

**ARE 253/PP253**  
**International Economic Development Policy**  
**Fall 2007**

**Handout #8**  
**Debate on Foreign Aid**  
Class of December 7, 2007

There are three important books that recently came out with very different perspectives on foreign aid:

Jeffrey Sachs. 2005. *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time*. Penguin Press.

William Easterly. 2006. *The White Man's Burden*. Penguin Press.

Paul Collier. 2007. *The Bottom Billion*. Oxford University Press

These books were reviewed by Nicholas Kristof and Michael Clemens. Jeffrey Sachs and William Easterly both contributed to the debate.

Nicholas Kristof. 2006. "Aid: Can it work?"

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/19374>

Michael Clemens. 2007. "Smart Samaritans: Is there a third way in the development debate?"

<http://www.cgdev.org/content/publications/detail/14379>

Jeffrey Sachs. 2006. "How aid can work."

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/19721>

William Easterly. 2007. "The white man's burden".

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/19802>

Select one side of the debate and prepare to argue that side in the December 7 class:

Jeffrey Sachs

William Easterly

Paul Collier