

The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) has the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar with Thomas G. Weiss on:

How UN Ideas Change the World
Tuesday, 14 December 2010, 13.30-16.00
Eigtveds Pakhus
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Background

Ideas and concepts are a main driving force in human progress, and they are arguably the most important contribution of the United Nations. Ten years of research by the independent UN Intellectual History Project (UNIHP) shows why international organizations also live or die by the quality of the people who work in them and by the quality of the ideas and policy proposals that come from them

The UNIHP, started in 1999, has been tracing the origins and the evolution of key ideas about international economic and social development, with some inroads into peace and security, nurtured under UN auspices. The motivations behind these ideas as well as their relevance, influence, and impact have been assessed against the backdrop of the socio-economic and political situations of individual countries, the global economy, and major international developments. It is the first project to have compiled the intellectual history of the world organization's contributions to setting past, present, or future development agendas. It has produced 17 volumes and a cd-rom with complete oral histories of 79 individuals.

This public seminar will address the lessons for strengthening the UN to better respond to the challenges of the 21st century, addressed in the 2009 UNIHP capstone volume, *UN Ideas That Changed the World*.

Speakers

[Thomas G. Weiss](#), Director, Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, NY, USA
Tomas Anker Christensen, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark
[Karsten Jacob Møller](#), Major General/Senior Analyst, DIIS
[Robin May Schott](#), Senior Researcher, DIIS

Programme

More details about the seminar are available on our [website](#).

Practical Information

The seminar will be held in English.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please use our [online registration form](#) no later than Monday, 13 December 2010 at 12.00 noon.

Please await confirmation by e-mail from DIIS for participation.

Sincerely,

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