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GDN staff wish President Gobind Nankani all the best for his next venture, heading the DFID International Growth Centre

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GDN ANNOUNCES NEW PRESIDENT:

GDN is delighted to announce that Dr. Gerardo della Paolera has accepted the Board's offer to be GDN's next President, effective August 15th, 2009.

Gerardo has done outstanding work in the past as the Founding President and Rector of Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and most recently at the American University of Paris, in both cases as President of these institutions as well as in research. Both institutions grew phenomenally under his leadership. At present he is a Visiting Professor at the Central European University in Budapest and also a Visiting Fellow at the Paris School of Economics (PSE). He has a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago, with a specialization in economic history.



In addition to his extensive experience in educational administration, Dr. della Paolera is also a world-renowned expert on Latin-American economic history. He was a Visiting Professor at Doshisha University in Japan (2002) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (2002) and served as a Visiting Scholar at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University (1998 and 1999), North-Western University (1997), International Monetary Fund (1997) and the Marcos Garfunkel Senior Associate Member in St Anthony's College at Oxford University (1992).

Dr. della Paolera is the winner of the Arthur Cole Prize for the best article published in the Journal of Economic History in 2000: 'Economic Recovery from the Argentine Great Depression: Institutions, Expectations, and the Change of the Macroeconomic Regime'. He recently co-edited and co-authored two books with Alan M. Taylor: 'A New Economic History of Argentina' (Cambridge University Press, 2003) and 'Straining at the Anchor: in Search of Monetary Stability, Argentina and the Gold Standard, 1880-1935' (University of Chicago Press, 2001).

Dr. della Paolera will be visiting Delhi every month for a week, beginning in April.
<http://www.aup.fr/faculty/dept/econ/dellapaolera.htm>

'PERSPECTIVES ON IMPACT EVALUATION' CONFERENCE



Six hundred well known evaluators, leading researchers, development practitioners and policy makers from around the globe gather in Cairo from March 29th - April 2nd to share experiences on what works in development, what does not, why, and under what circumstances.

The Conference aims to take stock on lessons learned and guide political leaders in shaping and implementing development policies and programs that make a difference in poor people's lives. It is co-hosted by the African Evaluation Association (AfEA), the Networks of Networks on Impact Evaluation (NONIE), the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The first issue of the Journal for Development Effectiveness will also be launched by 3ie on April 1 - this is the first journal focused on reporting evidence of the impact of projects, programs and policies in developing countries.

How do we know when
'development' is truly successful?
Photo credit: Ray Writin / World Bank

The Conference will be preceded from March 29-31 by a series of hands-on workshops and 'evaluation clinics' presented by leading experts in the field of evaluation and development. Amongst the issues to be discussed: the role of impact evaluation in improving development effectiveness; different approaches and methods of impact evaluation; ways of institutionalizing impact evaluation; how to influence policies and development strategies; how to build capacity in impact evaluation; and early findings from innovative studies.

Following four continent-wide evaluation conferences organized by AfrEA in East Africa (Nairobi, 1999 and 2002), Southern Africa (Cape Town, Dec 2004) and West Africa (Niamey, Jan 2007), it is the first conference of its kind to be held in North Africa. It is also the first organized in partnership with international organizations, including the new International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) and UNICEF.

GDN AND AERC WORKSHOP

Global Development Network (GDN) and the African Economic Research Consortium (AERC) will organize a Workshop on May 7 - 8, 2009 in Cape Town, South Africa. This is the 3rd meeting (following the Planning Meeting held in Accra in June 2008 and the workshop held in Kuwait in February 2009) in the implementation phase of the GDN-AERC project 'Institutional Capacity Strengthening of African Public Policy Institutes to Support Inclusive Growth and the MDGs' funded by UNDP.

Representatives from each of the 5 participating institutions will make presentations on two papers per institution followed by constructive comments from resource persons who are also attending the conference.

