

emissions markets.

- Incremental approach to energy development restricts the opportunity to support leap-frogging.
- Deferral of sustainable profitability focus restricts opportunities to take leadership in new markets.

6. Human Rights

6.1. Jack Donnelly (Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver)

Jack Donnelly said that while human rights have become a part of U.S. foreign policy, there is a disconnect between policy statements/initiatives and programming. Democratisation is under the rubric for programming (spending), while raising human rights violations falls under policy statements. The two tracks run simultaneously, in parallel to each other. He encouraged bringing the two tracks together.

The Bush administration is not particularly concerned about human rights and relies to a large degree on the bureaucracy. It is perhaps surprising that President Bush made no symbolic gesture (i.e., downscaling attention to human rights) toward his “clienteles” following the elections. The current U.S. human rights policy could be characterised as bi-partisan, since it is basically the same as the Clinton policy.

Donnelly suggested that September 11 will likely have a negative impact on human rights in the longer-term. The war in Afghanistan is the litmus test of U.S. foreign policy. **When foreign policy becomes ordered around an ideological goal, it is likely that human rights, both domestic and international, will be trampled on.** Statements such as “we cannot afford human rights” may start emerging, as the U.S. builds partnerships with authoritarian and semi-authoritarian regimes, including Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

6.2. Discussion

A point was made that the U.S. human rights policy may not be as incoherent and ineffective as the presentation suggests. The resources the U.S. allocates to human rights around the world are relatively high. The U.S. was the last country to give up on post-Tianamen Square China sanctions and promoted human rights in Indonesia, for instance. However, the U.S. government undermines this good work by making high-profile (symbolical) mistakes. This includes, for instance, the decision not to sign the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

A participant asked whether it was possible to promote democracy around the world without selling Coke and McDonald’s at the same time. Donnelly said that human rights are not neutral to political systems and social structures. Historically, human rights have been closely connected with the “West” – as a place where states and markets have achieved a relatively high level of development. However, promoting human rights should not be related to culture *per se*. Culture