The School for International Studies at Simon Fraser University invites you to

A Roundtable on the future of Canada’s International Development Agenda

September 30, 2013
14:00-16:00

Room 7000 (Earl & Jennie Lohn Policy Room)
Simon Fraser University, Harbour Centre, (7th floor)
515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver

In March 2013, the federal government announced that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) would be amalgamated with the Department for Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) to form the new Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. Given CIDA’s 45 year history as a standalone federal agency, this marks a significant change in the structural organization of Canadian overseas development assistance. What is not clear is how this change might affect the substance of Canada’s international development agenda. The federal government has described that the amalgamation is intended ‘to promote greater international policy coherence and to achieve improved outcomes for Canadians’. What will this promotion of international policy coherence mean for the quality of Canada’s contributions to international development?

In the interest of carefully and critically considering the potential implications of these changes, the School for International Studies will host a roundtable discussion among leading analysts, including:

Roy Culpeper, former President and CEO of The North-South Institute (1995-2010), current Senior Fellow of the University of Ottawa’s School of International Development and Global Studies.

Josh Lozman, deputy director of program advocacy for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, former Chief of Staff for the US National Economic Council and global policy director for ONE.

Jamey Essex, associate professor of Political Science, University of Windsor, and author of Development, Security, and Aid: Geopolitics and Geoeconomics at the US Agency for International Development.

John Richards, economist and professor of Public Policy, SFU, with research concerning social policy, politics, and international development agendas in Canada and Bangladesh.

Fabiola Bazo, adjunct professor of Latin American Studies, SFU, with research focusing on public policy and extractive industries in Latin America.

All are invited to participate, and questions will be taken from the floor.

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