



INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES GUEST LECTURE SERIES

# Flattening the World: Development as North Atlantic Standardization.

**James Scott, Yale University**

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The Graduate School of International Development Studies at the Institute of Society and Globalisation, Roskilde University, Denmark organises a Guest Lecture Series.

In the current climate of global uncertainty, instability and transformation, there is a greater need than ever for interdisciplinary approaches to understand global development issues and problems. We therefore invite scholars who see the larger picture, sometimes in the detail, who inspire new perspectives on development, and who challenge conventional ‘truths’ and through this set the intellectual and political agenda.

Scott explores the consequences of large scale state interventions and the often undesired effects of strict bureaucratic planning. This feeds into current debates on to what degree the state should intervene in the lives of its citizens. A topic which is timely not least in the developing world where states still have a tendency to simplify or even ignore complex local social practices in the name of development.

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