Global Civil Society, Development Activism and the Third World Challenge to International Order
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with

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The 1970s witnessed the emergence of a robust transnational network of non-state actors who came together to challenge the international economic order. Its members included prominent economists and social scientists from across the developing world, international civil servants in UN and Bretton Woods institutions, and development advocates at non-profit organizations, all of whom perceived an opportune moment in the upheavals of the 1970s to mount an attack on the disparities and imbalances of the global economy. The intellectual agenda forged by these individuals became the dominant current in development thinking well into the 1980s - one that continued to influence international development efforts well after the "neoliberal turn." This presentation will discuss the origins of this global civil society, the way it reoriented international debates about socioeconomic development, and its efforts to influence national and international decision-makers.

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