



# Lecture

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4:00 pm

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Reception to follow

### The Impossibility of Development Studies

In this presentation, Corbridge will reflect on the status and integrity of development studies as a discipline. Is it an impossible enterprise, and if not, why not? How meaningful are discourses of “development” at a time of war in Iraq and when the median age of death in sub-Saharan Africa is slightly less than 5 years?

**Stuart Corbridge** is Professor of Human Geography at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Most recently Corbridge is the co-author of *Seeing the State: Governance and Governmentality in Rural India* (2005) with Glyn Williams, Manoj Srivastava, and Rene Veron; *Jharkhand: Environment, Development, Ethnicity* (2004) with Sarah Jewitt and Sanjay Kumar; and *Reinventing India: Liberalization, Hindu Nationalism and Popular Democracy* (2003) with John Harriss.

This talk is part of the *Global Futures* project sponsored by the Simpson Center for the Humanities. The core theme of this project explores how youth are linked to converging crises in public life around education, labor, militarization, criminalization, and technology and how global processes affecting young people are playing out in different locations, with particular emphases on Africa, East Asia, and South Asia.

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