

## Title: GJP Annual Conference, Justice in Development, at Yale November 7-9



**November 7-9, Yale University, New Haven, CT**  
**Sterling Memorial Lecture Hall**

The Yale Global Justice Program, Global Financial Integrity, and Academics Stand Against Poverty are proud to present **Justice in Development**. This conference will bring together academics, policy makers, and activists to discuss two critical global justice issues: illicit financial flows and climate change. Both represent failures of global governance and obstruct equitable development in which all people's human rights are fulfilled, regardless of where they are born.

The conference program is divided into two portions, one dedicated to each issue. A conference schedule is provided below. **To register to participate in the conference, please click [here](#).**

## **Illicit Financial Flows**

Global Financial Integrity estimates that annual illicit financial outflows from the economies of the less developed countries totaled \$946.7 billion in 2011 (13.7% more than in 2010) and totaled \$5.9 trillion cumulatively from 2002 to 2011, a sum many times greater than the total amount of official development assistance during that period. Facilitated by a lack of transparency in the global financial system, illicit financial flows reduce tax collection, drain hard currency reserves, heighten inflation, worsen income gaps, cancel investment, and undermine trade. They are, arguably, the single most damaging economic condition harming the global poor.

Illicit financial flows and their effects on development require immediate attention by experts and activists. Fortunately, a movement to bring illicit financial flows under control is emerging. This conference will bring together scholars and practitioners at the forefront of that movement to look to the future of and exchange ideas about what must be done next to bring this scourge under control. Panel topics will include future research priorities for understanding illicit financial flows; how to ensure that illicit financial flows are prioritized in the Sustainable Development Goals; and key policy processes for advancing financial transparency.

## **Climate Change**

Efforts to bring climate change under control are in crisis. December will mark twenty years of annual climate summits under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and yet 2013 saw the fastest rate of increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations in thirty years. Thermal expansion and the melting of the Greenland and Antarctic ice caps and many of the world's glaciers may cause sea levels to rise three feet before century's end, according to the Fifth Assessment Report of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Emissions continue to track worst-case projections, eroding the chances of keeping warming below 2 degrees Celsius, the internationally recognized threshold for dangerous climate change.

People living in extreme poverty are outstandingly vulnerable to harm from natural disasters and climate-induced changes to the local environment, and yet their greenhouse gas emissions are in general relatively small. Future generations will also face diminished life chances as a result of climate change and are powerless to stop the damage. Commitment to basic fairness across national boundaries and across generations demands that we strive to bring this threat under control.

The months ahead may offer opportunities to put the pursuit of a global climate solution onto a new path. The inefficiency of the UNFCCC process has prompted UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to call together world leaders for a special climate summit, and in response, activists organized the largest climate march in history. In 2015, the international community will commit to a new development framework and a new climate change agreement, each of which has the potential to drive the dramatic emissions reductions we need. With our conference, we aim to provide to those leading

efforts to confront climate change with the chance to discuss the road ahead and consider which actions are both realistic and radical enough to make a difference.

## **Agenda**

### **SESSION 1: ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS**

**Friday, November 7**

#### **1:55 – 2:00 pm Welcome**

- Jiewuh Song, Yale Global Justice Postdoctoral Fellow

#### **2 :00- 2:30 pm Opening Address**

- Raymond Baker, President of Global Financial Integrity

#### **2:30-4:00 Understanding Illicit Financial Flows: Research Priorities for the Future**

- Dev Kar, Chief Economist at Global Financial Integrity
- James Henry, Senior Adviser at Tax Justice Network
- Joseph Kraus, Senior Policy Manager for Transparency and Accountability at the ONE Campaign
- Moderator: Zorka Milin, Legal Adviser at Global Witness

**4:00 – 4:15 Break**

#### **4:15 – 5:45 Securing a Place for Tax Justice and Transparency on the Post-2015 Development Agenda**

- Niko Lusiani, Director of the Human Rights in Economic Policy Program at the Center for Economic and Social Rights
- Helen Dennis, Senior Advisor for Poverty and Inequality at Christian Aid
- Jo Marie Griesgraber, Executive Director of the New Rules for Global Finance
- Moderator: Tom Cardamone, Managing Director of Global Financial Integrity

#### **5:45 – 6:00 Closing**

- Esther Shubert, Doctoral Student in Philosophy at Yale University
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**Saturday, November 8**

#### **9:00 - 10:30 Civil Society Perspectives on the Outlook for Change**

- Zorka Milin, Legal Adviser at Global Witness
- Tom Cardamone, Managing Director of Global Financial Integrity
- Harold Crooks, Writer and Director of *The Price We Pay*
- Moderator: Miguel Pulido, Executive Director of Fundar

**10:30 – 10:45 Break**

**10:45 – 10:50 Remarks**

- Amartya Sen, Thomas W. Lamont University Professor at Harvard University

**10:50 – 11:10 Presentation from Sen Prize Winner**

- Max Everest-Phillips, Director of the UNDP Centre for Public Service Excellence

**11:10 – 11:30 Presentation from Sen Prize Winner**

- Hamish Russell, Doctoral Student in Philosophy at the University of Toronto

**11:30 – 11:50 Audience Q&A for Sen Prize Winners**

**11:50 – 12:45 Lunch**

**SESSION 2: CLIMATE CHANGE**

**12:45 – 1:45 How to Reach a Meaningful Climate Agreement at COP21**

- Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University

**1:45 - 2:30 Expert Group on Global Climate Obligations**

- Jaap Spier, Advocate-General in the Supreme Court of the Netherlands

**2:30 - 2:45 Break**

**2:45 – 3:30 Remote Presentation: Preventing Dangerous Climate Change and Enabling Development**

- Simon Caney, Professor of Political Theory at the University of Oxford

**3:30 – 4:15 Energy Transition in Rural India**

- Deepti Chatti, Doctoral Student in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University

**4:15 – 5:00 Climate Change and the American Mind**

- Anthony Leiserowitz, Director of the Yale Project on Climate Change Communication

**5:00 - 5:15 Closing**

- Rachel Payne, Global Coordinator of Academics Stand Against Poverty

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**Sunday, November 9**

**10:00 – 11:00 Climate, Energy, Human Health, Development and Global Justice**

- James Hansen, Former Director of the Goddard Institute at NASA

**11:00 – 11:15 Break**

**11:15 - 11:45 Towards Universal Sustainable Development Goals? Some Concerns from Global South Perspectives**

- Mitu Sengupta, Associate Professor of Politics at Ryerson University, Toronto, and Director of Research and Development at the Centre for Development and Human Rights, New Delhi

**11:45 – 12:15 An Update on Climate Change in the Post-2015 Development Agenda Process**

- Andrew Light, University Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy at George Mason University and Senior Adviser to the Special Envoy on Climate Change in the US Department of State

**12:15-12:45 Audience Q&A for Mitu Sengupta and Andrew Light**

**12:45 – 1:00 Closing**

- Thomas Pogge, Director of the Yale Global Justice Program

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