

255th & 256th IDEC Asia Seminar

Speaker

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Date & Venue

255th: Time: 16:30-18:30, July 12 (Fri), 2013

256th: Time: 16:00-18:00, July 22 (Mon), 2013

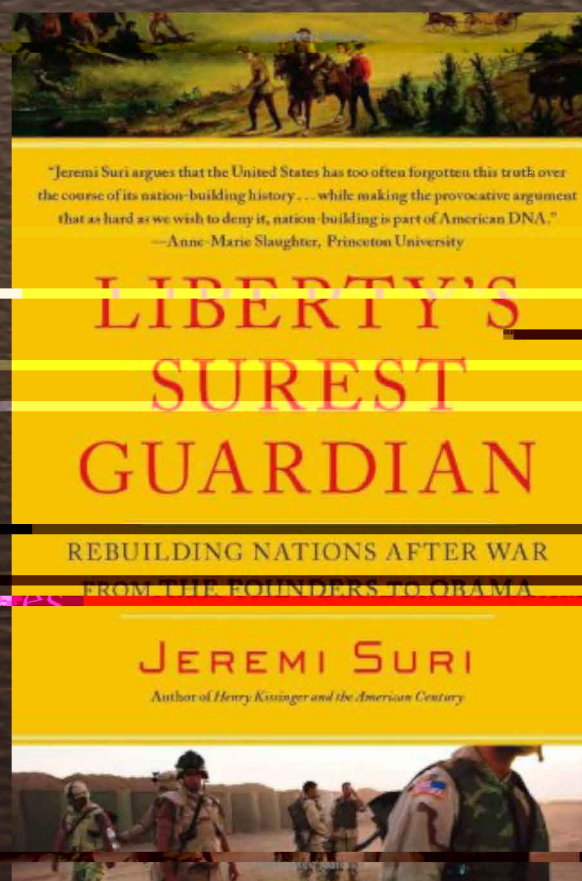
Venue: Large Conference Room (1st floor), IDEC

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.



Book URL

<http://nation-building.jeremisuri.net/index.html>

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.