



Please join the George Mason University and the Woodrow Wilson Center's Brazil Institute and Environmental Change and Security Program for the ongoing series "Managing our Planet" on

"The World at 7 Billion: Building a Sustainable Future"

Wednesday, December 5th, 2012

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

5th Floor Conference Room

Opening Remarks: **Sandeep Bathala**, Senior Program Associate, Environmental Change and Security Program

Featuring: **Suzanne Ehlers**, President and CEO, Population Action International

Jack A. Goldstone, Professor of Public Policy, George Mason University

Matthew Erdman, Population-Health-Environment (PHE) Technical Advisor, USAID

Moderator: **Tom Lovejoy**, George Mason University, and member of the Brazil Institute Advisory Board

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As the world population surpasses seven billion people, governments and societies must help a growing population cope with limited natural resources and a rapidly changing global climate. What are the implications for both overcoming poverty and retaining biodiversity in the context of climate change-driven scarcity? What are the roles of diverse sectors in negotiating trade-offs to ensure equitable and sustainable outcomes? Can we help societies progressing through the demographic transition, with an eye towards how population factors affect states' stability, their output, and our shared global future?

On December 5, the final 2012 installment of the *Managing Our Planet* series will convene a panel to discuss planetary demographic trends and their implications for ecological management at international and global scales.

The "Managing Our Planet" seminar series is developed jointly by George Mason University, the Environmental Change and Security Program and the Brazil Institute. It is based on the premise that the impacts of humanity on the environment (including natural resources) are at a planetary scale. The seminar addresses planetary scale problems and solutions.

Location: Woodrow Wilson Center at the Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW ("Federal Triangle" stop on Blue/Orange Line). A map to the Center is available at www.wilsoncenter.org/directions. **Note: Please allow additional time to pass through security.**