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GDAE Takes Policy Message to Mexico, China

One of the top priorities of GDAE's Globalization and Sustainable Development Program is to impact policy-making, not just in the United States but in the countries affected by U.S. trade policies. This summer, GDAE took its policy research to Mexico and China.

Wise presents on US dumping to farmers, policy-makers

Timothy A. Wise was in Mexico City in early September to present his recent paper, “Agricultural Dumping Under NAFTA.” The paper, which has now been released as a monograph by the Woodrow Wilson Center as part of its project and report on Mexican agricultural policies, “Subsidizing Inequality,” estimates the costs of below-cost U.S. agricultural exports to Mexico at $12.8 billion from 1997-2005. Wise joined other project researchers for a seminar September 1 at Mexico’s National Autonomous University that included high-level Mexican government officials as well as researchers from the World Bank and FAO. On September 7, Wise joined project director Jonathan Fox in presenting the findings to at the national assembly of ANEC, one of Mexico's largest independent farmer organizations. On September 18, the daily newspaper La Jornada, in its monthly supplement on farm issues, printed a special section on the project, including a summary by Wise. A subsequent op-ed in the Mexican daily, El Universal, is due out soon. This work, all presented by Wise in Spanish, will be released in English later this year in a Wilson Center event in Washington.

Gallagher takes investment lessons to China

Kevin P. Gallagher took his policy research to Beijing, where he served as visiting professor at the School of Public Policy and Management at Tsinghua University in June and July. While he was there, he presented his work on China and Latin America at the prestigious Shanghai Forum (Asia's World Economic Forum, and at the Institute for Latin American Studies of the Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences. He conducted high-level workshop for China's negotiators on the development implications of the proposed U.S.-China bilateral investment treaty. He also presented on the proposed U.S.-China BIT at Tsinghua University and at the Institute for World Economics and Politics of the Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences. Gallagher’s op-ed on the issue, “U.S. Treaty Could Threaten Growth,” appeared in China’s largest English-language newspaper, the China Daily. Gallagher’s book with Roberto Porzecanski, The Dragon in the Room: China and the Future of Latin American Industrialization, will be released by...
Wise Presents at WTO Public Forum
Timothy A. Wise spoke on two panels at the World Trade Organization’s annual Public Forum, which brought together 1,500 researchers, advocates, and trade officials in Geneva September 15-17. Wise joined fellow Triple Crisis blogger Mehdi Shefaeddin for a GDAE-sponsored panel on “Developing Countries in the Wake of the Financial Crisis.” He then joined other members of the Latin American Trade Network for a panel on South-South Trade. (Listen to the audio of the presentations.)

EPA Appoints Gallagher to NAFTA Environment Committee
GDAE Senior Researcher Kevin P. Gallagher has been appointed by United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson to serve on the EPA's National Advisory Committee for environment and trade issues in North America. The appointment will last for two years, until August of 2012.

Reforming International Investment Rules
GDAE Researchers Kevin P. Gallagher and Kenneth Shadlen are among the initial signatories and framers of a public statement on the need to reform the international investment regime. The signatories state that: “We have a shared concern for the harm done to the public welfare by the international investment regime, as currently structured, especially its hampering of the ability of governments to act for their people in response to the concerns of human development and environmental sustainability.” To view the full statement and signatories, as well as to endorse the statement see: http://www.osgoode.yorku.ca/public_statement/

Highlights from the Triple Crisis Blog
GDAE’s collaborative work on the Triple Crisis Blog continues to bring global perspectives into the debates on the crises in finance, development and environment. The blog, which was recognized recently as one of the “Top Fair Trade Blogs,” recently published:

- Jayati Ghosh on “Going Green Gets Dirty”
- Alejandro Nadal on “Recovery: Back to Normal?”
- Timothy A. Wise on “Fighting Corporate Concentration in Agriculture”

Globalization Commentaries
You can now read opinion pieces and commentaries from GDAE researchers on a new web page. There you'll find links to Kevin Gallagher’s columns for The Guardian and Politico.com, as well as his columns for the Financial Times, where he has now become a regular contributor to the paper’s Economists Forum.

Recent Publications


Coming soon from the Globalization and Sustainable Development Program:
The Dragon in the Room: China and the Future of Latin American Industrialization, by Kevin Gallagher and Roberto Porzecanski (Stanford University Press). The authors will be presenting the book in a number of venues in the coming months. Stay tuned for more information.

GDAE Researcher Kevin Gallagher will join Research Fellows Kenneth Shadlen and Ann Helwege at the Latin American Studies Association meetings in Toronto in early October.

The Global Development and Environment Institute’s Globalization and Sustainable Development Program examines the economic, social and environmental impacts of economic integration in developing countries, with a particular emphasis on the WTO and NAFTA’s lessons for trade and development policy. The goal of the program is to identify policies and international agreements that foster sustainable