

Message from Jeff Sachs



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In this ten minute video, Jeffrey Sachs discusses his recent trip to India, where he met with the Gujarat government to initiate research for developing a growth model, as part of a project with The Earth Institute's Center on Globalization and Sustainable Development. Also, Jeff talks about the External Advisory Board meeting that took place at the end of April, and the importance and success of the Millennium Development Goals Symposium, hosted by the Earth Institute, and attended by important faculty, ambassadors, and Earth Institute External Advisory Board members.

CIESIN's Global Poverty Mapping Contributes to Anti-Poverty Initiative

Why don't poverty experts know precisely where the world's poor live? How would such knowledge help them diagnose the causes of poverty more accurately and formulate responses more effectively? The renowned global mapping experts of the Earth Institute at Columbia University's Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) recently convened a workshop to answer this and other questions about mapping poverty around the world. [more](#)

Developing Countries Count on CGHED and Glaser Progress Foundation to Utilize Millions from Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

As The Global Fund monies to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria are disbursed in Geneva this month, seven developing countries receiving significant funding will have utilized the assistance of a fledgling Columbia University program to develop their successful proposals. [more](#)

In the News

[CNN](#), May 16, 2003

[The Atlanta Journal-Constitution](#), May 16, 2003

Dust found in the French Alps is tracked back to its source in China by Francis Grousset and Pierre Biscaye of the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory: [more](#)

[Science Blog](#), May 16, 2003

The development of successful protocols for extracting DNA from animal dung, by the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation Os Don Melnick, Director, and Prithiviraj Fernando, is featured: [more](#)

[Science](#), May 9, 2003

A letter was published by David Leonard Downie of the Earth Institute Fellows Program, calling for continued leadership through the Arctic Science and the Northern Contaminants Program against persistent organic pollutants: [download pdf of letter](#)

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Columbia President Lee Bolinger (above, left) and New York Governor George Pataki (above, right) announcing the launch of a center for rivers and estuaries research in Beacon, NY with satellites at Columbia and RPI. [more](#)

Celebrities and Conservationists Come Together for CERC's Awards Dinner and Ceremony

Celebrities and conservationists will come together on May 19th to honor Edward O. Wilson and William T. Golden at the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation (CERC) Inaugural Award Dinner and Ceremony. Jane Pauley, award-winning anchor of

Upcoming Special Events at The Earth Institute

The Tree Ring Laboratory -- Panel Presentation, Sunday, May 18th, 3pm, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Monell Building. Admission: Free. Part of the Public Lecture Series. [see calendar for more info](#)

The R/V Maurice Ewing -- Panel Presentation, Sunday, June 8th, 3pm, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory Monell Building. Admission: Free. Part of the Public Lecture Series. [see calendar for more info](#)



EU Commissioner on Development and Humanitarian Aid Visits Earth Institute

Poul Nielson (above), European Union Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, gave a presentation on April 28th on AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria as part of the Earth Institute Spring Science Lecture Series. He was introduced by Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute. [more info](#)
[Read transcript of talk](#)

Three GISS Scientists Featured in New National Video

Three scientists affiliated with the Earth Institute at Columbia are featured in a new video produced in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). The Earth Institute scientists, three out of a total of about thirty scientists featured in all, are all with the NASA/Goddard Institute for Space Studies at Columbia. [more](#)

Research by Dr. Won-Young Kim at LDEO Suggests Ancient Fault Line in Indiana Has Been Re-Activated

Dr. Won-Young Kim, a seismologist with the

Columbia's Masters of Public Administration Class in Environmental Science Arrives in June

On June 9th, the first New York based class of the Master of Public Administration Program in Environmental Science and Policy begins orientation. This marks the culmination of the program's relocation from Arizona. The MPA will now be held on the Morningside Heights campus with some summer science courses held at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. [more info](#)

Comments and Suggestions

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Past issues

Dateline NBC, will preside over the dinner as Master of Ceremonies. [more info](#)



Students Present Impressive Array of Research Science To Columbia Community

Daniel Narey, a graduating senior in Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology, shows his thesis poster to Mike Purdy, Director of Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at a poster session this past week. Graduating senior poster topics included climate reconstruction in the tropical Atlantic, effects of CO2 levels on Mesquite trees, elephant poaching in Africa, sustainability of Venezuelan fisheries, black carbon reduction policies, and evidence for deep sea impact craters. [more info](#)

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University, conducted research to determine the potential hazard of future earthquakes to the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone in Indiana, which in 2002 suffered a 5.0 magnitude earthquake. [more](#)

Bush's Science Advisor Is Making Sure the "Right Science Gets to the President and the Policymakers"

Dr. John H. Marburger III, Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy within the Office of the President, reiterated his commitment to climate change research in a talk as a guest of the Earth Institute on May 5th. [more](#)