About CID

The Center for International Development at Harvard University (CID) was established on July 1, 1998 to serve as Harvard’s primary center for research on sustainable international development. Housed at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, CID is a university-wide research center, drawing upon faculty, staff, and researchers from the Kennedy School, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the School of Public Health, the Medical School, the Graduate School of Education, the Graduate School of Design, the Law School, and the Business School.

Ricardo Hausmann, Professor of the Practice of Economic Development at the Kennedy School, became the Director of CID on October 12, 2005. CID also has a faculty Policy Advisory Committee, comprised of Philippe Aghion (Department of Economics), William C. Clark (Kennedy School), Merilee Grindle (Kennedy School), Michael R. Kremer (Department of Economics), James Robinson (Department of Government), Dani Rodrik (Kennedy School), and Debora L. Spar (Business School).

CID was established with one overriding conceptual notion: the need for cross-disciplinary approaches to the challenges of sustainable development. In virtually every area that now challenges the globe in sustainable development – from the need to ignite economic growth to the imperative of delivering an adequate level of social services to the poor; from the preservation of biodiversity to the limitation and management of climate change; from the control of emerging and re-emerging infectious disease to the limitation of environmental stresses resulting from historically unprecedented population increase – solutions are possible, but will require breakthroughs in approaches at the cutting edge of the hard sciences, the social sciences, ethics, and politics. CID exists to bridge the gaps between disciplines, pulling together Harvard’s top minds as they, in collaboration with colleagues throughout the world, push forward the science of explaining the sources of and remedies for entrenched global poverty and the political and environmental circumstances that surround it.

CID is a central pillar of Harvard University’s deepening commitment to the problems of international development. With major input from CID, the Kennedy School launched a two-year Master in Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID) degree program in 1999. This unique program admits approximately 70 students per year in a rigorous 2-year program on international development. Students are trained in advanced quantitative and economic analysis, as well as in the several core disciplines of relevance to public policy in sustainable development, including law, political science, public health, demography, and environmental management. The two-year MPA/ID degree contributes to Harvard’s impressive range of teaching in this area, including Ph.D. programs in several related disciplines, the one-year Mason Degree Program, and a panoply of annual workshops and executive seminars carried out by the KSG.

The Center is home to a large and diverse group of faculty – from economists to entomologists – and the research undertaken by the scholars affiliated with CID covers a very broad canvas. We strive to support research on all areas of development through providing and managing grants for discrete projects, collaborative programs, and research seminars. On the next page you will find brief descriptions of CID’s ongoing research programs, student programs, events, and publications; for more information, please visit the CID web site at www.cid.harvard.edu.
Research Programs: Research at CID is conducted within an overall program that addresses the core intellectual challenges of sustainable development. Faculty-based initiatives include programs in Economic Growth; Globalization and Development; Mexican Public Policy Education; Political Economy; Science, Environment and Development; and Sustainability Science. More details and the most current list of research initiatives can be found at www.cid.harvard.edu/cidresearch.

Student Programs: CID is committed to cultivating and supporting interest in international development at all academic levels. Toward this end, we offer seminar series, fellowships, travel grants, and special events throughout the year for students across the university. For the most current information, please visit our web site at www.cid.harvard.edu/cidstudents.

CID is a research center and as such, does not confer degrees or offer classes. Prospective students interested in studying international development should consider the Kennedy School’s MPA/ID degree program (www.ksg.harvard.edu/programs/mpaid) or its Executive Education programs (ksgexecprogram.harvard.edu).

Events: CID maintains a full calendar of events throughout the academic year, including regular seminars, research conferences and workshops. For an up-to-date and complete listing, please visit www.cid.harvard.edu/events. From there, you may also sign up to receive a weekly email of upcoming events at CID.

Publications: CID publishes the CID Working Paper Series to provide an interactive forum for CID Faculty Associates and senior researchers to share recent research related to international development. CID also has a second working paper series to provide a means for Harvard graduate students and postdoctoral fellows affiliated with CID to share recent job-talk papers and papers submitted for presentation at competitive conferences. Visit www.cid.harvard.edu/cidwp to download the papers and sign up to receive a monthly email announcing new CID working papers.

CID also works with the undergraduate student group Harvard College International Development Organization (HIDO) to publish Thinking Global: A Guide to International Development at Harvard and Beyond. CID provides support for additional affiliated publications, including: Bhumi: Harvard’s International Development Magazine (published twice yearly by HIDO); Bureau for Research in Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD) Working Papers and Policy Papers; Economia, the journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA); and the Global Trade Negotiations (GTN) Home Page (a centralized information resource on global trade negotiations).

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