

**iGHP Special Lecture Series [Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs & Dr. Sonia E. Sachs, Columbia University]**

**"The Future of Human Development in the Era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"**

iGHP Special Lecture Series showcases world-famous distinguished speakers to discuss global health-related topics for a general audience.

Institute for Global Health Policy Research (iGHP), National Center for Global Health and Medicine (NCGM) is pleased and honored to announce the upcoming front-line lecture by Dr. Sonia E. Sachs, Director of the Health Sector, Center for Sustainable Development, Earth Institute, and Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, University Professor, Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University.

Date & Time	Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 13:30–15:00
Topic	"The Future of Human Development in the Era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"
Venue	Institute for Global Health Policy Research, Bureau of International Cooperation (Ground floor, Kenshuu Center Building), National Center for Global Health and Medicine, Tokyo
Access	<a href="http://kyokuhp.ncgm.go.jp/eng/aboutus/access.html">http://kyokuhp.ncgm.go.jp/eng/aboutus/access.html</a>
Language	English only (No Japanese interpretation will be provided)
Participation	Free of charge and open to general public. Advance registration is required.

## Speakers



Dr. Sonia Ehrlich Sachs is a pediatrician and public health specialist. She received a B.A. from Harvard University, an M.D. from the University of Maryland Medical School, and an MPH from Harvard School of Public Health. A pediatrician with a specialty in pediatric endocrinology, Sonia practiced medicine for over 20 years, 14 of which she spent at the Harvard University Health Services. In 2004 she joined the Earth Institute and became the health coordinator for the Millennium Villages Project overseeing all health related interventions and research. The Millennium Villages Project is proof of concept that extremely poor rural communities can reach the Millennium Development Goals given a science-based, community led approach of integrated interventions that increase food production and increase access to health care, education, water and infrastructure. The goal is to show that such an integrated development approach is both scalable and sustainable.

Dr. Sonia Sachs' bio can be found on the Earth Institute website: <http://csd.columbia.edu/author/ssachs/>



Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs is a world-renowned professor of economics, leader in sustainable development, senior UN advisor, bestselling author, and syndicated columnist

whose monthly newspaper columns appear in more than 100 countries. He is the co-recipient of the 2015 Blue Planet Prize, the leading global prize for environmental leadership. He has twice been named among Time Magazine's 100 most influential world leaders. He was called by the New York Times, "probably the most important economist in the world," and by Time Magazine "the world's best known economist." A recent survey by The Economist Magazine ranked Professor Sachs as among the world's three most influential living economists of the past decade.

Professor Sachs served as the Director of the Earth Institute from 2002 to 2016. He was appointed University Professor at Columbia University in 2016, and also serves as Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, and Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University. He is Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on the Sustainable Development Goals, and previously advised both UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the Sustainable Development Goals and Millennium Development Goals and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis in Laxenburg, Austria. Sachs is currently Director of both the Center for Sustainable Development, and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network under the auspices of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Sachs is co-founder and Chief Strategist of Millennium Promise Alliance, and is director of the Millennium Villages Project. Sachs is also one of the Secretary-General's SDG Advocates, and a Commissioner of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission for Development. He has authored six books, including three New York Times bestsellers (\*), in the past decade years: *The End of Poverty* (2005\*), *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet* (2008\*), *The Price of Civilization* (2011\*), *To Move the World: JFK's Quest for Peace* (2013) and *The Age of Sustainable Development* (2015) and the latest book, *Building the New American Economy: Smart, Fair & Sustainable* (February 2017).

Professor Sachs is widely considered to be one of the world's leading experts on economic development, global macroeconomics, and the fight against poverty. His work on ending poverty, overcoming macroeconomic instability, promoting economic growth, fighting hunger and disease, and promoting sustainable environmental practices, has taken him to more than 125 countries with more than 90 percent of the world's population. For more than thirty years he has advised dozens of heads of state and governments on economic strategy, in the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. He was among the outside advisors to Pope John Paul II on the encyclical *Centesimus Annus* and in recent years has

worked closely with the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences on the issues of sustainable development.

Sachs was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1954. He received his B.A., summa cum laude, from Harvard College in 1976, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University in 1978 and 1980 respectively. He joined the Harvard faculty as an Assistant Professor in 1980, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1982 and Full Professor in the fall of 1983, at the age of 28.

Professor Jeffrey Sachs' full bio can be found on his website: <http://jeffsachs.org/about/>

## **Report on the iGHP Special Lecture Series**

### **[Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs & Dr. Sonia E. Sachs, Columbia University] "The Future of Human Development in the Era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)"**

On November 28, 2017, iGHP had an honor and privilege to invite Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs and his wife Dr. Sonia E. Sachs from Columbia University to give us very informative and inspiring lectures. Needless to say, Prof. Jeffrey Sachs and Dr. Sonia Sachs are the world-renown leaders in the areas of sustainable development and global health. Their dedication and exceptional achievements have been highly celebrated worldwide. It was an opportunity hard to come by to listen to them at iGHP. The topic of our special session was "The Future of Human Development in the Era of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

First, Prof. Jeffrey Sachs gave us an introduction to the 17 SDGs and explained them from various perspectives. Today, people are surrounded by a number of hardships and challenges on a global scale, but Prof. Sachs specifically touched on the "Four Great Challenges" that exist in front of us. These include "physical survival, social cohesion, economic inclusion, and political statecraft". Before concluding his lecture, Prof. Sachs gave us an invaluable piece of advice, especially for those who are young and aspired to become global citizens, how humanity should plan for its future. According to Prof. Sachs, the keys to successful achievements of SDGs must include reduction of carbon energy transmission, building sustainable cities around the world, development of sustainable agriculture and effective land use, quality and equitable health care and education for all, and realization of innovative and inclusive societies.

Dr. Sonia Sachs is an experienced pediatrician as well as public health specialist. Since 2004, she has been working at the Earth Institute as the health coordinator for the Millennium Villages Project overseeing all health related interventions and research. Dr. Sachs' presentation was focused on "Achieving SDG 3 in Low-income Settings" particularly from maternal and child health (MCH) perspectives. According to Dr. Sachs, each year 6.1million children under the age of five die from various kinds of ill health conditions, and half a million women die during the periods of pregnancy or childbirth. Dr. Sachs said many issues of MCH in resource-poor settings are preventable as well as treatable, therefore, she emphasized the importance of strengthening primary health care systems at local levels. She

presented a successful example of national strategy practiced in Ghana, where the mobile health system and scale-up of professionalized child health workers were implemented. In concluding her lecture, Dr. Sachs gave us a take-home message that universal health coverage (UHC) is achievable as long as we could design and develop sound strategies and plan effective interventions, as well as utilize the appropriate technologies and tools including ICT by using the funds available.

Through these special lectures, we learned that it is important for all of us stakeholders to be actively involved in the existing issues, and to encourage each other to take collective actions for the betterment of global health and well-being of the people across the world.

