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Yale University and TIGER Hold International Globalization Conference in Poland

New Haven, CT ◆ YCIAS (The Yale Center for International and Area Studies) and TIGER (Transformation, Integration, and Globalization Economic Research), an independent economic think-tank affiliated with the Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management in Poland, held an International Conference on "Globalization and Social Stress" on October 23-34, 2003, in Warsaw, Poland. A Special Opening Address was given by Professor Robert A. Mundell, 1999 Nobel Prize winner in Economics and University Professor of Economics, Columbia University, on "One Global Economy, One World Currency?"

Gustav Ranis, Henry R. Luce Director of YCIAS, and Frank Altschul Professor of International Economics at Yale University, and Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Director of TIGER, previously Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister of Poland, co-organized the Conference.

The Conference participants presented papers in five sessions under the topics of "Migration, Labor Markets and Human Development," "Globalization and EU Accession," "Globalization: Opportunities and Threats for Economic Growth," "Globalization and Poverty," and "Globalization, Natural Resources, and Institutional Choice."

Conference speakers invited by YCIAS included Arun Agrawal, University of Michigan; David Cameron, Yale University; Keith Darden, Yale University; Anna Grzymala-Busse, Yale University; Pauline Jones Luong, Yale University; Patricia Pessar, Yale University; Gustav Ranis, Yale University; and T.N. Srinivasan, Yale University.

TIGER invited Tony Addison, UNU World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER), Finland; Andrzej Bolesta, TIGER-WSPiZ, Poland; Laszlo Csaba, Central European University, Hungary; Grzegorz W. Kolodko, TIGER-WSPiZ, Poland; Aminur Rahman, University College, London; George Vojta, Financial Services Forum, New York; and Xia Yeliang, School of Economics, Beijing University, China.

"Yale organized this joint Conference with TIGER because globalization and the social stress it generates, along with the opportunities it provides, has become a universal concern and is of special relevance to the transition countries of Eastern Europe contemplating accession to the European Union," said Gustav Ranis.

A book-length publication is expected to result from the Conference.

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