

**Launch of International IDEA Report:
“Political Parties in South Asia: The challenge of Change”**

With
Mr. James Gomez
Programme Officer, International IDEA

Date: 30 March 2007

Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm

Place: DPA Conference Room 3570E

The Policy planning Unit is pleased to organize a brownbag seminar with Mr. James Gomez, Programme Officer at the Political Parties Programme of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA). He will present the new IDEA report, called: “Political Parties in South Asia: the Challenge of Change”. The report analyses the internal and external functioning, and addresses challenges for political parties of five countries of the region: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. You will find attached a fact sheet, and the full report.

James Gomez has over 12 years of field experience in Asia working as a policy analyst and communications expert. Between 1998 and 2006, James Gomez worked with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation East and Southeast Asian Regional Office, first in Singapore and later in 2001 in Thailand as its Regional Research and Communications Manager. At International IDEA he currently is developing policy advice for political parties and democracy assistance agencies in Nepal. He holds a Bachelor of Social Science and a Master of Arts in Politics. He is currently pursuing a PhD.

Everyone is welcome. We hope that you can join us.