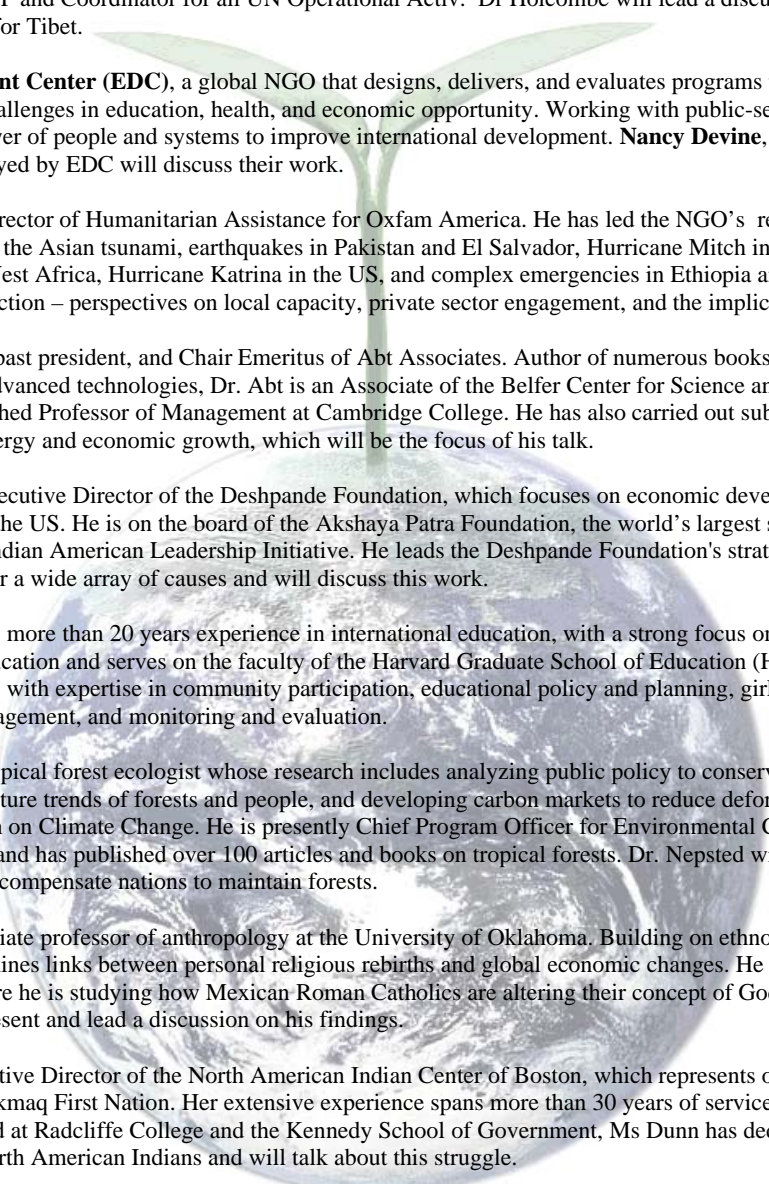


Programs in Sustainable International Development

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Friday Speaker Series Spring 2009

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- Jan 23 **Arthur Holcombe** is President of the Tibetan Poverty Alleviation Fund (TPAF). Prior to establishing TPAF, he was Resident Representative of UNDP and Coordinator for all UN Operational Activ. Dr Holcombe will lead a discussion on NGOs and Development: A Case for Tibet.
- Jan 30 **Education Development Center (EDC)**, a global NGO that designs, delivers, and evaluates programs to address some of the world's most urgent challenges in education, health, and economic opportunity. Working with public-sector and private partners, EDC harnesses the power of people and systems to improve international development. **Nancy Devine**, VP, and **SID alumni Gustavo Payan** employed by EDC will discuss their work.
- Feb 6 **Michael Delaney** is Director of Humanitarian Assistance for Oxfam America. He has led the NGO's response to major emergencies; including the Asian tsunami, earthquakes in Pakistan and El Salvador, Hurricane Mitch in Central America, food crises and conflict in West Africa, Hurricane Katrina in the US, and complex emergencies in Ethiopia and Sudan. He will talk about disaster risk reduction – perspectives on local capacity, private sector engagement, and the implications of climate change.
- Feb 13 **Clark Abt** is founder, past president, and Chair Emeritus of Abt Associates. Author of numerous books and articles on social and economic policy and advanced technologies, Dr. Abt is an Associate of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard and Distinguished Professor of Management at Cambridge College. He has also carried out substantial research around the world on renewable energy and economic growth, which will be the focus of his talk.
- Feb 27 **Nishith Acharya** is Executive Director of the Deshpande Foundation, which focuses on economic development, health, and education in India and the US. He is on the board of the Akshaya Patra Foundation, the world's largest school lunch program, and Vice President of the Indian American Leadership Initiative. He leads the Deshpande Foundation's strategic planning, evaluation, and advocacy efforts for a wide array of causes and will discuss this work.
- Mar 6 **Shirley Burchfield** has more than 20 years experience in international education, with a strong focus on Africa. She is Vice President of World Education and serves on the faculty of the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE). Her work spans more than 25 countries, with expertise in community participation, educational policy and planning, girls' and women's education, research, program management, and monitoring and evaluation.
- Mar 13 **Daniel Nepsted** is a tropical forest ecologist whose research includes analyzing public policy to conserve the Amazon's natural resources, predicting future trends of forests and people, and developing carbon markets to reduce deforestation within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. He is presently Chief Program Officer for Environmental Conservation Programs at the Moore Foundation and has published over 100 articles and books on tropical forests. Dr. Nepsted will talk about the idea of a payment framework to compensate nations to maintain forests.
- Mar 20 **Peter Cahn** is an associate professor of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma. Building on ethnographic data from central Mexico, his work examines links between personal religious rebirths and global economic changes. He is presently a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute where he is studying how Mexican Roman Catholics are altering their concept of God through participation in direct sales. He will present and lead a discussion on his findings.
- Mar 27 **Joanne Dunn** is Executive Director of the North American Indian Center of Boston, which represents over 40 Indian nations. She is a member of the Mi'kmaq First Nation. Her extensive experience spans more than 30 years of service to Native Communities. Educated at Radcliffe College and the Kennedy School of Government, Ms Dunn has dedicated her life to advancing social justice for all North American Indians and will talk about this struggle.
- Apr 3 **James Rowan** is Associate Dean for Experiential and Community-based Education and Research and Professor of Law at Northeastern University. An expert in representing the poor, he heads Northeastern Law School's poverty law clinic and supervises all clinical programs. As a legal practitioner, Professor Rowan has been involved with US civil rights issues since the 1960s. He will lead a discussion on the legal construction of race and white privilege in the US.
- Apr 24 **To Be Announced**

The SID Speaker Series takes place every Friday during the Spring Semester and is one of the most significant extracurricular learning experiences offered at the Heller School. Our special guests represent many development-related fields and will speak on a wide spectrum of topics. Presentations will be followed by Q & A and conversation with each speaker. These events will be held at The Heller School at Brandeis University in G3, from 12:15-1:45, and pizza will be served for attendees only. Watch for announcements and updates every week. For questions or to recommend future speakers, please contact Marion Howard at mwhoward@brandeis.edu. Administrative questions can be addressed to Cara King-Anderson at clka@brandeis.edu.