April 11–13, 2005
Union Building
Conference: The Capability Approach in Practice

The capability approach to global development has become the guiding theory behind the United Nations Human Development Program. Growing out of the work of Amartya K. Sen and Martha Nussbaum, it stresses popular participation, human well-being, and freedom, not simply increasing income and resources.

How well does this theory work in practice?

Discussions between academics and development practitioners on ethics and:
• economic and environmental development
• human rights work and political development
• social development

Presenting:

Sabina Alkire (Harvard University)
Kolthum Amani (Ministry of Rome Affairs, Tanzania)
David Barkin (Metropolitan University, Mexico City)
Janice Beecher (Michigan State University, Institute of Public Utilities)
Luis Camacho (University of Costa Rica)
Jeffrey Coupe (Center for Innovative Communities)
David Crocker (University of Maryland)
Nigel Dower (University of Aberdeen)
Stephen Equihua (Michigan State University)
Shelley Feldman (Cornell University)
Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (UNDP/Harvard University)
Des Gasper (Inst of Social Studies, The Hague)
Amuj Jain (CARE)
Daniel Little (University of Michigan-Dearborn)
Anna Malavisi (International Service, Bolivia)
Asuncion St. Clair (University of Bergen)
A. Allan Schmid (Michigan State University)
Paul B. Thompson (Michigan State University)

April 13–15, 2005
University Human Rights Film Program
with discussions led by Mandy Jacobson,
Emmy-winning director of Calling the
Ghosts and The Arusha Tapes and
Louise Mushikiwabo, Rwandan activist
and survivor.

April 8, 2005
3 p.m., 107 S. Kedzie Hall
Nigel Dower, “Development and
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