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**INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS SCHOLAR TO LEAD THE MONTEREY INSTITUTE OF
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

Sunder Ramaswamy Assumes Role of President of MIIS This Month

MONTEREY, Calif. – January 7, 2009 – The Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) is welcoming a new face on campus today, Sunder Ramaswamy, a widely recognized scholar and professional in international and development economics. Ramaswamy has assumed the role of president following the retirement of Clara Yu in December.

"Sunder's academic and administrative background is well suited to helping MIIS respond to the challenges ahead and to the emerging needs of 21st-century students," said David Benjamin, MIIS Board Trustee. "One of his first priorities as president will be to build on the great momentum and standard of excellence that has been established since MIIS became an affiliate of Middlebury College."

A former Middlebury College dean for faculty development and research and Frederick C. Dirks Professor of International Economics, Ramaswamy is widely recognized for his scholarly and professional work in international and development economics, particularly in India and Africa. He received his Ph.D. in economics from Purdue University, an M.S. from Purdue, an M.A. in economics from the Delhi School of Economics, and a B.A. in economics from St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi, India. He has served as the project director of the Middlebury-Monterey Integration Task Force and as the director of the Madras School of Economics in Chennai, India, one of India's premier institutes for graduate education and economics research.

Ramaswamy has also worked with the World Bank on projects fostering economic reforms in India. He has been associated with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the International Sorghum and Millet Collaborative Research Support Program (INTSORMIL) projects on agricultural development in Sub-Saharan Africa. His teaching and other academic work has been supported by grants from the Davis Foundation, Ford Foundation, and Kellogg Foundation. He has also been a consultant to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on specific projects in India. One of his recent projects involves a multi-country, multidisciplinary effort (under the auspices of the United Nations University) to "harmonize nutrient-based food and dietary standards" from a trade and development perspective. Ramaswamy lives with his wife, Varna, and their five-year-old son, Srivatsan in Monterey.

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