



Director Of Doctors Without Borders Speaks At UNH April 18

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Nicolas de Torrente, executive director of Doctors Without Borders in the United States, will talk about the organization's experience in providing medical help to people caught in conflict and crisis as well as his own work around the world Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at 4 p.m. in Memorial Union Building Strafford Room at the University of New Hampshire. The talk, part of the New Hampshire International Seminar Series, is free and open to the public.

Before joining the U.S. office in 2001, de Torrente worked for the organization, first as an administrator and head of mission in Tanzania and Rwanda, and later as an emergency coordinator in Somalia, Liberia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Macedonia and Afghanistan. In 2001 de Torrente headed the organization's programs in northern Afghanistan and in 2004, he conducted an assessment mission on access to medical care, including the incidence of rape, in the Congo.

Drawing on the organization's recent experiences in Haiti, Niger and Pakistan, de Torrente will talk about how Doctors Without Borders decides to intervene, and the importance of independence and impartiality.

The lecture is sponsored by the Class of 1954 and the Yale-Maria Fund. For more information, call (603) 862-2398.