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November 28, 2006. New Haven, CT ♦ *The Global Citizenship Initiative (GCI)*, the third phase of the *Crossing Borders Initiative* at the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale, has been awarded \$390,000 by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Gustav Ranis, Frank Altschul Professor Emeritus of International Economics, and Jay Winter, Charles J. Stille Professor of History, will share Primary Investigator responsibilities, under the auspices of Ian Shapiro, Sterling Professor of Political Science and Henry R. Luce Director of The MacMillan Center. The MacMillan Center has also committed funds to the Initiative.

From its inception in November 1997, the *Crossing Borders Initiative* has challenged students and faculty from different parts of the Yale community to revitalize traditional models of international research and education and to develop paradigms better suited to an increasingly globalized environment. During its second phase of Ford Foundation supported activity, for example, three working groups organized a set of workshops, conferences, and seminars on the subjects of Rethinking Environment and Development from Below, Migration and the Nation State, and Language and Culture.

The GCI, scheduled to begin operations on July 1, 2007, is viewed as a pilot project that will span two years. Its goal is to bring the study of emerging forms of global citizenship into the ongoing discussion of the future of genuinely joint research activities between scholars in the North and the South. The focus is on two kinds of citizenship -- economic citizenship and political citizenship -- under transformation today through the multiple pressures of globalization.

"The *Global Citizenship Initiative* will focus on how the university, here and abroad, can cope with its new, more diverse, and shifting educational, economic and social roles in order to adapt its knowledge base and practices to become a truly globalized institution," states Professor Ranis. "Changes are already happening informally throughout the university world. The challenge for the future is to shape new associations to discuss these questions as to what kind of programs and links a global university will need in the most constructive and systematic ways, leaving reliable footprints in the sand."

This approach highlights the challenges globalization poses to the institutional mission and research programs of the globalizing university and builds on partnerships with scholars in other parts of the world. The core value added by the Initiative is located in fostering joint research with individuals in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The GCI will initially concentrate on four subjects:

- **Technology, intellectual property, and economic development:**  
Robert Evenson, Professor of Economics and Professor of Environmental Studies, Yale

University with: Ernest Aryeetey, Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute of Statistical, Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana, Legon;

- **Migration and demography:**

Gustav Ranis, Frank Altschul Professor Emeritus of International Economics, Yale University, Jay Winter, Charles J. Stille Professor of History, Yale University, Michael Teitelbaum, Sloan Foundation with: Rafael Fernandez de Castro, (ITAM) Mexican Autonomous Institute of Technology, Mexico City;

- **The WTO, regional trade, and state sovereignty:**

T.N. Srinivasan, Samuel C. Park, Jr. Professor of Economics, Yale University with: Rajiv Kumar, Director of ICRIER (Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations);

- **Global health:**

Jennifer Ruger, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health, Yale University with: Nicoli Nattrass, Professor of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

"One of the fundamental features of this Initiative is the way it brings together scholars working in adjacent fields and, through collective work and international exchanges, the way it enables their research to reflect viewpoints and developments in both North and South," said Professor Winter.

There will be four workshop/seminars at Yale and four workshop/seminars at partner institutions. A set of policy papers will be produced at the end of the Initiative and presented at an international conference at Yale on the four themes.

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, one of the nation's largest, with assets of more than \$7.3 billion, makes grants to address the most serious social and environmental problems facing society. The Foundation concentrates its resources on activities in education, environment, global development, performing arts, and population.

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