



**New England Ford Foundation
International Fellows Conference 2008**
The Heller School for Social Policy and Management
Brandeis University
March 28 – 30, 2008



***“Responding to the Challenges of Leadership, Social Justice
and Development in a Complex World”***

Conference Agenda

Friday, March 28

Venue: Heller-Brown Building, Room 163, The Heller School for Social Policy & Management

1:30 – 2:30 Arrival and check-in of luggage in Heller-Brown Room 163

Venue: Rapaport Treasure Hall, Goldfarb Library

2:30 – 3:00 Registration and Welcome

3:00 – 4:45 Conference orientation and introduction of Conference Working Committees
- Rhoderick K. Samonte, Conference Coordinator, Visiting Scholar from the
University of St. La Salle (Philippines), The Heller School

Getting to Know Each Other

- Sanjay Kumar
- Maria Nandago
- Charlie Balagtas

Introduction of Brandeis/Heller/SID/Ford IFP Administrators and Staff

Welcome remarks

- Dr. Marty Krauss, Provost, Brandeis University
- Dr. Lisa Lynch, Incoming Dean, The Heller School
- Dr. Joan Dassin, Executive Director, Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program

4:45 – 6:00 Brief campus tour (weather permitting)

Venue: Schneider Building, Zinner Forum, The Heller School for Social Policy & Management

6:00 – 11:00 Heller Cultural Dinner Celebration featuring East and Southeast Asia in honor of IFP Ford Administrators, Fellows and Guests with opening message from Dr. Stuart Altman, Dean, The Heller School

11:00 Transport to Home Suites Inn (male guests) and Holiday Inn Express Hotel (female guests)

Saturday, March 29

8:45 Pick up from Hotel

Venue: Zinner Forum

9:00 – 9:40 Continental Breakfast

9:40 – 10:00 Welcome message

- Dr. Laurence. R. Simon, Director, Programs in Sustainable International Development & Associate Dean, The Heller School

10:00 – 10:50 Keynote address: “The Challenges of Leadership, Social Justice and Development in a Complex World”

- Dr. John Sterling Ambler, Senior Vice President for Programs, Oxfam America

10:50 – 11:00 Break

Venue: Glynn Amphitheater (G4), Schneider Building

11:00 – 11:20 Panel Discussion with faculty discussants

Moderator: Dr. Kelley Ready, Associate Director, Academics, SID Program, The Heller School

Faculty Discussants:

- Dr. Susan Holcombe, Professor of the Practice, The Heller School
- Dr. David Gil, Professor of Social Policy, The Heller School
- Dr. Ibrahim Sundiata, Spector Professor of History and African and Afro-American Studies

11:20 – 12:20 Open Forum / Q&A

Venue: Zinner Forum

12:20 – 12:35 Group Photo Session (Zinner Forum or Wallack Terrace weather permitting)

12:35 – 1:45 Lunch

Venue: Glynn Amphitheater (G4)

1:45 – 3:30 Breakout session: “How do we respond to the challenges of Leadership, Social Justice and Development?”

Group 1 – Room G5

Group 2 – Room G6

Group 3 – Room G7

Group 4 – Room 53

Group 5 – Room 54

Group 6 – Room 55

3:30 – 4:30 Plenary/presentation of discussion

4:30 – 5:00 Synthesis

- Mary Brooks, Assistant Director for Student and Community Relations, The Heller School

Venue: Inter-Cultural Center Lounge

- 6:30 Dinner and Solidarity Night (A night of fun, games, music, dance and entertainment)
- 11:00 Transport to Home Suites Inn and Holiday Inn Express

Sunday, March 30

- 7:30 Check out from Hotel/bus pick up

Venue: Zinner Forum

- 8:00 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast
 - 8:30 – 9:30 Workshop:
 - Looking back: What we've learned and what we wished we had known
 - Looking forward: After graduation, what next? Tools for re-entry
- Group 1 – G1 (Altman Amphitheater) Group 2 – G2 Group 3 – G3

Venue: Glynn Amphitheater (G4)

- 9:30 – 10:15 Presentation of Group Workshop Results
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30-12:00 Closing keynote address by Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne, Founder of Sarvodaya Movement in Sri Lanka
- 12:00 – 12:20 Conference Synthesis (Student volunteer)
Our Take-Away Message: What we got out of the weekend? (2 student volunteers)
- 12:20 – 12:45 Closing Message
 - Joan Dassin, Executive Director, Ford Foundation IFP
- Conference Evaluation
 - Rhoderick K. Samonte
- Acknowledgments
 - Sanjay Kumar

Venue: Zinner Forum

- 12:45 – 2:00 Lunch and distribution of group photos
 - 2:00 Departure – note: commuter rail departs Brandeis station at 2:49 pm
- Home Sweet Home