RETHINKING DEVELOPMENT
An Interdisciplinary Conference

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The conference is open to the Cornell campus and the wider community

***CONFERENCE PROGRAM (with panel titles)***

**Thursday, November 10**

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Introduction and Welcome

*David Brown, Chair, Development Sociology, Cornell University;
*Doug Gurak, Director, Polson Institute for Global Development
*Max Pfeffer, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University;
*Sam Cohn, Department of Sociology, Texas A and M University, President of the American Sociological Association Section on Development;

Opening address: Wendy Wolford, Development Sociology, Cornell University; Phil McMichael, Development Sociology, Cornell University (to be confirmed)

*Audience Q&A discussion following addresses*

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Coffee break

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3:30 – 5:15 p.m. First Paper Session

Panel 1. Bringing the (Developmental) State Back In: Planning and Political Activism

*Sapana Doshi, Assistant Professor, University of Arizona, Tucson, sdoshi@email.arizona.edu, The Redevlopmental State: Governing Accumulation through Displacement and Difference in Mumbai

*Alem Habtu, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York, alem.habtu@qc.cuny.edu, Ethiopia as a Developmental State

*Ian Robert Carrillo, Development Studies PhD Program, University of Wisconsin-Madison, icarrillo@wisc.edu, State Activism in 21st Century Development Strategies: The Case of Brazil

*Brian Dill, Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, dill@illinois.edu, Fixing the State: Development, Recognition, and Community-Based Organizations in Tanzania

Panel 2. From Slums to Sites of Privilege: Cities, Property and Development

*Eve Bratman, Assistant Professor, American University, ebratman@gmail.com, Washington, DC is a Third World City: Understanding Reflexive Development in Practice

*Mia White, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, miawhite@mit.edu, In Search of the Just Metropolis through an Examination of the Urban Community Land Trust

*Cathy A. Rakowski, Associate Professor of Rural Sociology/Environment and Natural Resources and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies; The Ohio State University, rakowski.1@osu.edu, The Rise of Anti-Development: Venezuela’s Planned Industrial City

*Max Ajl, PhD Candidate, Development Sociology, Cornell University, msa95@cornell.edu, The City as Utopia: A Critique

*Chuck Geisler, Professor, Development Sociology, Cornell University, ceg2@cornell.edu, Post-Property: What Is It, What National Security Has to Do with It, and Why it Matters to Development?

Panel 3. Feeding the World: Agribusiness for Development?

*Amalia Leguizamón, Doctoral Candidate, Sociology, Interdisciplinary Concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, City University of New York (CUNY), ALeguizamon@gc.cuny.edu, Modifying Argentina: GM Soy and Socioenvironmental Change

*Hallie Eaken, School of Sustainability, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, Hallie.eakin@asu.edu, Hugo Perales, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur, San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico, Kirsten Appendini, El Colegio de México, Mexico City, Mexico, Stuart Sweeney, Department of Geography, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, Poverty, Policy, and Preference: The Persistence and Future of Maize in Mexico

*Nurcan Atalan-Helicke, Visiting Asst. Prof. Environmental Studies, Skidmore College, natalanh@skidmore.edu, Agriculture for Development? The Politics of Development in Neoliberal Turkey

*Rachel Schurman, Dept of Sociology, University of Minnesota, schurman@umn.edu, The New Culture of Philanthropy, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the New Green Revolution for Africa

*Ben White, Emeritus Professor of Rural Sociology, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, white@iss.nl, Who will own the countryside? dispossession, rural youth and the future of farming
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception (drinks and finger food)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Keynote Address: Boaventura de Sousa Santos, Professor of Sociology at the School of Economics, University of Coimbra (Portugal) and Distinguished Legal Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School

Friday, November 11

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Second Paper Session

Panel 4. Migration: Debt, Deficit or Development?

*Maryann Bylander, University of Texas at Austin, maryannby@gmail.com, Borrowing across Borders: An exploration of migration, microfinance and debt in rural Cambodia.

*Mary Kritz, Development Sociology, Cornell University, mmk5@cornell.edu, Why do Students Migrate Internationally?

*Matthew Sanderson, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Kansas State University, matrs@ksu.edu, Does Immigration Promote Long-Term “Development”? A Cross-National Analysis of Receiving Countries, 1970-2005

*Anthony Jimenez, Master’s Student, The University of Texas as El Paso, Amjimenez3@miners.utep.edu, Gender Construction through Development: An Institutional Ethnography of a U.S.-Mexico Border Community Organization

Panel 5. “Community,” Participation and New Forms of Development

*Emmanuelle Poncin, PhD Candidate, London School of Economics and Political Science, E.Poncin@lse.ac.uk, Performing Development: Community-driven Development Discourses and Interventions

*Matthew Hoffman, Visiting Assistant Professor of Food Studies, New York University, mdh32@cornell.edu, Why Community Ownership? Understanding Land Reform in Scotland

*Jessica Johnson, PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge, Department of Social Anthropology, jaj38@cam.ac.uk, Community policing in Malawi: more than a neo-colonial, neo-liberal panacea?

