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IIEP's goal has always been to promote multi-disciplinary, nonpartisan, high-quality research addressing economic globalization. The Institute came about in a time of rapidly evolving globalization, leading founders Michael Moore and Kyle Renner to create the Institute as a way to understand the world from a variety of objective viewpoints. Since then, the Institute has become a catalyst in which talented faculty can interact with and produce academic materials. We are excited to move into a new decade of leading research, education, and public policy discussions in a rapidly changing global environment. [Check out photos from the celebration on our Facebook!](#)



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Former Brazilian President Dilma Rouseff: The Struggle for Democracy



On April 18th, former President of Brazil Dilma Vana Rousseff visited through the [Brazil Initiative](#) to speak on the struggle for democracy in Brazil, the intersection between gender and politics, and her experiences as the first female head of state in the country, including her controversial unseating, which she quickly characterized as a "coup d'etat".

Rousseff said the three problems that must be addressed for Brazil's progress are social exclusion, inequality, and gender exclusion. Rousseff also addressed the ways her impeachment has drawn wider conversation on the role of gender in politics.

Rousseff criticized Brazil's media for attempting to act as the judiciary – using its power to destroy reputations and selectively leak information – and urged that democracy be upheld in the 2018 elections, saying that Brazil cannot let those in power manipulate the outcomes. It is those fighting for democracy that will be on the right side of history, she said. [Read more about Rousseff's talk.](#)



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Upcoming Events

[International Finance Forum featuring Dr. Maurice Obstfeld](#)

Thursday May 4th, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

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[Washington Area Development Economics Symposium \(WADES\)](#)

Friday, May 5th, 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
The Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Founders Hall Room 113
3351 Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA 22201

[Structural Change in a Poor African Country: New Historical Evidence from Ghana, Book Launch](#)

featuring a chapter written by IIEP's Remi Jedwab

Thursday, May 11th, 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm
International Food Policy Research Institute
2033 K St. NW, 4th Floor Conference Center

In the News

Elliott School Professor **Susan Aaronson** was recently featured on [World Politics Review](#) discussing President Trump's focus on bilateral trade deals. Aaronson stated that President's Donald Trump preference over multilateral negotiations will not work for the world of Internet. She went on to say Trump's focus on bilateralism is costly -- bilateral negotiations are both time-consuming and involve a vast amount of negotiating resources. Read her full analysis [here](#).

Professor **Marie Price**, along with fellow faculty and students at George Washington University, was featured in UBIQUE for her work on digital mapping as part of the [Missing Maps](#) global initiative. They helped provide life-saving information to local planners, humanitarian aid workers, and community members in Guatemala by working to digitally map vulnerable Guatemalan communities. To learn more about their work, visit [UBIQUE](#).

Professor **Susan Aaronson** was recently published on China U.S. Focus, examining President Trump's bilateral approach to China-U.S. trade. Aaronson emphasized that bilateral trade talks will not improve the negotiation of rules governing cross-border information flows. To read more, Visit [China U.S. Focus](#).

IIEP Affiliate and NAFSA Executive Director **Esther Brimmer** was quoted in a new article on the effect of rising hostility toward immigrants on international students. Brimmer stated that the decisions of international students on where to study could have long-term implications for the United States. To read more, visit [Immigration Impact](#).

IIEP Affiliate **Danny M. Leipziger** was recently published on [The World Financial Review](#) examining world trade and how over the years it has slowed down. He also states how "the phenomenon of slower world trade growth coincides" with the challenges faced with globalisation and public policy. To read the full article visit [The World Financial Review](#).

IIEP Affiliate **Adam Ziegfeld** commented on the upcoming 2019 general elections in India in Hindustan Times. Ziegfeld said that the 2014 general elections were a "big win for the BJP," and he predicted that Narendra Modi would be the front runner in the upcoming race. Read the full article [here](#).

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