

# OPHI

November 2009 Monthly OPHI Update

Welcome to the monthly update of announcements and opportunities by the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

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### **OPHI Research Featured in UNICEF's Child Poverty Insights**

The Alkire Foster approach to multidimensional poverty is featured in the latest issue of UNICEF's Child Poverty Insights, available to download in English, French and Spanish. OPHI also presented the measure in UNICEF Offices in New York and discussed its application to multidimensional child poverty. [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

### **OPHI at 3rd OECD World Forum, Busan, South Korea**

OPHI hosted a booth and participated in numerous events at the 3rd Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development World Forum, 27-30 October in Busan, South Korea. OPHI presented during the parallel sessions, 'Measuring Multidimensional Poverty and Prosperity', 'From Poverty to Power' and 'National Initiatives to Measure Well-Being, Societal Progress and Sustainable Development in non-OECD countries', as well as a two hour workshop on the 'Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data'. [read more] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

## **New E-Textbook Available – Free**

*An Introduction to the Human Development and Capability Approach* is now available to download as a free e-book from the International Development Research Centre. OPHI facilitated this textbook, aimed at students in the social sciences and development practitioners. Multi-disciplinary and engaging, this book provides a basic introduction to Amartya Sen's human development and capability approach. It describes the concepts, topics and policy, and includes discussion questions and further reading resources. OPHI's Sabina Alkire and Maria Emma Santos are authors in the volume. Paperback copies are available to purchase from Earthscan.

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## **Recent Working Papers**

'Polarization and the Decline of the Middle Class: Canada and the US'. By James Foster and Michael Wolfson. (OPHI WP 31, August 2009)

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=publications0>

'Measuring Multidimensional Poverty in India: A New Proposal'. By Sabina Alkire and Suman Seth. (OPHI WP15, May 2009) [available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=publications0>

## **OPHI Presentations in Washington DC**

OPHI's Gaston Yalonetzky will present papers at the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme and Inter-American Development Bank in Washington DC this week. Last week OPHI's James Foster and Maria Emma Santos presented the Alkire Foster measure to the XI Hemispheric Meeting of the Poverty and Social Protection Network of the Inter-American Development Bank, attended by government officials from 23 Latin American Countries. [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#wash>

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Roundtable: 'Economics and *The Idea of Justice*'**

OPHI is hosting a large public event on Thursday 19 November at 1.30pm in which leading academics and practitioners will catalyse discussion on how economics must change in the light of the financial crisis and of criticisms that economic progress does not advance human well-being. Speakers will draw on proposals made in Amartya Sen's recent book *The Idea of Justice* as well as their own work. Confirmed speakers include Amartya Sen, John Broome, Stefan Dercon, Will Hutton, Peter Lilley, Avner Offer, James Purnell, and Sabina Alkire. Chaired by Ngaire Woods and Frances Cairncross. [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=eventsSenJustice>

### **Distinguished Public Lecture by Amartya Sen**

Amartya Sen, Harvard University, will deliver a Distinguished Public Lecture on 'The Pursuit of Justice' on Thursday 19 November at 5pm in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford. The lecture will be chaired by Lord Patten of Barnes, Chancellor of the University.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=eventsSenJustice>

## **Seminar: Social Guarantees for the Eradication of Poverty in Chile**

Rodrigo Jordan and Leonardo Moreno from Fundación para la Superación de la Pobreza will deliver the presentation that they were recently invited to give at the launch of the Inter-American Network of Social Protection in New York, attended by Secretary of State Hilary Clinton and Chilean President Michelle Bachelet. The seminar is open to the public and will be held on Tuesday 17 November at 1pm in Seminar Room 3, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#seminar>

## **OPHI Lunchtime Seminar Series**

OPHI's Lunchtime Seminar Series continues throughout November. 'An International Multidimensional Poverty Index: Progress to Date on the 2010 Human Development Report' will be presented by Sabina Alkire (OPHI) on 9 November. These seminars are open to the public and are held every Monday at 1-2pm in Seminar Room 2, first floor, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0#4>

## **Get Involved! Research, Visiting Fellows and Volunteers**

Find out about the various ways of interacting with OPHI, whether learning about our work, supporting us, joining as a volunteer, coming as a visiting researcher, doing your thesis on related topics, or engaging in a short course. The next deadline for visiting fellows applications is 1 December.

[read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=involved0#visiting>

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OPHI Updates aim to highlight key resources and information materials. In addition, in the coming months our website will be developed <http://www.ophi.org.uk/> 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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