
GDAE researcher Timothy A. Wise, and Sophia Murphy, Senior Advisor at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, have released a new report, Resolving the Food Crisis: Assessing Global Policy Reforms Since 2007.

The report examines how the international community has responded the food price spikes in 2007-8 and more recently in 2011. The authors find that while the most recent crisis has been a catalyst for important policy reforms, governments still have yet to address the underlying causes of the food crisis. They call for governments and the international community to reduce financial speculation in commodities markets, limit further expansion of crops and land dedicated to bio-fuels, and halt "land grabs." Download the full report and the Executive Summary on our website, and read an op-ed by the authors on the Triple Crisis Blog, Resolving the Food Crisis: Global leaders fail to make crucial reforms. You can watch an interview about the findings of the report with Wise and Murphy by the Real News Network, Bio-fuels, Speculation, and Land Grabs = Food Crisis.

The Myth of Financial Protectionism

GDAE Senior Researcher Kevin P. Gallagher has a new working paper from the Political Economy Research Institute, The Myth of Financial Protectionism: The New (and Old) Economics of Capital Controls. The report addresses the claims often made by economists and leading politicians that the use of capital controls amounts to "financial protectionism." Gallagher argues that...
controls amounts to "financial protectionism." Gallagher argues that these claims are unfounded, and that capital controls should be seen as tools that promote stability and growth in developing countries. Download the full working paper on our website. You can also view a video summary of the interview produced by Global Policy TV.

Gallagher also published an op-ed in the Financial Times based on the findings of this report, Capital controls are not beggar thy neighbour.

New from the Triple Crisis Blog

The Triple Crisis Blog is pleased to announce a new partnership with the Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos (INESC – Institute for Socioeconomic Studies) in Brazil. INESC is a non-profit research and advocacy organization covering a wide variety of topics, including fiscal and budget policy, human rights, international policy, food sovereignty, socio-environmental rights, and land reform.

As part of this partnership many Triple Crisis posts will be available in Portuguese on the INESC Blog. We are also pleased to begin featuring contributions from INESC economists, translated into English. Triple Crisis posts will soon also appear in Spanish. Triple Crisis is able to translate posts thanks to our blog partners at the Heinrich Boell Foundation.

Recent posts from the Triple Crisis Blog:

CP Chandrasekhar, The role China plays
Kevin P. Gallagher, Bamboozled by the TPP: The Small Benefits and Real Costs of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement
Mehdi Shafaeddin, Competitiveness and Development” Myths and Realities
Daniela Schwarzer, Greece - no cheap and easy way out
Elizabeth A. Stanton and Ramon Bueno, The Caribbean and Climate Change: not is the same boat
Philip Arestis and Malcolm Sawyer, The 'Fiscal Compact' Has Not Solved the Euro Crisis

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Responses to GDAE's Report on the Marlin Mine in Guatemala

In September 2011, GDAE Researchers Lyuba Zarsky and Leonardo Stanley released a report, Searching for Gold in the Highlands of Guatemala: Economic Benefits and Environmental Risks of the Marlin Mine. The report found that, overall, the environmental risks posed by the Marlin Mine (owned and operated by the Canadian company Goldcorp) on the local communities far outweighed the economic benefits. Download the full report, fact sheet, and executive summary. You can also see interviews with co-author Lyuba Zarsky on our website.
The Business and Human Rights Resource Centre has featured the report on their website, and invited Goldcorp to respond. The authors issued rejoinders to Goldcorp, and you can read all official responses here. Also read Zarsky's response to the IACHR's decision to lift the suspension order on the mine in an op-ed on the Triple Crisis Blog, Searching for Gold in the Highlands of Guatemala.

Globalization Program News

Kevin P. Gallagher's work on China's investment in Latin America has been featured in the media, and he was quoted in El Pais, ¿Beneficia China o Latinoamérica?, and AlJazeera, “The Dragon goes shopping in South America.” On Monday, January 9 Gallagher delivered a talk at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government titled "China's rising wages and appreciating currency: blessing or curse for Mexico?" Stay tuned for a new publication on China and Latin America, "A Better Deal? A Comparative Analysis of Chinese Loans in Latin America."


Coming Soon

NAFTA's Uninvited Guest, Kevin P. Gallagher and Enrique Dussels Peters


GDAE's Globalization and Sustainable Development Program examines the economic, social and environmental impacts of economic integration in developing countries. The goal of the program is to identify policies and international agreements that promote sustainable development.