

Dr. Robin Broad

Dr. Robin Broad is Professor of International Development in the School of International Service at American University. She is the School's first professor to receive the prestigious [John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship](#). Under that fellowship, she co-authored *The Water Defenders: How Ordinary People Saved a Country from Corporate Greed* (Beacon Press, 2021), which received [Duke University's Juan Mendez Human Rights Award](#) and was chosen as a best book of 2021 by [Foreign Affairs](#) and by the [Progressive](#).

Dr. Broad has a wide range of professional experience, from international economist in the US Treasury Department, the US Congress (with then-Congressman Charles Schumer) and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, to work with civil-society organizations in the Philippines and El Salvador. She received her Masters and PhD from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School and her BA (economics and environmental studies) from Williams College.

Dr. Broad's research interests center on the political economy of development. Her latest research and advocacy work focus on "responsible mining policy" with specific work in El Salvador, the Philippines, and Costa Rica, and on investor-state disputes at the World Bank Group's arbitration venue. She was one of the first scholars to infuse scholarship and policy-thinking on development with environmental considerations, particularly as they affect the most marginalized populations in poorer countries. A hallmark of her work has been to bring those voices to national and global spaces.

She is an active "scholar participant" in the movement to create a more just and sustainable economic globalization. She cofounded the [International Allies](#) global network whose work with a national Salvadoran coalition was instrumental in achieving two policy victories: El Salvador becoming the first country in the world to ban metals mining (2017) and its defeat of a corporate lawsuit at the World Bank's arbitration venue (2016). She is a current or past board member of Earthworks, Focus on the Global South, GoodWeave (formerly Rugmark), the Bank Information Center (BIC), the Institute for Food and Development Policy (Food First), and the Philippine Development Forum. She is currently an Associate Fellow at the Vermont Law School's New Economy Law Center, and a Fellow at the Samdhana Institute.

Dr. Broad has received widespread support for her work beyond the Guggenheim, including from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (twice), the Ford Foundation, the Association of Asian Studies, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Henry Luce Foundation, and the National Science Foundation. In 2016, Dr. Broad was awarded the International Studies Association's J. Ann Tickner Award for "high-quality, pioneering scholarship that pushes the boundaries of the discipline with a deep commitment to service, especially teaching and mentoring." She has been American University's Green Teacher of the Year and the recipient of other awards from her college for her teaching and scholarship.

Her most recent book, *The Water Defenders*, is available in cloth, [paperback](#) (March 2022) and [audio](#), as well as a [Philippine edition](#) (Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2021) and a [Spanish-language edition](#) (Grano de Sal Press, 2022). She is the author, coauthor, or editor of other books, including *Development Redefined: How the Market Met Its Match* (Paradigm Publishers, 2009); *Global Backlash: Citizen Initiatives for a Just World Economy* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2002); *Plundering Paradise: The Struggle for the Environment in the Philippines* (University of California Press, 1993); and *Unequal Alliance: The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the Philippines* (University of California Press, 1988). Broad is widely published in academic and policy publications, including *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy*, *World Development*, *World Policy Journal*, *The Nation*, the *New*

*York Times*, and the *Washington Post*. She has blogged on Triple Crisis and been a contributor to The Hill.

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