

**Nature and Society: Putting Knowledge to Work  
Distinguished Speaker Series**

***Troubled Seas: The Fisheries Crisis***

**Professor Daniel Pauly**

Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia

**March 4, 2002**

**4:15 - 5:45 PM**

**Gardner Room, Robinson Complex, IR/PS**

*Reception to follow*

World fisheries contribute 20 percent of the animal protein consumed in the world, and the trade of fisheries products accounts for more than \$50 billion annually. Dr. Pauly's recent work in the November 2001 edition of *Nature* described distortions in reporting by countries with large fisheries, which, coupled with the natural variability in the abundance of certain species, had masked a decline of global fisheries production, and a magnitude of the crisis besetting this sector. This work was also the topic of a New York Times editorial on January 7, 2002, entitled "Troubled Seas" which discussed "the paradox of the oceans -- their fragility on the one hand, their capacity for regeneration on the other" and the resulting policy implications. Dr. Pauly is a world-renowned expert on marine food webs and fisheries policy. He will give an overview of the challenges facing the world's fisheries and the implications for society.



***Upcoming speakers:***

**March 21, 2002 - 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

**Professor Elinor Ostrom** - Department of Political Science, Indiana University

*"Why Institutions Matter"*

Center for Magnetic Recording Research Auditorium, Warren College (northeast of Price Center)

**April 10, 2002 - 4:00 - 5:30 PM**

**Professor Joel E. Cohen** - Laboratory of Populations, Rockefeller and Columbia Universities

*"How Many People Can the Earth Support?"*

Gardner Room, Robinson Complex, Graduate School of International Relations & Pacific Studies (IR/PS)