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## **HIV/AIDS: Considering Gender in Policy Responses**

**March 3, 2009  
10:00 am – 11:30 am  
Dag Hammarskjöld Library**

Welcome: **Ms. Sara Burke**, Policy Analyst, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, New York Office

Speakers: **Olagoke Akintola**, Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, University of KwaZuluNatal, Durban, South Africa

**Lanyan Chen**, Professor of Gender and Social Development, Tianjin Normal University, China

**Eileen Stillwaggon**, Professor of Economics, Gettysburg College, USA

Moderator: **Susana T. Fried**, Senior Gender and HIV Advisor, UNDP

*The objective of this panel is to demonstrate that understanding the linkages between micro-level decisions and the macroeconomic context is critical to understanding HIV/AIDS and the effectiveness of public policy interventions. A feminist economics perspective drastically changes any measure of HIV/AIDS impact on affected countries because it insists on the inclusion of nonmarket activities – like unpaid labor of caregivers, bargaining power within the household, and gender norms – in measures of social welfare. The papers presented in this panel point to the need for better macroeconomic models of the impact of the epidemic and for more theoretical and empirical research on the effectiveness of alternative policy interventions.*