International Development Week
This week, the first full week in February, is Canada’s 26th International Development Week. Enacted to encourage Canadian women and men—especially youth—to learn more about and contribute to international development, it also highlights what Canada and Canadians are doing (or can do) to make a better world.

At Gustavson
We’re using International Development Week as a platform to showcase what some of our students and faculty do around the world. Entrepreneurship professor Brock Smith took his teenage sons to Africa to help build a school. MBA program director and design prof David Dunne helps organize and market the innovative Patan Academy of Health Sciences in Nepal. BCom student Shannon Jose-Riz planned soft skills workshops for high-school students in Croatia with the Association for the International Exchange of Students in Economics and Commerce (AIESEC), and her fellow student (and sister) Gillian Jose-Riz created marketing videos for the NGO Fundació ICTUS in Argentina. Why did they do these things? Did they have fun? Accomplish anything? If you’re in the neighbourhood, please join us to hear more of their stories:  
- Tuesday, February 16, 2016  
- 11:30-1 pm  
- David Strong Building Room 125
Feel free to bring your lunch. We’re bringing tea, coffee and cookies.

A good blog, a good book
Chris Blattman is Associate Professor of Political Science and International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. CSSI is a big fan of his eminently readable blog, not least because of useful posts like This new book probably comes closer than any other to how I teach international development.

“Steve Radelet has a new book, The Great Surge, about why so many countries have risen out of poverty in the past half century,” Blattman writes. “There are many good things about it, but most of all, it’s the best introduction to development I’ve seen for a lay audience, including students.”
There’s more to the blog post.

Amazon lists the book’s cover blurbs from the president of Liberia to the CEO of Coca-Cola and summarizes the book so:

“The untold story of the global poor today: A distinguished expert and advisor to developing nations reveals how we’ve reduced poverty, increased incomes, improved health, curbed violence, and spread democracy—and how to ensure the improvements continue.”

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The United Nations Global Compact Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) Secretariat has compiled a list of Massive Open Online Courses offered by PRME signatories and non-signatories. Part One, on the PRME blog this week, includes courses on Leadership, Entrepreneurship, and International Development. Some have already started, like Engaging Citizens: A Game Changer for Development? from the World Bank Group; How to Build a Sustainable Fashion Business, from the Ethical Fashion Forum; and New Models of Business in Society, from the University of Virginia.