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Welcome to the regular e-Update from the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), University of Oxford. This edition features a host of new publications, a new job vacancy and a [quick online survey](#) allowing you to tell us what you think of the e-Update and OPHI website. Thank you in advance for your help. **[OPHI...]** <http://www.ophi.org.uk/>

PUBLICATIONS

New OPHI Working Papers:

Understandings and Misunderstandings of Multidimensional Poverty Measurement

This new paper by Sabina Alkire and James Foster elucidates the strengths, limitations and misunderstandings of multidimensional poverty measurement. Just published in the *Journal of Economic Inequality*, it is available as part of the OPHI Working Paper series. You can also listen to an MP3 podcast of Sabina Alkire presenting the paper.

[Working Paper 43...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/understandings-and-misunderstandings-of-multidimensional-poverty-measurement/>

[Sabina Alkire MP3 podcast...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/understandings-and-misunderstandings-of-multidimensional-poverty-measurement-2/>

Robust poverty comparisons using Alkire-Foster measures

In this new paper, Gaston Yalonetzky sets forward conditions for the most robust poverty comparisons using the Alkire-Foster family of measures. **[Working Paper 44...]**
<http://www.ophi.org.uk/robust-poverty-comparisons/>

Beyond Headcount: A New Approach to Child Poverty Measurement

This new paper by Sabina Alkire and José Manuel Roche explores measures that present the breadth and components of child poverty, using illustrative data from Bangladesh. **[Working Paper 45...]**
<http://www.ophi.org.uk/new-approach-to-child-poverty/>

New OPHI Research in Progress papers:

On the Possibility of Measuring Freedom

This new paper by Sebastian Silva Leander looks at solutions for measuring capabilities by drawing on the work of philosopher Immanuel Kant. **[Measuring freedom...]**
<http://www.ophi.org.uk/publications/ophi-research-in-progress/>

Normative Assessments in the Capability Approach

This new paper by Sebastian Silva Leander takes the perspective of Amartya Sen's capability approach to look at the question: can market prices be used as weights in welfare indices? [[Revealed Meta-Preferences...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/publications/ophi-research-in-progress/>

OPHI JOBS

Research Officer ~ Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data

OPHI is recruiting a Research Officer to work on missing dimensions, with particular focus on the qualitative testing and survey finalisation of a new missing dimensions survey in Chad. The deadline for applications is 12 noon, 31 August 2011. [[Job details and how to apply...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/about/opportunities/#work>

OPHI IN ACTION

OPHI at ECINEQ and IEA

Sabina Alkire and Gaston Yalonetsky presented new papers on multidimensional poverty, robustness and inequality at the International Economic Association (IEA) Congress, China and the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), Italy, in June. [[OPHI conference news...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#jofb>

Workshop on Multidimensional Poverty and Social Exclusion

OPHI co-hosted a one-day workshop on multidimensional poverty, social exclusion and human development with UNDP's Regional Bureau for Europe and CIS in Oxford in June. The workshop was streamed live and videos of the sessions are now online. [[Watch the workshop sessions ...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/events/workshops/workshop-on-multidimensional-poverty-analysis/>

Multidimensional Poverty in Latin America

OPHI's José Manuel Roche presented a paper co-authored with Maria Emma Santos, OPHI Research Associate, entitled "In search of a Multidimensional Poverty Index for Latin America" at the University of Göttingen, Germany in June. [[OPHI at Göttingen ...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/news#ISCES>

Egypt training and seminar

OPHI delivered a 5 day training course on Multidimensional Poverty Measurement in June, organised by UNICEF and the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics, Egypt. We also presented at a seminar on "Multi-Dimensional Poverty Measures – International Initiatives and Egyptian Application" that month. [[OPHI teaching and courses...](#)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/teaching/>

Why we need new measures of progress

Sabina Alkire recently contributed to an Economist online debate on measures of happiness and wellbeing. In the response she puts forward OPHI's view of why new – multidimensional – measures of wellbeing are not only necessary but also long overdue. [[Economist Happiness debate...](http://www.ophi.org.uk/why-we-need-new-measures-of-progress)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/why-we-need-new-measures-of-progress>

SURVEY AND WEBSITE

Help OPHI ~ Tell us what you think of the e-Update and website

We have designed a quick online survey to gather your opinions of this email update and the OPHI website. We're keen to make sure they're both as useful as possible for our readers. Please do consider taking two minutes to provide your opinion. [[Take the survey...](http://www.ophi.org.uk/help-ophi-give-us-your-feedback)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/help-ophi-give-us-your-feedback>

French Missing Dimensions modules

French translations of OPHI's five "Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data" survey modules are now online. The surveys cover aspects of poverty that are missing from standard international surveys: employment, empowerment, physical safety, the ability to go without shame, and psychological wellbeing. [[Missing Dimensions surveys in French, English and Spanish...](http://www.ophi.org.uk/research/missing-dimensions/survey-modules/)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/research/missing-dimensions/survey-modules/>

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UPCOMING AT OPHI

Forthcoming OPHI conference appearances:

- World Congress of the International Statistics Institute, Dublin, Ireland – 21 – 26 August
- Human Development and Capability Association Conference, Delft, Netherlands - 6-8 September
- Development Studies Association, York, UK - 19 – 22 September
- International Association of Research into Income and Wealth, Cape Town, South Africa – 28 September – 1 October

If you will be attending any of the conferences and want to know more about OPHI's papers and presentations, write to us at: ophi@qeh.ox.ac.uk.

South Asia in Transition - Conference

“South Asia in Transition,” a conference co-sponsored by OPHI and the Department of Sociology, Oxford University, will take place in Oxford, 25-26 November. Papers are invited on a broad range of topics including multidimensional poverty, political participation, resistance and social exclusion. [[South Asia in Transition...](http://www.ophi.org.uk/events/conferences/)] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/events/conferences/>

OPHI PEOPLE

New guests and visitors:

During the spring and summer OPHI welcomed the following guests and visitors:

- **Cesar Gallo**, Professor at Universidad Central de Venezuela
- **Gordon Anderson**, Professor of Economics at the University of Toronto
- **Mark McGillivray**, Research Professor in International Development, at Deakin University and OPHI Research Associate
- **Thomas Pogge**, Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs, Yale University
- **Steve Killelea**, founder of The Institute for Economics and Peace

The following visiting students also joined us:

- **Vivianna Rodriguez Carreon**, PhD Candidate, The University of Sydney
- **Mehmet Zambak**, PhD Candidate Akdeniz University, Turkey
- **Cecilia Tinonin**, PhD Candidate, University of Bologna, Dept of Statistical Science

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August 2011 OPHI e-Update “Advancing freedoms and overcoming poverty.”

OPHI e-Updates aim to highlight key resources and information materials. We welcome your feedback and participation. This month, we particularly welcome your feedback through our [online web survey](http://www.ophi.org.uk/help-ophi-give-us-your-feedback): <http://www.ophi.org.uk/help-ophi-give-us-your-feedback>

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