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3:15 p.m. • Monday, April 9
Dollars and Sense: Is Foreign Aid to Nondemocracies a Waste?

Many donor countries and organizations give billions of dollars of aid every year to fragile states. These donors often emphasize democracy as a condition for giving aid, but the question remains: Can aid effectively foster prosperity in fragile states without democracy?


Jim White is a senior director for program operations of procurement and infrastructure projects worldwide at Mercy Corps. Previously, he was a country director in Kosovo, Chechnya, Central Asia, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. He has also served with the American Red Cross, the International Organization for Migration, Relief International, and the Save the Children Foundation.

3:30 p.m. • Tuesday, April 10
Gradations of Governance: Who Has the Right to Rule Fragile States?

Fragile states are often plagued by poverty, poor governance, and violence. This session explores the debate between those who argue for limited assistance on the grounds that foreign help might cause more harm than good and others who advocate for a new trusteeship or forms of nation-building.

Kareel Saltman is a professor of government and politics at the University of Maryland. Formerly the director of the Recovered States Task Force as part of the USAID Project on Fragile States, Saltman also served as an advisor to the Kurdish government on the Iraqi Constitution, and has published several books on political development and constitutionalism.

Edward Marks is a senior advisor to the Peace Operations Policy Program at George Mason University and a senior fellow at the Joint Forces Staff College. Formerly the U.S. ambassador to Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde and deputy U.S. representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Marks has published on peacekeeping, the United Nations, and terrorism.

7:30 p.m. • Monday, April 9
Piecing Together Fragile States: The Contrasting Puzzles of Iraq and Afghanistan

What makes states fragile and what do they require to achieve stability? Senior diplomats share their Iraq and Afghanistan experiences to help us understand the differences and similarities between the situations in the two countries.

Sir Hilary Symott is the senior consulting fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, where he specializes in South Asian affairs and post-conflict issues. Formerly the Coalition Provisional Authority's regional coordinator for South Iraq, he worked directly under Ambassador Paul Bremer immediately after the Iraq War. Sir Hilary, now retired from the British diplomatic service, has also served in Pakistan, India, Jordan, France, and Germany.

Robert P. Finn is a senior research associate at the Liechtenstein Institute of the Woodrow Wilson School of International Affairs and a lecturer in the Department of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. He served from March 2002 to August 2003 as the first U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan following the reestablishment of diplomatic ties. Finn's other diplomatic postings have included Turkey, Pakistan, Croatia, Tajikistan, and Azerbaijan.

7 p.m. • Tuesday, April 10
The Priorities of Intervention: Protecting Society or the State?

While many in the international community want to help fragile states, there is profound disagreement concerning the timing of such assistance. When should states and organizations intervene, and for what reasons should they devote their resources to helping others?

Douglas Fair is an investigative consultant with the Nine Eleven Finding Answers (NEFA) Foundation, as well as a consultant and freelance writer on terror finance and national security issues. Formerly an investigative reporter and the West Africa bureau chief for the Washington Post, Fair has published widely on issues ranging from drug trafficking to conflict diamonds.

Robert H. Dorf is the senior advisor for democracy, governance, and civilian military relations for Creative Associates. Formerly, the department head of the Department of National Security and Strategy at the U.S. Army War College, Dorf has published widely on the issues surrounding fragile and failed states and is recognized as a leading expert on national security strategy.

7 p.m. • Wednesday, April 11
For Better or for Worse: Do Diamonds Promote State Development or Disaster?

This session examines how natural resources have influenced the degree of state stability in more prosperous countries such as Botswana and fragile states such as Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. What can the international community do to help fragile states use their resources to promote development and prosperity?

Akolang H. Tombale is the permanent secretary in Botswana's Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy, and Water Resources and the deputy chair of the world's largest producer of diamonds, DeBeers Diamond Company, a venture co-owned by the Botswana government and De Beers. Tombale also serves as the director of Water Affairs and the chair of Botswana Power Corporation board of directors.

Corinna Gillfillan is the head of the U.S. office of Global Witness. She leads the organization's Campaign to Combat Conflict Diamonds, in addition to representing Global Witness at the Kimberley Process, a government-run diamond certification scheme. Previously, Gillfillan worked for the U.N. Environment Programme and directed the Friends of the Earth's Ozone Protection Campaign.