The Yale School of Management is pleased to host the 2018 Economic Development Symposium, a month-long series of workshops, panels and discussions on the latest trends in economic development. The event will be held from February 6 to February 21 and will be centered around the theme of adapting to emerging challenges and threats. The symposium will bring together experts in the areas of international development, infrastructure development and community developing, including senior leaders of international development banks, US federal aid agencies, business leaders, community leaders, and distinguished development economists.

**SESSIONS**

- **FEB 06, TUESDAY**
  Global Trends in International Development

- **FEB 13, TUESDAY**
  Community Development

- **FEB 21, WEDNESDAY**
  Infrastructure Development
GLOBAL TRENDS IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4:15 PM - 6:00 PM, ZHANG AUDITORIUM
EDC SYMPOSIUM OPENING SESSION: DEAN’S WELCOME REMARK & KEYNOTE SPEECH

KEYNOTE PANEL:
Resiliency in International Development amidst a Changing Global Political Environment

Over the last few years, geopolitical changes have led to significant shifts in the field of international development. As the balance of power changes, new players such as China are emerging, while traditional leaders such as the U.S. are rolling back their investments. At the same time, global development issues such as climate change, migration and urbanization are becoming ever more pressing. Following the keynote address, this panel will focus on emerging issues in international development and how the global community is tackling these challenges through new and innovative initiatives. This panel will set the stage for further discussions on the role of philanthropy, the private sector and public-private financing mechanisms.

6:00PM - 6:45PM, 2410
BREAKOUT PANEL 1: INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT FINANCING MECHANISMS TO ADDRESS EMERGING GLOBAL RISKS

Climate change, rapid population growth and shifting patterns of settlement have put communities around the world at an increased risk of natural disasters. As a global community, we continue to seek new ways to prevent, prepare for and address these crises. This panel will explore how novel financing mechanisms such as Resilience Bonds and the Sovereign Catastrophe Risk Pools are helping to ensure we have the necessary resources in place and to move toward planned development.

6:55PM - 7:40PM, 2410
BREAKOUT PANEL 2: NEW DIRECTIONS IN PHILANTHROPY

Philanthropy and Private Enterprises are shaping Economic Development within the Social Good Movement. This panel seeks to deconstruct emerging trends that have evolved from changing global conditions and technologies. Panelists will speak of lessons learned and needs for addressing new challenges.

7:40PM - 9:00PM, BEINECKE TERRACE
DINNER RECEPTION

FEB 06, TUESDAY

6:00PM – 7:40PM, 2200
WORKSHOP: THE ROLE OF PRIVATE COMPANIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There are many ways for private sector companies to incorporate social impact into their work beyond traditional CSR initiatives. In this workshop, private sector leaders will guide participants in a brainstorming session on how they can create and build impact-themed projects in their current and future companies.
FEB 13, TUESDAY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4:00PM - 4:30PM, 2ND FLOOR CONCOURSE
OPENING RECEPTION

4:30PM - 5:30PM, 2400
KEYNOTE: NAVIGATING CHALLENGES IN COMMUNITY-BASED SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mission-driven businesses are quickly gaining traction in the U.S. as a means to sustain community development through market-based approaches. However, social entrepreneurs face unique challenges. This workshop will explore how successful entrepreneurs overcome hurdles and learn from failure to sustain positive investment in their communities.

5:45PM - 6:45PM, 2200
SESSION 1: BARRIERS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABILITY, AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE IN THE U.S.

The accessibility and quality of healthcare in the United States is quickly devolving under the current administration. Increasing costs are driving disparities in health outcomes, creating barriers to the achievement of health equity. This panel discussion will focus on the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Affordable Care Act and the current national debate on healthcare as a fundamental human right versus a market commodity. Panelists from local community organizations will speak about the structure, barriers, and challenges the U.S. healthcare system faces.

5:45PM - 6:45PM, 2410
SESSION 2 CURRENT CHALLENGES FOR REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

The challenges facing immigrants and refugees in the U.S. is a leading topic of national conversation, increasingly so due to ongoing conflicts in countries like Syria. This panel will explore how immigrants and refugees in the greater Yale community have been impacted by the U.S.’ rapidly-changing domestic policies and how the organizations that support these populations are responding.

7:00PM - 8:30PM, BEKENSTEIN ATRIUM
CLOSING RECEPTION
3:40PM – 4:10PM, 2ND FLOOR SPACE
COFFEE RECEPTION

4:10PM - 5:00PM, 2400
OPENING SESSION: SO WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL WITH THE GLOBAL INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGE?

In our opening session, we will have a conversation considering some of the most notable global infrastructure trends and developments that have recently shaped the public-private partnership landscape. With global experts across countries and sectors, we will delve into the infrastructure challenges different regions of the world are facing and how governments and private sector actors engage in the landmark projects that act as catalysts for economic development. We will speak to some of the major political, policy, and project developments that are likely to define the P3 experience in the future.

5:10PM - 6:00PM, 2400
BREAKOUT SESSION 2: THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT DEBATE – IS THERE A BEST WAY TO INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE?

The role of public and private sector in funding and financing infrastructure is debated across the world. This debate will focus on the barriers and opportunities in investing in infrastructure. The discussion will cover the sensitivity of the cost of capital, risk and return profile and innovative project financing/funding structures.

6:10 – 7:00 PM, 2400
BREAKOUT SESSION 3: ACCELERATING INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT – WHERE TO GO FROM HERE?

In closing, we will discuss issues related to innovative ways players in the industry and countries are accelerating infrastructure investments. The panelists will describe their experience with this field aiming to share their views about trends in the industry.

7:00 – 8:00 PM, BEINECKE TERRACE
DINNER RECEPTION