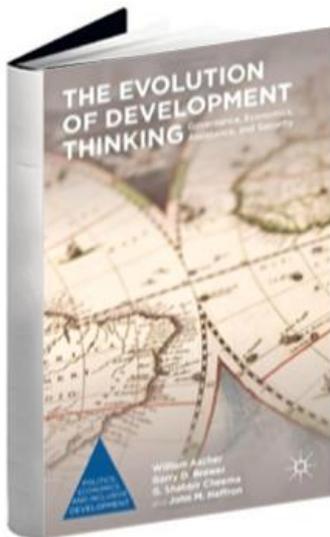


Interactive Panel Discussion on the book on

## **“THE EVOLUTION OF DEVELOPMENT THINKING: GOVERNANCE, ECONOMICS, ASSISTANCE, AND SECURITY”**

**Thursday, 15 December 2016 Venue: Conference Room 8,  
11.00 – 13.00 General Assembly Building, UN HQ**



This book, encompassing the evolution of theories, doctrines, and practice ranging from governance and security to economic development and foreign assistance, assesses both the progress and the shortfalls in addressing these challenges. The assessment, covering all developing regions, finds that compelling theories and doctrines have been developed and sometimes applied, and that the development agenda has expanded to address a much broader range of human development dimensions. More robust mechanisms for citizen participation and more effective and inclusive governance now characterize the development process. In addition, foreign aid doctrines have shed some of their more problematic aspects. NGOs have refined their missions and often have more constructive interactions with governments.

Yet some highly worthwhile approaches have been abandoned, ignored, or distorted, and thorny issues remain unresolved. Balancing economic efficiency and the protection of vulnerable people is often elusive, as are constructive roles of the armed forces. Foreign assistance is often caught between humanitarian and geopolitical motives and faces uncertainties regarding its effectiveness. In identifying the remaining problems, our assessment points to compelling avenues for progress on all fronts.

### Agenda

- 11.00-11.10 **Registration and Coffee**
- 11.10-11.20 **Introduction**
- Patrick Keuleers, Director/Chief of Profession, Governance & Peacebuilding, UNDP
  - Massimo Tommasoli, Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the UN
- 11.20-12.00 **Presentation of the Book: *The Evolution of Development Thinking***
- William Ascher, Professor & Director, Pacific Basin Research Center
  - Garry D. Brewer, Professor, Yale University
  - Shabbir Cheema, Director, Asia-Pacific Governance & Democracy Initiative, East-West Center
- 12.00-12:45 **General comments and discussion**

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