.S. tax reform and the proposed border adjustment tax

Anthony Elson
The Global Financial Crisis in Retrospect: Evolution, Resolution, and Lessons for Prevention, 2017

Graham Glenday

Roy Kelly
“Financing Sustainable Urbanization in Sri Lanka”, chapter to be included in ADB Sri Lanka Country and Employment Diagnostic Studies

G.P. Shukla
“Strengthening Domestic Resource Mobilization: Moving from Theory to Practice in Low- and Middle-Income Countries”, World Bank, June 2017

Senior health officials from Cuba met with DCID faculty and staff, as well as representatives from Advance Access & Delivery (AA&D), in April 2017 to discuss potential collaboration. The discussions focused on strengthening health care delivery for vulnerable and marginalized populations through the lens of tuberculosis, opioid epidemics, and social services for immigrant communities. AA&D is a nonprofit public health NGO headquartered in Durham, N.C. Tom Nicholson MIDP’14 is its founder and executive director, as well as associate in research at DCID. Phyllis Pomerantz, professor of the practice, chaired the meeting.
Visiting Scholars

As part of its global mission to improve the quality of public policymaking, DCID hosts both short- and long-term Visiting Scholars who perform independent research related to their field under the guidance of a faculty advisor.

Catherine Honeyman is managing director of Ishya Consulting, a Rwanda-based consulting firm specializing in education and youth livelihoods. At DCID, Honeyman managed the development of the UNESCO IIEP Learning Portal, an online platform for education decision-makers dedicated to planning for improved learning. Her book, *The Orderly Entrepreneur: Youth, Education and Governance in Rwanda*, was published by Stanford University Press in 2016 (see below). She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a distributed minor in business and applied economics.

Hyunsoo Kim, from South Korea, is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) specializing in fundraising strategies, ethical fundraising and nonprofit management. She currently works as a consultant and lecturer for nonprofit organizations including the Arts Council of Korea, Community Chest of Korea, Seoul Asan Medical Center and the Purme Foundation. She completed her Ph.D. courses at the School of Business, Hanyang University. While at Duke, Kim conducted research on philanthropy as a field of academic inquiry, trends in U.S. funding strategies, and cultural differences in philanthropy between the U.S. and South Korea.

The Orderly Entrepreneur tells the story of a new Rwanda now at the vanguard among developing countries, devoutly committed to entrepreneurship as a beacon for 21st-century economic growth. Drawing on ethnographic research with nearly 500 participants, the book investigates the impact and reception of the Rwandan government’s multiyear entrepreneurship curriculum, first implemented in 2007 as required learning in all secondary schools.

Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center

The Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center promotes peace through a holistic approach to training by combining peacebuilding and conflict prevention with an emphasis on more sustainable economic, political, and human development. One of only six such centers in the world, it is funded by a grant from The Rotary Foundation.

Each year, recipients of the Rotary Peace Fellowship enroll in either the Master of International Development Policy (MIDP) program at Duke or at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in one of several master’s degree programs. The Rotary Center accepted 11 fellows for the 2016-17 academic year, six of whom enrolled in MIDP.

Each spring, the center hosts an annual Rotary Conference which includes presentations by graduating Rotary fellows on their master’s research projects. The theme of the Spring 2017 conference was “Bridging Divides.”
Maya Ajmera MPP’93, founder of the Global Fund for Children, stressed the critical role that grassroots organizations play in transforming the lives of vulnerable children worldwide during the first Rethinking Development Policy talk of the fall semester.

Manuel Sager, director-general of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), argued that today’s complex problems require a comprehensive approach during an informal roundtable discussion on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Raphael Obonyo MPP’13, a public policy specialist, diplomat and author, joined Duke students for an alumni mentoring dinner, where he discussed how African youth can take a leading role in transforming their countries and communities.

Young entrepreneurs in the MIDP program joined with Melissa Johns (pictured right), development economics advisor at the World Bank, and Federica Saliola, manager of the World Bank’s Enabling the Business of Agriculture program, to discuss what is being done to encourage the efforts of entrepreneurs worldwide.

Martin Raiser, Brazil Country Director for the World Bank, shared his perspectives on what lies ahead for the country and stressed that deep reforms are needed to ensure future growth.

Sean Knierim MIDP’08, CEO of Estabrook Investors and founder of SidePorch, said that complex networks are critical for positive change during his Rethinking Development Policy talk.

Dr. Anthony Elson, economist and visiting lecturer at DCID, explored what went wrong with the international financial architecture leading up to the global crisis of 2008, and what is being done today to prevent a similar crisis in the future.

The 14th Annual Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Center Spring Conference, Bridging Divides, brought together graduating fellows to present their research on issues of international cooperation and conflict resolution.

Experts on education and entrepreneurship from Duke University, RTI International, and the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center explored the most significant barriers to youth employment and what is being done to break the cycle of poverty and inequality worldwide. The talk was part of the Duke-RTI Professors and Practitioners in Conversation series.

David Bulman and Luis Felipe López-Calva, authors of the World Bank’s 2017 World Development Report, argued that policy ineffectiveness stems from power asymmetries, and that an understanding of interactions among state and non-state actors can lead to better policy.

The Sanford Latin American and Caribbean Group (LAC) hosted a workshop on conflict-sensitive urban development in the region. The event featured experts from Mexico Evalua, the University of Colorado at Boulder, and the Universidad Nacional de Asuncion in Paraguay.
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