

# OPHI

Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative  
Oxford Department of International Development  
Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford

“Advancing freedoms and overcoming poverty.”

April 2009 Monthly OPHI Update

Dear colleagues (with apologies for any cross-posting),  
Welcome to the monthly update of opportunities, announcements and events by the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI). These messages aim to highlight key resources and information materials. In addition, in the coming months our website <http://www.ophi.org.uk/> will be developed to enable access to our work in the most timely and convenient way for you. We welcome your feedback and participation.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

### **Vacancy: Research Officer in Human Development Data and Indicators** (REF: VG-09-004)

Applications are invited for a Research Officer post, to start as soon as possible, tenable for one year, with the possibility of a one-year extension. The main duties of the post will be to co-lead the Missing Dimensions programme and contribute to its ongoing development - including research coordination, data analysis, and communication.

Closing date: **Friday 8 May 2009** [read more ...]

<http://ophi.qeh.ox.ac.uk/subindex.php?id=about2>

### **Summer School on Capability and Multidimensional Poverty**

Organised by HDPC-IRC, University of Pavia, and OPHI at the Catholic University, Lima, Peru: 27 August-8 September 2009.

The application deadline has been extended to 15 April 2009 for this intensive summer school, which will provide a thorough conceptual and technical introduction to current literature and techniques of measuring and comparing capabilities, drawing on various techniques of multidimensional measurement and of statistical analysis. [read more ...]

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### **'Distribution and Development' – course with James Foster, May–June 2009**

James Foster, a Research Associate who will be at OPHI in Trinity Term 2009, will present a course comprising eight classes on 'Distribution and Development'. The course is aimed at PPE or postgraduate economics students with an interest in poverty, inequality, and economic development, but is open to all. [read more ...]

<http://ophi.qeh.ox.ac.uk/subindex.php?id=teaching6>

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### **OPHI and the Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship**

On 25-27 March 2009, OPHI contributed to the Skoll World Forum on Social Entrepreneurship at the Saïd Business School, University of Oxford. OPHI Director, Sabina Alkire, was a panellist in the 'How Can We Empower the Powerless through Economic Development?' session. John Hammock, Research Associate, was also present for the three days, introducing OPHI's work on measuring non-financial dimensions of change to inform decision making across social, academic, finance, corporate and policy sectors. [read more ...]

<http://ophi.qeh.ox.ac.uk/subindex.php?id=events213>

### **OPHI Workshop on Robustness Methods for Multidimensional Welfare Analysis**

Queen Elizabeth House, 5-6 May 2009

To discuss and develop better techniques to analyse the conditions under which multidimensional welfare or poverty indicators rank social groups consistently, and the degree of sensitivity of these indicators to changes in their key components; such as the weights attached to dimensions or the criteria used to identify a particular subgroup of the population like the poor. [read more ...]

<http://ophi.qeh.ox.ac.uk/subindex.php?id=events214>

### **New People at OPHI**

Natalie Cresswell - Project Assistant

Adam Swallow - Research Communications Officer

*Visiting Fellows*

Masood Awan (November-June)

James Foster (April-June)

Casilda Lasso de la Vega (March-May)

Lalaine H. Siruno (April-August)

Xiaolin Wang (January-April)

[read more ...] <http://ophi.qeh.ox.ac.uk/subindex.php?id=people0>

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