*Maria Pilar García- Guadilla, Professor Universidad Simón Bolívar, Venezuela, mpgarcia@usb.ve, Twentieth one-Century Ecosocialism and the Bolivarian Development Model: The Myths of Environmental Sustainability and Participative Democracy in Venezuela

Panel 6. Space, Territory and Governance: Embedding Development

*Jason Cons, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University, jc162@cornell.edu, Spatial Corruptions and Symbolic Developments: Aid, Place, and Rule at the India-Bangladesh Border

*Peter Redvers-Lee, PhD Candidate, Community Research and Action, Peabody College, Vanderbilt University, peter.redvers-lee@vanderbilt.edu, The spatial injustice of development in the African-descendant communities of northwestern Ecuador
*Scott R. Sanders, Development Sociology, Cornell University, srs73@cornell.edu, Does Space Matter? Multilevel Spatial Determinates of Household Poverty in Vietnam

*Alia Gana, Research professor, CNRS, University of Paris 1, alia.gana@yahoo.fr, Rethinking the territorial dimension of development in light of the Arab revolutions

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 pm Third Paper Session


*Dimitri della Faille, Professeur en développement international, Département des sciences sociales, Université du Québec en Outaouais, dimitri.dellafaille@uqo.ca, Social statisticians and the 'depoliticization' of development

*Jeffrey Kentor, Marti Morris, Daniel Poole, Department of Sociology, University of Utah, jeffrey.kentor@soc.utah.edu, A New Measure of Position in the Global Economy 1820-2005

*Andrew Jorgenson, Department of Sociology, University of Utah and, Brett Clark, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, andrew.jorgenson@soc.utah.edu, Are the economy and the environment decoupling? A comparative international study, 1960-2005

*Joseph Holler, PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, University at Buffalo, SUNY, jholler@buffalo.edu, Enabling Environments for Climate or Capital? Adaptive capacity in a structurally adjusted environment

Panel 8. Environments Matter: Natural Resource Extraction and the Politics of Development

*Farhana Sultana, Assistant Professor of Geography, Syracuse University, sultanaf@syr.edu, Poisoning the well of development: Water governance and development politics

*Emily Billo, PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, Syracuse University, erbillo@syr.edu, The nexus of development and corporate social responsibility: Indigeneity and resource extraction in the northern Ecuadorian Amazon region

*Murat Arsel, Associate Professor of Environment & Development, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, arsel@iss.nl, One barrel of oil underground is better than two at the pump? Exploring the alchemic political ecologies of Ecuador’s post-neoliberal development strategy

*Edmund Oh, PhD Candidate, Development Sociology, Cornell University, Edmund.oh@cantab.net, Environmental governance as the new development paradigm: Co-management and certification as emergent modes of fisheries governance in Vietnam


*Valentine Cadieux, Departments of Sociology and Geography, University of Minnesota, Local development of global food systems: transnational grasslands improvement projects in the context of global commodity flows and local food economic development

*Daniel Jaffee, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Washington State University, jaffee@wsu.edu, Weak Coffee: Certification and Cooptation in the Fair Trade Movement

*Rebakah L. Daro Minarchek, PhD student, Development Sociology, Cornell University, rd364@cornell.edu, I Say Organic, You say Organik: The Commodification of Language in Indonesian Agricultural Projects
Rachel Bezner Kerr, Department of Geography, University of Western Ontario, rbeznerkerr@uwo.ca, Shifting terrain: agrobiodiversity, food sovereignty and political contestation in Malawi

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch (Bagged lunch provided)

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Keynote Address: Michael Goldman, Associate Professor and McKnight Presidential Fellow in the Sociology Department at the University of Minnesota

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Fourth Paper Session

Panel 10. Debating the Chinese Model: Implications and Expectations

* John Aloysius Collins Zinda, Department of Community and Environmentally Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, jzinda@wisc.edu, Taking an Idea and Running with It: How Tourism Development Affects Resident Welfare and Biodiversity Conservation in Southwest China

*Weihua (Edward) An, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, weihuaan@fas.harvard.edu, The China Model: Its Past and Future

*Enrique S. Pumar, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology and IPR Faculty Fellow, The Catholic University of America, Washington DC, pumar@cua.edu, Coalitions, the State, and the Arduous Path to Market Socialism. A Comparison of Cuba, China, and Viet-Nam

*Mindi Schneider, Development Sociology, Cornell University, mindil.schneider@gmail.com


*Frank W. Young, Professor Emeritus, Development Sociology, Cornell University, fwy1@cornell.edu, How Should Development Sociology Respond to the Success of Free Market Capitalism Around the World?

