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October 2009 Monthly OPHI Update

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Distinguished Public Lecture by Amartya Sen

Professor Amartya Sen, Harvard University, will deliver a Distinguished Public Lecture on 'The Pursuit of Justice' at 5pm on Thursday 19 November at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford. The lecture will be chaired by Lord Patten of Barnes, Chancellor of the University [read more...]
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OPHI Lunchtime Seminar Series

OPHI's Lunchtime Seminar Series begins again this October, with a presentation and discussion on 'Inequality in Multiple Dimensions of Wellbeing' by Emma Samman, Institute of Development Studies/OPHI. These seminars will be held every Monday from 13:00-14:00 in Seminar Room 2, first floor, Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford. Open to the public. [read more...]
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarkozy Commission Appeals for Better Data and Stronger Measures

The final report of the Commission on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress called for better information and richer measures to guide economic policy. Chaired by Joseph Stiglitz, and advised by Amartya Sen, the Commission was set up by French President Nicolas Sarkozy to examine the limits of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as an indicator of

economic performance and social progress and to consider what other measures should be used to assess quality of life. The final report draws on many background papers, among them one prepared for the Commission by OPHI [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

HDCA Conference in Lima, Peru: Proceedings on Poverty, Participation & Power

The 2009 Conference of the Human Development and Capability Association, held in Lima last month, explored the relationships between participation, poverty and power from a human development and capability perspective. Sabina Alkire, OPHI's Director and Secretary of the HDCA, and Javier Iguíñiz, President of the Conference Committee, discuss key issues in the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru's newspaper. Read this and find videos and papers from the conference on the OPHI website [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

OPHI to Exhibit at 3rd OECD World Forum, Busan, South Korea

OPHI will exhibit at the 3rd Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development World Forum, being held on 27-30 October in Busan, Korea. OPHI has produced a CD-Rom that includes background papers, survey modules and manuals on 'Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data', which will be available for free from the OPHI stand at the Forum. Limited copies are also available on request. [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

HDCA Textbook Available from Earthscan

OPHI has supported the development of a new textbook aimed at students in the social sciences and development practitioners. The book provides a basic introduction to Amartya Sen's human development and capability approach and presents new perspectives on a wide range of topics, including the conceptualisation and measurement of well-being and inequality. OPHI's Sabina Alkire and Maria Emma Santos are contributing authors to the volume, which was launched last month. *Earthscan is offering OPHI Update subscribers a discount* so find out how to order your copy today [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

Recent Working Papers

'Income and Beyond: Multidimensional Poverty in six Latin American countries'. Diego Battiston, Guillermo Cruces, Luis Felipe Lopez Calva, Maria Ana Lugo and Maria Emma Santos. (OPHI WP 17, September 2009). [available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=publications0>

Recent Research in Progress

'Child Poverty Measurement: An assessment of methods and an application to Bangladesh'. José Manuel Roche (OPHI RP11a, September 2009). [available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=publications0>

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