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“A Reconsideration of the World Commission on Dams Report: the Likely Future of Large Dams”

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12:00-1:00**

IBS 3 Conference Room

Dams have made significant contributions to economic development and will continue to be needed. However, many dams have proven uneconomical just in terms of traditional (monetized) benefits and costs. Large dams have failed to produce as much water, electricity and flood control as sponsors claim and many have suffered massive cost over-runs and time delays. They also have had huge negative social and environmental impacts with benefits going largely to the well-off and the poorer sectors bearing many of the costs. Viable alternatives to dams do exist in many situations. Joe Stepanek, who served USAID for twenty-five years, first as economist, and then as director in Tanzania and Zambia, will act as discussant.

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Feel free to bring a brownbag lunch.**