*Mildred Warner, Department of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University, Mew15@cornell.edu, Challenging Development Paradigms: Infrastructure Privatization

*Robert Woodberry, University of Texas at Austin, bobwood@austin.utexas.edu, Where Do Economic Institutions Come From?: Population Density, Settler Mortality, Colonizers, and Church-State Relations in the Construction of Economic Friendly Institutions

*Joseph Nathan Cohen, Dept. of Sociology, City University of New York, Queens College, joseph.cohen@qc.cuny.edu, The Neoliberal Economic Boom: The Power of the Market or the Resolution of a Financial Crisis?


*Alejandro Camargo, PhD Student, Department of Geography, Syracuse University, facamarg@svr.edu, Floods, wetlands, and the contradictory technologies of agrarian development in Colombia

*Nga Dao, York University, ngadao@yorku.ca, Rethinking Dam development in Vietnam: Displacement and Unevenness in development

*Soma Chaudhuri, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, Chaudh30@msu.edu, Development’s malcontent: Witchcraft accusations, tea plantation economy, and
lives of migrant laborers

*Ijlal Naqvi, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, naqvi@unc.edu, The Silences of Development Discourse in Pakistani Power Planning, 1955-2011

Panel 13: Converging Crises and the Possibility of New Paradigms

*Gregory Hooks, Sociology, Washington State University, ghooks@wsu.edu, War and development in the 21st century: anticipating the environmental damage and economic dislocation of militarism.

*J. Timmons Roberts, Sociology and Environmental Studies, Brown University and David Ciplet, timmons@brown.edu, Time for a Profound Rethinking: Development and Sociology Under Climate Change

*Philip McMichael, Development Sociology, Cornell University, pdm1@cornell.edu, Twenty-first Century Development: Crisis and Renewal

*Glen David Kuecker, Latin American History, DePauw University, gkuecker@depauw.edu, The New Development: A Transmodern Critique of the Disaster Risk Reduction Paradigm

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner Reception

7:00 p.m. Keynote Address: Tayyab Mahmud, Professor of Law at the Seattle University School of Law and Director of the Center for Global Justice.

8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Dance Party

Saturday, November 12

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Fifth Paper Session


*Olajumoke Warrity, PhD Candidate, Development Sociology, Cornell University, otw2@cornell.edu, ‘Poor’ ‘Consumers’: How Business is Developing Africa

*Marygold Walsh-Dilley, PhD Candidate, Development Sociology, Cornell University, ms396@cornell.edu, Negotiating Hybridity: Moral Economy and Market Integration in Rural Bolivia

*Sam Cohn, Department of Sociology, Texas A and M University, s-cohn@neo.tamu.edu, “Bad” job training programs, worker solidarity and autonomous, egalitarian economic development

*Dwight Haase, PhD, Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Toledo, dwight.haase@utoledo.edu, Revitalizing Microfinance: It’s the Interest Rate, Stupid!

Panel 15: Behind the Numbers: Demography and Social Change

*Holly Reed and Blessing U. Mberu, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Queens College and CUNY Institute for Demographic Research (CIDR), City University of New York (CUNY), Holly.Reed@qc.cuny.edu, Evaluating the 'Demographic Dividend': Will Nigeria Capitalize on or Capsize its Working-Age Majority?
Panel 16. Rethinking Development: Theory, Hierarchies and Colonial Legacies

*Besnik Pula, Department of Sociology, Binghamton University, bpula@binghamton.edu, Reconstituting periphery in the margins of Europe: the rise, fall and reconstitution of core-periphery relations between Italy and Albania, 1910-2010

*Tanya Casas, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Delaware Valley College, tanya.casas@delval.edu, Transcending the Coloniality of Development: Moving Beyond Human/Nature Hierarchies

*Fouad Makki, Development Sociology, Cornell University, fmm2@cornell.edu, Rethinking Development as Uneven and Combined Process

*Chandan Gowda, Professor of Sociology, Azim Premji University, Bangalore, India, chandangowda@gmail.com, Developmentalism in India: Colonial Legacies, Contemporary Challenges

Panel 17: Gender Takes Two: Men, Women and Beyond

*Fauzia E. Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Sociology and Women’s Studies, Miami University of Ohio, ahmedfe@muohio.edu, Directions for development sociology: masculinity studies and capability theory

*Alex Currit, Jonathan A. Muir, Rilee Buttars, Ralph B. Brown, Brigham Young University, alexcurrit@gmail.com, She’s got a Ticket to Ride: Examining the Impact of Motorcycles on Women’s Autonomy in Cambodia, Thailand, and Vietnam

