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Simon Maxwell worked overseas for ten years, in Kenya and India for UNDP and in Bolivia for the British aid programme, and then for fifteen years at the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex.

He writes widely on development theory and practice, including poverty, food security and aid. He was President of the Development Studies Association of the UK and Ireland from 2001-2005, and in 2007 was awarded a CBE for services to international development.

Dambisa Moyo

Dambisa Moyo was born and raised in Zambia, Southern Africa. She completed a PhD in Economics at Oxford University and holds a Masters from Harvard University. She completed a Bachelors degree in Chemistry and MBA in Finance at the American University in Washington D.C..

She worked at Goldman Sachs for 8 years in the debt capital markets, hedge fund coverage and in global macroeconomics teams. Previously she worked at the World Bank in Washington D.C.. Dambisa is a member of the Boards of Lundin Petroleum and SAB Miller.

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Dambisa argues for more innovative ways for Africa to finance development including trade with China, accessing the capital markets, and microfinance.

Dambisa has also been offered a contract for another book, entitled How the West Was Lost, scheduled for publication with Penguin and Farrar, Straus & Giroux in 2010. This book examines the policy errors made in the US and other Western economies which culminated in the 2008 financial crisis. And discusses why financial and economic experts missed the signs of the credit crunch. It also explores the policy decisions that have placed the emerging world- China, Russia and the Middle East, in pole position to become the dominant economic players in the 21st century.