

**Boston University** The Frederick S. Pardee Center  
for the Study of the Longer-Range Future

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# What We Do

The Pardee Center is defined by our people, our research, our publications and through the dialogues and events we convene. The three pillars of our work are:

**RESEARCH:** We promote intellectual inquiry and scholarly discourse in the pursuit of knowledge and policy options to address longer-range challenges to human well-being.

**EDUCATION:** We cultivate a new generation of scholars working on interdisciplinary, policy-relevant and future-oriented research that improves the human condition globally.

**OUTREACH:** We connect knowledge and practice, helping to transform scholarly insights into practical policies and action.

## Professor Adil Najam, Director

Prof. Adil Najam is the Center's Director and the Frederick S. Pardee Professor of Global Public Policy. He also serves as a Professor of International Relations and of Geography and Environment. He succeeds eminent historian Prof. David Fromkin, the Center's first Director.

Prof. Najam is a winner of the MIT Goodwin Medal for Effective Teaching and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy Paddock Teaching Award from Tufts University. A prolific researcher who has published on many issues, Prof. Najam was a Lead Author of the Third and Fourth Assessments of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), work for which the IPCC was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

In 2008, the United Nations Secretary-General selected Prof. Najam to serve on the Committee on Development Policy, and in 2009 the President of Pakistan conferred upon him the *Sitara-i-Imtiaz*, one of Pakistan's highest civil awards.

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Summer Fellow  
Naoko Nakagawa  
at Pardee House



Research Fellow  
Miquel Muñoz Cabré  
at the United Nations



Research Fellow Julius Gatune Kariuki  
at Pardee Conference on Africa 2060



Pardee Center Director, Prof. Adil Najam, discussing  
research with Summer Fellow Peter McGuire

# Research and Publications

*What current trends in Africa could positively influence the continent's future?*

*What impacts do migrants have on the homelands they leave behind?*

*How is the relationship between energy and society changing?*

*How can we better structure regional trade agreements?*

*What policies will lead us toward sustainable development and human well-being in a globalized world?*

These are just a few of the questions that drive our research. With our publications—targeted to policy-makers, other scholars and interested citizens—we strive to provide answers.

Pardee Center researchers have published papers in scholarly journals including *Nature*, the *IDS Bulletin*, *Global Environmental Politics* and *Third World Quarterly*; book chapters in compilations published by leading academic publishers; and have produced edited collections based on Pardee Center conferences.

Pardee Center researchers also contribute policy analysis to leading global think tanks and they are quoted often in the international media, including on National Public Radio, BBC, PBS, *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, Reuters, Agence France-Presse and others.

The Pardee Center's own growing publications program is at the core of our mission to generate interdisciplinary, policy-relevant research that examines potential paths to the future. Written by the Center's Fellows and other invited authors, our papers are reviewed by outside experts and are available electronically and without charge through the Center's website. Our publications include *The Pardee Papers* (working research papers), *Issues in Brief* (short policy papers on a broad range of issues), *Sustainable Development Insights* (policy briefs edited and published at the Pardee Center on behalf of the United Nations Sustainable Development Knowledge Partnership) and occasional *Pardee Task Force Reports* and conference proceedings.

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# People and Ideas

Ideas are the most important investment we can make in our future. And ideas come from people.

From the start, the Pardee Center has sought the company of some of the most inspiring minds of our times. Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen presented a series of Distinguished Lectures as the inaugural Pardee Visiting Professor. Those who have followed have included Nobel Laureate Murray Gell-Mann, noted economist Paul Streeten, visionary physicist Freeman Dyson, Britain's Astronomer Royal Lord Martin Rees, eminent demographer Joel E. Cohen, Kyoto Prize-winning biologist Simon Levin, and development economist Jeni Klugman.

The Pardee Center derives its intellectual energy from the Boston University community, with activities and research initiatives led by BU faculty, graduate students and post-docs, as well as Visiting Fellows.

The Pardee Center actively encourages student participation in conferences and seminars and in the Center's research initiatives. A centerpiece of our annual calendar is the Summer Graduate Fellows Program, which draws some of the best graduate students from all schools and departments of the university for a 10-week, intensive and interdisciplinary program of research and writing.

More at: [www.bu.edu/pardee/experts](http://www.bu.edu/pardee/experts)



Amartya Sen, Pardee  
Visiting Professor 2001-02



Jeni Klugman, Pardee  
Distinguished Lecture, 2010



Murray Gell-Mann, Pardee  
Visiting Professor, 2004-05

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Pardee Center Summer  
Fellows, 2009



Conversations  
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The Pardee Center at Boston University takes pride in the conversations it convenes. We seek to be a welcoming hub of globally informed, conceptually thoughtful, analytically rooted and policy-focused conversation among leading experts from around the world and across disciplines.

Pardee Center conferences are designed to tackle the great questions of our times, always with an eye on improving our shared tomorrow. From the futures of Africa, China and South Asia to the connections between economic development, human development and happiness, the Center's conferences seek out ideas that can inform decisions and help shape the future.

The intimate setting of Pardee House Seminars invites open debate among presenters and the audience as they

discuss multiple perspectives on issues of current concern and of future consequence. Research workshops provide a platform for more focused and in-depth expert deliberations, often leading to published outputs. Occasional Distinguished Lectures by well-known scholars and practitioners move the conversation to broader audiences from across Boston University and beyond.

In the spirit of collaboration, many Pardee Center events are conducted in partnership with other research institutions across Boston University and from around the world. Videos of most Pardee Center events are available on the Center's website.



## Dialogue and Debate



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The Pardee Center hosts faculty dialogue on Disasters and Complex Emergencies, 2010

## Identifying, anticipating and enhancing the long-term potential for human progress.



Frederick S. Pardee

Inspired by the vision of its benefactor, the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future at Boston University was established in 2000 to identify, anticipate and enhance the long-term potential for human progress, globally and in all its dimensions.

Mr. Pardee received his Bachelor and Master degrees from Boston University and pursued his passion for analyzing trends for the future as a systems analyst and an economic forecaster. In recognition of his intellectual contributions to futures research and human well-being, Boston University dedicated an historic brownstone at 67 Bay State Road as Pardee House (which serves as the Center's home) in 2000, and in 2006 awarded Mr. Pardee an Honorary Doctorate.

The Pardee Center works with Boston University students and faculty from all departments and schools, and partners with eminent experts, think tanks and research institutions around the world in fulfilling its mandate.

The Center's work is motivated by Mr. Pardee's global sensibility and his dedication to the creation of better futures for all of humanity. Our work is grounded in the realization that while many of the greatest challenges faced by humanity are long-term, today's decision-makers and knowledge-producers often operate in short-term timeframes. Seeking to redress this imbalance, the Pardee Center convenes and conducts interdisciplinary, policy-relevant and future-oriented research that can contribute to lasting improvements in the human condition.



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