*Elisabeth Porter, Professor, Communication, International Studies & Languages, University of South Australia, elisabeth.porter@unisa.edu.au, Rethinking empowerment for gender-inclusive security

*Kum-Kum Bhavnani and Summer Gray, Department of Anthropology, UCSB, bhavnani@soc.ucsb.edu, summer_gray@umail.ucsb.edu, From Development and Culture to Citizen Science and Sea Turtles

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 p.m. Sixth Paper Session

Panel 18: Regional Integration and the Politics of Transnational Governance

*Adebusuyi I. Adeniran, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria, and Lanre Olutayo, Department of Sociology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, othniel.adebusuyi@gmail.com, Cross-border Networking and Identity Integration within Ecowas Framework on Development: An Exploration of Nigerian-Ivorian Corridor

*Aaron Major, Assistant professor of sociology, University of Albany, am459782@albany.edu, Transnational state formation and the global politics of austerity.
*Luwam Dirar, J.S.D. Candidate Cornell Law School, lgd25@cornell.edu, Rethinking Development through Regional Integration Agreements in Southern African Countries

*Catherine Corson, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Studies, Mount Holyoke College, ccorson@mtholyoke.edu, Scaling-Up Development Critique: The Transnational Politics of Environmental Foreign Aid in Madagascar

Panel 19: Civil Society and Development in the Era of Transnational Activism

*Jocelyn Viterna, Associate Professor, Harvard University, jviterna@wjh.harvard.edu, Conflation of NGOs as Civil Society Organisations

*Sneha Dutta, PhD Candidate, University of Kentucky, sdutt2@g.uky.edu, The Role of International Civil Society and Transnational Coalitions on Social Movement Mobilization and Success: A Comparative Analysis of the Zapatista in Mexico and Narmada Dam Movements in India (1994-2000)

*Tatiana Andia and Nitsan Chorev, Department of Sociology, Brown University, tatiana_andia_rey@brown.edu, Health Activism on Baby Food, Medicines, and Cigarettes: Bringing the Domestic Back to Transnational Advocacy Networks

*Brian King, Department of Geography, Penn State University, bhk2@psu.edu, Development in the Era of AIDS

Panel 20. The Practice, Performance and Politics of Aid for Development

*David Ciplet, Graduate Student, Brown University, david_ciplet@brown.edu, Rethinking international aid: Negotiated consent and the case of global climate change finance

*Fergal Rhatigan, PhD Candidate Department of Sociology, National University of Ireland, Maynooth, fergal.j.rhatigan@nuim.ie, Good Samaritans – the Normative and Conceptual Frames of Irish Development Workers

*Jeffrey Jackson, Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi, jacksonj@olemiss.edu, The Increasing Significance of Global Aid Flows: Non-OECD Donors, Development, and the Contested Transnational State

*Dikshya Thapa, PhD Candidate, Department of Sociology, Brown University, dikshya_thapa@brown.edu, A Laboratory for Development: Foreign Aid and the Structural Transformation of the Dependent State

Panel 21. The Production of Knowledge and the Politics of “Common Sense”

*Michael Mascarenhas, Assistant Professor, Science and Technology Studies Department Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, mascam@rpi.edu, Developing Research: Researching Development: Understanding Knowledge Production about the World’s Water Problems

*Katharina Lenner, Research Associate, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Politics, Freie Universität Berlin, Otto-Suhr-Institute for Political Science, lenner@zedat.fu-berlin.de, and Annemie Vermaelen, PhD-candidate, Centre for Third World Studies, Ghent University, Belgium, annemie.vermaelen@ugent.be, The uneasiness of local knowledge – strategies of intervention in Wadi Araba, Jordan

*Arland Thornton, Institute for Social Research, the University of Michigan, Arlandt@umich.edu, Georgina Binstock – Cenep-Conicet, Argentina, Mohammad Jalal Abbasi-Shavazi – University of Tehran, Dirgha Ghimire – University of Michigan, Arjan Gjonca – London School of Economics, Attila Melegh – Demographic Research Institute, Colter Mitchell – Princeton University, Mansoor Moaddel – Eastern Michigan University, Yu Xie –
University of Michigan, Li-shou Yang – University of Michigan, Linda Young-DeMarco – University of Michigan, Kathryn M. Yount – Emory University, Knowledge and Beliefs about National Development and Developmental Hierarchies: the Viewpoints of Ordinary People in Thirteen Counties

*Shelley Feldman, Development Sociology, Cornell University, rff12@cornell.edu, The Politics of Knowledge in International Assessments: The IAASTD Process, Reception, and Significance

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch (bagged lunch provided)

1:00 p.m. Closing Keynote Address: Patrick Bond, Director of the Center for Civil Society at the School of Development Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Afternoon: free! Workshopping encouraged; rooms will be available in the conference venue for groups to continue discussing potential collaborations or new initiatives.

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