NEWS FROM OUR NETWORK PARTNERS

AFRICA REGIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HIV AND AIDS IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

A three day event on the theme, 'Exploring Evidence, Strengthening Action,' organized by RECABIP will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 18th - 22nd May 2009. The symposium will focus on the sharing of policy, research and practitioner experiences, and assisting participants to design and roll out effective and multi-layered HIV and AIDS responses in tertiary institutions - especially in Sub-Saharan Africa

For more information please visit: <http://www.eldis.org/go/events-and-announcements&id=36434&type=Item>
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EERC SPRING 2009 COMPETITION

The competition is held by the Economics Education and Research Consortium. Its goal is to support policy-relevant research projects under five priority areas. Research proposals can be submitted either by individuals or small teams of CIS researchers. Grants are in the amount of up to \$14,000 and are typically provided for up to 18 months of work. Young researchers and researchers based in the periphery may be offered smaller-scale development grants (up to \$2,000) and training opportunities in the framework of EERC Research Development Program.

Proposals selected for the final review stage of the competition will be presented at the June 2009 research workshop (tentatively planned for June 27-29 in Kiev); interim and final reports on funded projects will be presented in December 2009 and July 2010, respectively.

For more details on the competition please go to: <http://eerc.ru/default.aspx?id=247&IDWorkshop=26>

A complete application package must be submitted online at <http://www.eerc.ru/Registration/Research> or emailed to gyarmanova@eerc.kiev.ua no later than April 12, 2009.

EADI PRIZE FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES 2009: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The EADI announces the 2009 prize for excellence in development research. The prize, worth \$1 000, will be awarded for an essay on an issue of development studies in any field of the social sciences submitted and written by a postgraduate student from an EADI member country or attending a programme at an institutional member of the Association. All entries for the EADI Prize for Development Studies should reach the Association's offices in Bonn no later than 31 May 2009 by e-mail.

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KASARINLAN JOURNAL: CALL FOR PAPERS

Kasarinlan is an internationally refereed journal published twice a year. It provides a forum for critical and interdisciplinary perspectives on the Philippines and the Third World with special reference to political economy

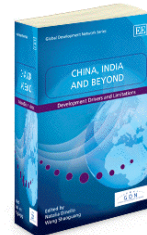
The journal is announcing two separate calls for papers. Kasarinlan is issuing an open call for papers for its 2009 editions. The journal is interested in publishing theoretically grounded papers based on original empirical research that is cogent and concise.

The second call concerns submissions for papers for their special 2010 issue on political economy of cross border flow of goods, capital labor and ideas.

Due Date for Submission of Manuscript: June 30, 2009

For more information please go to: <http://journals.upd.edu.ph/index.php/kasarinlan>

PUBLICATIONS



GDN is proud to announce the publication of its latest book in the Global Development Series in collaboration with Edward Elgar Publishing. For more details on the series please see the following link: <http://www.gdnet.org/cms.php?id=publications>

The book, edited by Natalia Dinello and Wang Shauguang, and entitled China, India and Beyond: Development Drivers and Limitations challenges the widespread belief that China and India will be the driving forces of the global economy in the twenty-first century.

Scholars of these two countries offer scenarios ranging from buoyant to subdued to negative, depending on how they evaluate the drivers of development (market-oriented reforms, global integration and investment in human capital), and its limitations (infrastructure bottlenecks, environmental degradation and institutional frailties). The book covers a broad set of topics, including international trade and investment, health care and grassroots democracy. Readers from all countries will benefit from this cogent analysis of the delicate balance among the various ingredients of successful development versus failure.

This timely book will appeal to political scientists, economists and other social scientists conducting research and teaching courses in political economy, development studies, globalization and public policy. Policy-oriented researchers and policy makers will also find this study an important resource.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOB VACANCIES AT GDN

To meet GDN's growth plans, the organization is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

- Internship - research and project monitoring
- Accounts Assistant
- Administrative Assistant

For more information, please contact rbarrot@gdnet.org

NTS-ASIA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP FOR 2009

The Consortium of Non-Traditional Security Studies in Asia (NTS-Asia) invites applications for a 3-month Research Fellowship Programme, which will commence in July 2009. The research fellowship comes with a stipend of US\$ 8,000 (all inclusive for the duration of the fellowship). Young scholars are encouraged to apply.

NTS-Asia Research Fellows are expected to produce at least one publication at the end of the fellowship period.

For more information please go to:

<http://www.rsis-ntsasia.org/activities/research-fellowship.html>

Expansion to J-STOR

JSTOR has now expanded to include Arts & Sciences VI, which adds 120 titles to the current collection. JSTOR also includes Business, Business II and Arts and Science II Collections. Access to all collections is available to eligible registered researchers on the Knowledge Base. If you are registered, update your profile to activate access to JSTOR. If you are a new member, [register now](#).

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