Issues in African Development Seminar Series Spring 2018
Thursdays ♦ 2:30 pm ♦ G08 Uris Hall  CRP 4770 (4751) / 6770 (4752)

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1 The African Infrastructure Deficit and Private/Public Financing
Muna Ndulo, Director, IAD
Professor of Law, Cornell University

8 Structural Transformation of the African Seed Sector: Findings from the African Seed Access Index
Edward Mabaya, Senior Research Associate, Emerging Markets Program, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

15 African Farmers’ Food Systems: The Future of Food
Carol B. Thompson
Professor emerita of Political Economy
Northern Arizona University

22 The Uneven Transformation of Rural Africa: Myths, Facts, and Pressing Needs
Christopher B. Barrett, Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor, Applied Economics and Management; International Professor of Agriculture, Cornell University

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15 The Geography of Poverty and Development Resources: What Do We Know? What Should We Know? And Why Does it Matter?
Ryan C. Briggs, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

22 Towards a Different Development Model for Africa?
Erik Thorbecke, H.E. Babcock Professor Emeritus of Economics, Cornell University

29 The Emergence of New Markets for Agricultural Technologies
Brian Dillon, Assistant Professor, Evans School of Public Policy and Governance University of Washington

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12 Urbanization in Africa: Implications for Economic Transformation and Democratization
Danielle Resnick, Senior Research Fellow, Development Strategies and Governance Division, IFPRI

19 Can Countries Develop? Implications for Africa
Michael H. Allen, Harvey Wexler Chair, Political Science; Co-Chair, International Studies, Bryn Mawr College

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