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University of St. Thomas Hosts Global Programs Director from World Bank Institute

WHAT: Daniel Kaufmann, director of Global Programs, World Bank Institute, will discuss "Governance and Corruption: Myths and Realities." The event is sponsored by the University of St. Thomas Center for International Studies and the Houston World Affairs Council.

WHEN: 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6

WHERE: Ahern Room, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark

BACKGROUND: Corruption has a direct impact on a country's competitiveness and is one of the main constraints affecting economic performance across Latin America. Chile, on the other hand, has had remarkable success combating corruption and has a thriving economy to show for its efforts. Dr. Daniel Kaufmann of the World Bank Group will discuss this topic, as well as the World Bank's governance and anti-corruption efforts in Latin America and the other five regions in which the World Bank Group operates.

A leading expert, researcher, and adviser to countries on governance and development, Kaufmann, along with his staff and colleagues, has pioneered survey methodologies and capacity building approaches for good governance and anti-corruption programs used around the world. He currently heads the World Bank's Global Programs, where he oversees the governance and knowledge agenda in over 100 countries. Kaufmann most recently has led--with two other World Bank departments--the development of the World Bank Group's proposed governance strategy paper, which will be considered by the Bank Group's Board of Governors at the upcoming World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings in Singapore.

COST: Free and open to the public.

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