

255th & 256th IDEC Asia Seminar

Speaker

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Title

**The History of American International
Nation-Building and Development
Activities: Legacies from Two
Centuries of History for Current
Policies**

Abstract:

This seminar will focus on the research findings from the Professor Suri's most recent book: *Liberty's Surest Guardian: American Nation-Building from the Founders to Obama* (2011). Professor Suri will discuss the core ideas and assumptions that have animated American development and democratization efforts. He will also analyze key case studies over two centuries of experience. The seminar will emphasize the role of ideas and historical path dependence in explaining U.S. development policies, and their mixed outcomes.

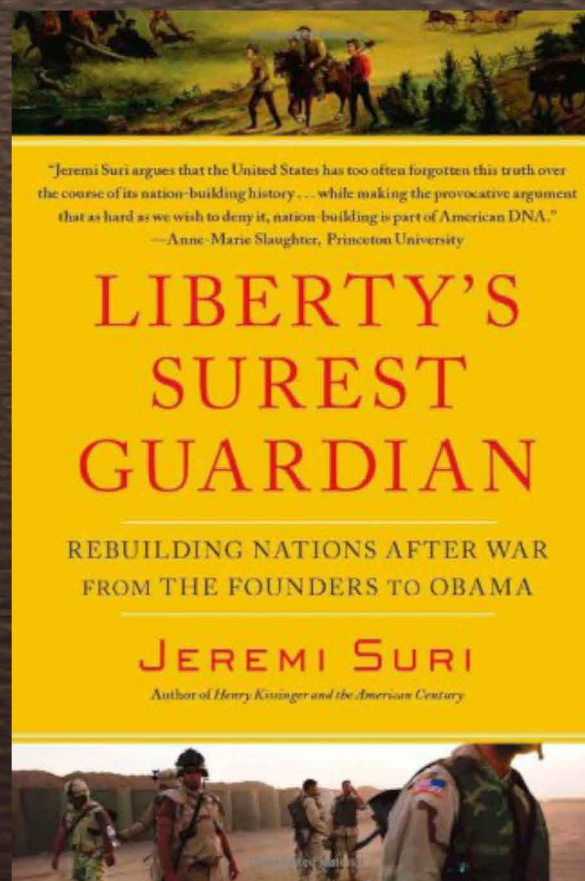


Title

**Contemporary American Nation-Building
and
Development Activities in Asia since the
Cold War**

Abstract:

This seminar will focus on the changes and continuities in American nation-building and development activities since the end of the Cold War. Professor Suri will examine the role of institutions like USAID and the Millennium Challenge. He will analyze the goals, processes, and institutions that have dominated American development policy, and he will examine the mixed consequences of American activities. The seminar will focus, in particular, on American activities in Central and South Asia, as well as the Middle East. Professor Suri will examine the role of the United Nations, the European Union, China, and the Arab Spring in the context of American development policies. The seminar will close with a discussion of future trends and expectations for American policy.



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