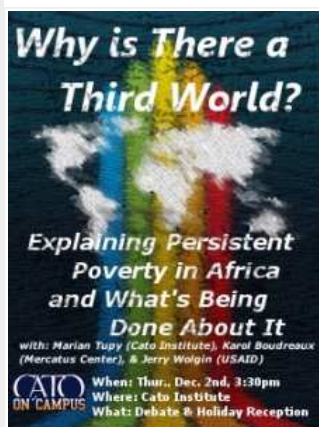


Cato Event: Why Is There a Third World?

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The Third World is often portrayed by journalists, pundits, and politicians as a group of impoverished nations in need of the support and resources of wealthy and powerful countries like the United States and the European Union. Additionally, some academics have suggested that the existence of the Third World is a natural consequence of global capitalism. However, many other scholars counter that a lack of economic liberty — not its abundance — is what keeps countries poor.



In light of growing prosperity around the world, African poverty remains a conundrum. This Cato On Campus event, co-sponsored by the D.C. Forum for Freedom, will look at the problems and successes of development in Africa, contrasting the outpouring of foreign aid to the region with local free market economic policy and entrepreneurship.

The discussion will be followed by a special holiday reception, at which students will be able to mingle with each other, talk with the speakers and other policy scholars at the Cato Institute, and enjoy some treats to celebrate the end of the semester.

The event is open for all students, interns, and young adults in the DC-area, and those online via an online video stream. (Typical attire for these events is business-casual.)

Registration closes at 12pm on Wednesday, December 1st.

- **What:** Why Is There a Third World?
- **When:** Thursday, December 2nd, 2010 @ 3:30pm
- **Where:** Cato Institute (1000 Massachusetts Av, NW, DC, 20001)
- **Register:** <http://www.cato.org/events/101202sf.html>

The Cato Institute will feature a live webcast of the lecture and host a discussion board, so that students across the world can listen to and participate in a Q&A session with the speakers.

The live stream link: <http://www.cato.org/events/101202sf.html>

If you are watching the event online, you DO NOT need to register on the Cato site. There will be a separate login for the online discussion board on the day of the event.

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