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David Dapice graduated from Williams College with a degree in political economy and from Harvard University with an MA and PhD in economics. After two years as an economic adviser in Indonesia he joined the Tufts University's economics department. He achieved tenure and served as the chair of the department. He also continued his overseas work, primarily in Southeast Asia, with sabbatical years spent with the World Bank and the Rockefeller Foundation. In 1990 he began joint work with the Vietnam Program at Harvard's Kennedy School, serving as the chief economist, working with its director, Mr. Thomas Vallely. He has been engaged extensively in Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar as well as shorter efforts in Cambodia, Thailand, Mongolia and India. He has served on selection boards for Fulbright and Fulbright-Clinton fellowships and has helped to establish the Fulbright School in Ho Chi Minh City. His work continues to take him to Asia three or four times a year.