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**ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY RESEARCH PROGRAM**

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## **“Developing Countries Adapting to Climate Variability and Change: Some Perspectives Based on Case Studies”**

**March 5, 2007**

**12:00-1:00**

**IBS 3 Conference Room**

Does climate change mean restructuring how development in developing countries should be done? Is it another reason to do what ought to be done anyway but is not being done now? Or is it a diversion from measures needed to meet current needs? The U.S. Agency for International Development is considering how to incorporate climate change into its development activities. Stratus Consulting was retained to prepare guidance on how the Agency could incorporate climate change into its development projects and test the guidance in three pilot locations in South Africa, Mali, and Honduras. The projects examined water supply (South Africa), village farming (Mali), and flooding (Honduras). In each pilot, we worked with local stakeholders to identify and study potential risks from and adaptations to climate variability and change. The presentation will explore lessons learned from these projects.

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Feel free to bring a brownbag lunch.