

Evening Plenary: Sustainable Development in Troubled Times (with a focus on Pakistan)

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Keynote Speaker: Professor Dr Jeffrey David Sachs, Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University, USA

Dr Jeffrey D. Sachs is a world-renowned economics professor, bestselling author, innovative educator, and global leader in sustainable development. He is widely recognised for bold and effective strategies to address complex challenges including the escape from extreme poverty, the global battle against human-induced climate change, international debt and financial crises, national economic reforms, and the control of pandemic and epidemic diseases.

Dr Sachs serves as the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University, where he holds the rank of University Professor. He was Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University from 2002 to 2016. He is President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Co-Chair of the Council of Engineers for the Energy Transition, academican of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences at the Vatican, Commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Development, Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Honorary Distinguished Professor at Sunway University, and SDG Advocate for UN Secretary General António Guterres. From 2001-18, Sachs served as Special Advisor to UN Secretaries-General Kofi Annan (2001-7), Ban Ki-moon (2008-16), and António Guterres (2017-18).

Prof. Sachs has authored and edited numerous books, including three New York Times bestsellers: *'The End of Poverty'* (2005), *'Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet'* (2008), and *'The Price of Civilization'* (2011). Other books include *'To Move the World: JFK's Quest for Peace'* (2013), *'The Age of Sustainable Development'* (2015), *'Building the New American Economy: Smart, Fair & Sustainable'* (2017), *'A New Foreign Policy: Beyond American Exceptionalism'* (2018), *'The Ages of Globalization: Geography, Technology, and Institutions'* (2020), and most recently, *'Ethics in Action for Sustainable Development'* (2022). Dr Sachs has received 42 honorary doctorates, and his recent awards include the 2022 Tang Prize in Sustainable Development, the Legion of Honor by decree of the President of the Republic of France, the Order of the Cross from the President of Estonia and was the co-recipient of the 2015 'Blue Planet Prize'. He was twice named among Time magazine's 100 most influential world leaders.

Prior to joining Columbia, Prof. Sachs spent over twenty years as a professor at Harvard University, most recently as the Galen L. Stone Professor of International Trade. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he received his BA, MA, and PhD degrees at Harvard.