

Announcement from Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society

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Kathleen D. McCarthy, founding director of The Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society (CPCS) at The Graduate Center of The City University of New York, is pleased to announce that in July 2012, Dr. Benjamin R. Barber joined CPCS as a Senior Research Scholar.

Dr. Barber is a distinguished political theorist and author in the field of civil society. Dr. Barbers' current work on global governance focuses on the role of cities in transnational cooperation – a theme central to his forthcoming book *If Mayors Ruled the World* (Yale University Press).

Dr. Barber is also the founder and director of CivWorld, a nonprofit organization that oversees and supports “The Interdependence Movement” – a campaign of citizens without borders aimed at nurturing global civil society and constructive global solutions to poverty, injustice, war and climate change.

We look forward to working with Dr. Barber and his colleagues as we introduce the global Interdependence Movement to the Center's International Fellows Program alumni (currently 162 alumni from 57 countries). Collaborative projects at CPCS will include research and public programming, beginning with a panel on urbanism and global governance in New York City (past, present, and future) featuring metro area scholars and policy makers.

This new partnership provides an excellent opportunity to strengthen our shared commitment to interdisciplinary work in the fields of philanthropy and civil society, and to further expand our global perspectives.