

## October 4<sup>th</sup> 2011 Conference on “Fragile States, Global Consequences”

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For over a century the balance of power among the world’s strongest nations was the dominant issue in discussions of global security. Many of today’s policies and international institutions were created to deal with conflicts between the major powers.

But today fragile states, such as the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Bosnia, East Timor, and Haiti, are emerging as the most serious threat to global security. These countries straddle the thin line between survival and chaos, suffering from weak governments, internal conflict, ethnic conflict, poverty and sometimes all of these. Fragile states’ weaknesses often permit extremist groups to thrive within their borders, create breeding grounds for disease pandemics, stimulate mass migrations, and offer safe havens for drugs or arms traders and for human traffickers.

This Conference will examine the global challenge of fragile states. It aims to encourage discussion of ways to promote stronger nations and deal more effectively with those that are already on the brink of failure.

**Location:** The FedEx Global Education Center, UNC-CH, 301 Pittsboro Street. **Free parking after 5:30 pm in the underground garage.**

**Schedule:** 5:30 - 6:00 pm Reception with light refreshments in the FedEx Global Education Center’s atrium lobby  
6:00 – 6:45 pm Welcome and video, *Fragile States, Global Consequences*, produced by the Stanley Foundation. In the Global Education Center’s Mandela Auditorium.  
6:45 – 7:00 pm Discussion groups formed and led by leaders to breakout rooms in the Global Education Center  
7:00 – 7:30 pm Group discussions of the video, based on Discussion Guide questions.  
7:30 – 7:45 pm Discussion groups re-assemble in Auditorium  
7:45 – 8:00 pm Discussion groups share their thoughts, facilitated by **Robert M. Jenkins**, Ph.D. Director of the Center for Slavic, Eurasian, and East European Studies, UNC-CH.

**Pre-Register and Download a copy of the Discussion Guide to bring with you, at:**

<http://sanford.duke.edu/centers/tiss/FragileStates.php>

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