



## May 2015 OPHI e-Update

Welcome to the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative's regular email update of announcements, opportunities, new publications and events. If you have any problems viewing this email, you can read it [online](#).

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Special event 22 June: Launch of the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2015 and launch of OPHI's comprehensive new book

Join OPHI on Monday 22 June at a special event that combines the launch of the [Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2015](#) and the launch of our new book, [Multidimensional Poverty Measurement & Analysis](#). The event will take place at Magdalen College, Oxford from 3-6.30pm followed by a drinks reception, and will feature a specially-commissioned theatre performance exploring the multidimensional nature of poverty. Guest contributors include **Selim Jahan**, Director of the UNDP Human Development Report Office, and **Debopam Bhattacharya**, **Brian Nolan**, **Max Roser** and **Frances Stewart** from the University of Oxford. For further information and details on how to register, visit the OPHI website. [Read more](#).

#### Multidimensional Poverty Measurement & Analysis available to pre-order now

[Multidimensional Poverty Measurement & Analysis](#) is available to pre-order from Oxford University Press and a 30% discount can be claimed when you [order online](#) at [www.oup.com/uk](http://www.oup.com/uk), adding promotion code AAFLY7 to your shopping basket.

Draft chapters of the book are available to download as [working papers](#) from the OPHI website. The chapters will also be made available electronically on the [book website](#) over the coming weeks, alongside a range of study and teaching resources.

### RECENT EVENTS

#### OPHI participates in the Ashmolean Museum's Live Friday

OPHI's work was presented in a brand new way at the Ashmolean Museum's [Live Friday: Social Animals](#) event on 15 May, which showcased research from across the University of Oxford's Social Sciences Division. Oxford-based theatre company [Justice in Motion](#) produced and performed a short play on behalf of OPHI, exploring the multidimensional layers of poverty. [Find out more and watch a video of the performance](#) (available soon).

#### OPHI, the MPPN and the Government of Colombia host special side-event at Cartagena Data Festival

OPHI, the [Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network](#) (MPPN) and the Government of Colombia hosted a special side event at the [Cartagena Data Festival](#) on 21 April 2015. The event presented a new multidimensional poverty measure that can help to “end poverty in all its forms everywhere” – a key component of the first goal of the final Open Working Group proposal for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). [Read more](#).

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

[Multidimensional Poverty in Sudan and South Sudan](#) – OPHI working paper 93 by Paola Ballon and Jean-Yves Duclos

This paper assesses multidimensional poverty in Sudan and South Sudan, and finds regional and sub-population differences in the unidimensional and multidimensional poverty status of people in the two countries.

[‘Identifying the Poorest People and Groups: Strategies Using the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index’](#) – article published in the *Journal of International Development* by Sabina Alkire, Jose Manuel Roche, Suman Seth and Andrew Sumner

This article, originally an [OPHI working paper](#), compares three approaches to identifying the poorest billion people in the world, using an internationally comparable multidimensional poverty index (MPI).

[The Capability Approach and Well-Being Measurement for Public Policy](#) – OPHI working paper 94 by Sabina Alkire

This paper presents Amartya Sen’s capability approach as a framework for well-being measurement with powerful and ongoing relevance to current work on measuring well-being in order to guide public policy.

[Targeting Grenada’s Most Deprived Population: A Multidimensional Living Conditions Assessment](#) – OPHI working paper 92 by Yadira Diaz, Francisco Alejandro Espinoza, Yvonne Markaki and Lina Maria Sanchez-Cespedes

The authors propose a multidimensional living conditions index for Grenada to identify the country’s most deprived households.

[‘Multidimensional Poverty Reduction in India between 1999 and 2006: Where and How?’](#) – article published in *World Development* by Sabina Alkire and Suman Seth

This article, originally an [OPHI working paper](#), analyses the change in multidimensional poverty in India between 1999 and 2006 using National Family and Health Surveys.

## BLOGS AND MEDIA

- OPHI Director Sabina Alkire was interviewed by the Costa Rican press ([crhoy.com](#) [El Financiero](#) and [La Nacion](#)) as part of a two-day dissemination campaign of the Costa Rican Government to government, private sector and media stakeholders on its proposed national MPI.
- Blog post by John Hammock, OPHI Co-Founder and Director of Outreach: [Statisticians as Global Change Makers](#)

## OPHI PEOPLE

- **Suman Seth**, Senior Researcher, will leave OPHI at the end of May to take up a permanent lectureship at Leeds University.
- Project Coordinator **James Brown** left OPHI at the end of April. Recruitment is well underway for a new Project Coordinator and a new Research Officer.
- Researcher **Adriana Conconi** joins OPHI full-time from the end of May, and researcher **Gisela Robles Aguilar** has returned from maternity leave.
- **Felipe Roa-Clavijo** has started working part-time at OPHI as Research Assistant.

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