



**Monterey Institute  
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## Sunder Ramaswamy

In January 2009 Sunder Ramaswamy became the 13th president of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, in Monterey, California.

Ramaswamy assumed the presidency at a critical juncture for the Institute, 18 months ahead of full integration with Middlebury College, and immediately embarked on an ambitious reorganization plan designed to enhance interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty and students. Since then, the Institute has added a new master's degree in nonproliferation and terrorism studies and developed five integrated degree programs for Middlebury students. "The Institute is a special place, offering a deeply enriching program of international professional graduate education in a unique physical location. More importantly, the commitment and idealism of our students, coupled with the practical skills they acquire through the Institute's experiential learning approach, position them to

be the solution to the world's most pressing problems."

Ramaswamy is widely recognized for his scholarly and professional work in international and development economics and is fluent in many languages. His academic and administrative background is well suited to helping MIIS respond to the challenges ahead and to the emerging needs of 21st-century students.

Before coming to MIIS, Ramaswamy served as Middlebury College's Frederick C. Dirks Professor of Economics, the dean for faculty development and research, and the project director of the Middlebury-Monterey Integration Task Force. He has also served as the director of the Madras School of Economics in Chennai, India, one of India's premier institutes for graduate education and economics research.

He received his Ph.D. in economics from Purdue University (1991), 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.

Ramaswamy has worked with the World Bank on projects fostering economic reforms in India. He has also been associated with USAID and 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 UNCTAD and UNIDO 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, his wife, Varna, and their seven-year-old son, Srivatsan, live in Monterey.

**Publications:** Authored articles in journals including *Agricultural Economics*, *Agricultural Systems*, *Applied Economics*, *Comparative Economic Studies*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economics Letters*, *Environment*, *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*, *Journal of Development Economics*, and *Outlook on Agriculture*.

**Media coverage:** *Asia Times Online*, *China Central TV*, *The Deccan Chronicle*, *The Diplomatist*, *The Economic Times*, *Education World*, *The Hindu*, *India Today*, *India West*, *Industrial Economist*, *The Monterey Herald*, *The New Indian Express*, *SIFY.com*, *Time* (Asia & Europe editions), and *Vermont Public Radio*.

### Earlier positions:

- Project director, Middlebury-Monterey Integration Task Force
- Dean for Faculty Development and Research, Middlebury College
- Acting Dean of Faculty, Middlebury College
- Director, the Madras School of Economics, Chennai, India
- Chair, economics department, three terms, Middlebury College

**Teaching:** Recipient of awards and recognitions for his teaching at Purdue University and Middlebury College, including the Marjorie Lamberti Faculty Appreciation Award

**Presentations:** At international conferences in Austria, Canada, China, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Singapore, Spain, and Zimbabwe. Over 100 talks in seminars and conference/workshop settings in India and the USA.

### Books co-authored or co-edited:

- *Development and Democracy: New Perspectives on an Old Debate*
- *Economics—An Honors Companion*
- *Social Capital and Economic Development: Well-Being in Developing Countries*
- *The Economics of Agricultural Technology in Semi Arid Sub-Saharan Africa*