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Dear Friends,

The publication of our first Newsbrief after the summer break coincides with the High-Level debates at the United Nations about the progress towards the Millennium Development Goals and the opening of the General Assembly.

Our MDG Summit preparatory meeting on September 17 - organized with Global Policy Forum and Social Watch - featured a high-level lunchtime discussion, "Towards A New Development Paradigm - Rethinking the concepts and measures of development and social progress" hosted by the German Mission.

Upcoming events further discussions about the need for a New Development Paradigm. On October 6th, FES presents a panel, "Towards A New Development Paradigm," at the Civil Society Policy Forum of the 2010 World Bank/International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings in Washington D.C. All those attending the meetings are invited.

On October 14th in Washington, FES has organized a high-level discussion, "It's Payback Time - Assessing National and International Efforts to Make Banks and Bankers Pay for the Crisis", with key players in labor, the IMF, governments and academia examining recent national and international efforts to regulate executive compensation and risk.

From November 15th to 19th FES New York will host its fifth annual Fall Academy "Understanding the United Nations" and is looking forward to welcoming 19 young policy analysts from developing countries from around the world.

Following up on the G20 side events that FES New York was organizing in Toronto this summer, FES also joint with the Club of Madrid's G20 Initiative to help address the challenges faced by

the Presidencies of the G20 in the reform of the global economic governance system.

I hope this Newsbrief will make for informative reading and I look forward to receiving your feedback.

With best wishes from New York,



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Recent Events

Towards A New Development Paradigm - Rethinking the concepts and measures of development and social progress

Friday, September 17, 2010, 12:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
German Mission to the United Nations

As a preparatory event for the September 2010 MDG Summit, FES New York, Global Policy Forum and Social Watch convened a high-level luncheon panel to discuss alternative measures and models of development and link them with political discussions about the concrete actions needed to achieve progress in economic and social development.

Highlights from the panel:

- "The present model of development is not working - even for the countries that created it!"
--*Roberto Bissio (Coordinator, Social Watch)*
- "We advocate investment in women and girls because of the multi-generational multiplier effect."
--*Helen Clark (Administrator, United Nations Development Programme)*
- "The development of a new paradigm is not something that can be imposed top down, but has to be the product of a consensus in the country."
--*René Ramírez (National Secretary of Planning and Development, Republic of Ecuador)*
- "The Financial Transaction Tax combines the interests of those in developing countries with those in developed countries-that is why it is so important."
--*Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul (Member of Parliament, Germany)*

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Making the Case for Global Economic Governance

Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Toronto, Canada

On June 23rd, 2010, FES New York hosted together with the Munk School of Global Affairs a day of Pre-Summit round-table discussions on global economic governance - from job creation and social protection over taming financial markets to creating a more socially responsible financial system.

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[Download Presentation "The Spirit of BrettonWoods and Global Governance Reform"](#) (by Jomo Kwame Sundaram)

[Download Speech by Klaus Barthel](#)

[Download the FES Publication "Canadian perspectives on global economic governance and the G20"](#) (by Tony Martin et al.)

G20's Role in the Post-Crisis World

September 1 to 2, 2010

Seoul, South Korea

In the beginning of September, former Presidents and Prime Ministers from the Club of Madrid exchanged their views with the Korean G20 Presidency ahead of the G20 Summit which will take place on November 11th and 12th in Seoul. The world's largest forum of former democratic political leaders presented a set of key recommendations focusing on the strengthening of global governance besides further efforts in the financial crisis management.

[Download Recommendations and Press Release](#)

[Download Paper "What Role for G20?"](#) (by Werner Puschra)

Upcoming Events

Please note that all events are by invitation only, unless otherwise announced.

"Towards A New Development Paradigm - Rethinking the concepts and measures of development and social progress"

Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Washington D.C., IMF (Room tba)

Expanding on the need for a New Development Paradigm, FES New York will host a panel discussion to help rethinking the concepts and measures of development and social progress. The event will take place at the Civil Society Policy Forum of the 2010 World Bank/International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings in Washington D.C. and confirmed speakers include Nancy Birdsall (Center for Global Development), Sabina Alkire (Oxford University) and Manuel Montes (UNDESA).

Please note that all those registered for the Civil Society Policy Forum are invited to this event.

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**It's Payback Time -
Assessing National and International Efforts to "Make Banks Pay for
the Crisis"**

Thursday, October 14, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Washington D.C., IMF (Room tba)

Also on the occasion of the 2010 World Bank and International Monetary Fund Annual Meetings in Washington D.C., FES New York will convene an international conference discussing why key initiatives to elicit "a fair and substantial contribution" from the financial industry have been minimized or abandoned within the G20 and in the G7/G8 governments. Confirmed panelists include Richard Trumka (AFL-CIO), Paulo Nogueira Batista (IMF), Ceyla Pazarbasioglu (IMF) and Dean Baker (Center for Economic and Policy Research).

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Fifth Fall Academy "Understanding the United Nations"

Monday, November 15 - Friday, November 19, 2010

Also this year, FES New York will host its annual Fall Academy. 19 young policy analysts from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East will come to New York to learn hands-on about the work of the United Nations. Throughout the week, participants will meet with UN diplomats, Secretariat, and NGO experts to discuss the UN's work on peace and security issues, the MDGs, and the organization's most recent reform initiatives.

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