



Social and Political Dimensions of the Global Crisis: Implications for Developing Countries

12–13 November 2009

Room XVI ▪ Palais des Nations ▪ Geneva, Switzerland

DAY 1 – 12 NOVEMBER 2009

Opening Session

- 09.30 – 10.00
- Sarah Cook, Director, UNRISD
 - Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)

Session 1 Impacts, Coping Strategies and Livelihoods

10.00 – 10.45 Chair: Raymond Torres, Director of the International Institute for Labour Studies, International Labour Organization (ILO)

- Diane Elson, *University of Essex* – Social Reproduction in the Global Crisis
- Indira Hirway, *Centre for Development Alternatives and Seeta Prabhu, UNDP India* – Restructuring Development during Global Financial Crisis: Lessons from India
- Andrew Downes, *University of the West Indies* – The Global Economic Crisis and Labour Markets in the Small States of the Caribbean

10.45 – 11.15 **B R E A K**

- 11.15 – 12.30
- Arindam Banerjee, *Centre for Development Studies* – Emerging Constraints on Smallholder Agriculture in Developing Countries under Neoliberalism and Crisis: Evidence from the Rural Economy in India
 - May Tan-Mullins, *University of Nottingham* – Lessons from Two Financial Crises: Vulnerability, Resilience and Responses of Indonesian and Chinese Fisherfolk
 - Lourdes Arizpe, *National Autonomous University of Mexico and Chair of the UNRISD Board* – Reconstituting Communities in the Context of Crisis
 - General Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 **L U N C H B R E A K**

Session 2 Social Policy: Country and Regional Perspectives

14.00 – 15.15 Chair: Ramla Khalidi, First Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)

- Sarah Cook, *UNRISD* – China's Social Policy Response to Economic Crisis: Towards a Developmental Welfare State?
- Govind Kelkar and Dev Nathan, *Institute for Human Development* – Redistribution and Social Protection: Contrasting Experiences of Thailand (1990s) and India (2009)
- Lorraine Corner, *UNICEF* – Gender Analysis of Fiscal Responses to the Economic Crisis in Asia
- Azim Manji and Josef Devine, *University of Bath* – Hanging on a Thread: Financial Crisis, Risk and Vulnerability among the Extreme Poor in Bangladesh
- Ousmane Faye, *APHRC and Elizabeth Paul, University of Liège* – The Opportunities of the Global Crisis for Social Policy Enhancement in Senegal

15.15 – 15.45 **B R E A K**

- 15.45 – 17.15
- Camila Arza, *FLACSO Argentina* – Back to the State: Pension Fund Nationalization in Argentina
 - Bernard H. Casey, *University of Warwick* – Pensions in Nigeria: The Performance of the New System of Personal Accounts
 - Manuel Riesco and Sonia Draibe, *CENDA Chile* – Are Global Welfare and a Global New Deal Possible? A Latin American Perspective
 - General Discussion

DAY 2 – 13 NOVEMBER 2009

Session 3 Social Policy: Global Perspectives

- 9.00 – 10.30 Chair: Gabriele Koehler, Regional Adviser for Social Policy, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Regional Office for South Asia
- Ben Fine, *School of Oriental and African Studies* – Financialization and Social Policy
 - Bob Deacon, *University of Sheffield* – Shifting Social Policy Discourse: The Impact of the Global Crisis on Ideas about Social Protection and Global Social Governance
 - Tony Addison and Finn Tarp, *UNU-WIDER* – The Global Aid Architecture and the Triple Crisis
 - General Discussion
- 10.30 – 11.00 **B R E A K**

Session 4 Political Economy Dimensions of Crisis

- 11.00 – 12.30 Chair: Maarit Kohonen, Coordinator, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Björn Beckman, *Stockholm University* – Trade Unions and the Politics of Crisis: South Africa and Nigeria Compared
 - Emma Rose Allen, *ILO CoopAfrica and Samwel Joseph Maghimbi*, *University of Dar es Salaam* – African Cooperatives and the Global Financial Crisis
 - Seeraj Mohamed, *University of the Witwatersrand* – The Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on the South African Economy
 - Ying Yu, *University of Nottingham* – Chinese Migrant Workers in the Global Financial Crisis: Political Economy of Policy Response
 - General Discussion
- 12.30 – 14.00 **L U N C H B R E A K**

Session 5 Political Economy Dimensions of Policy Reform

- 14.00 – 15.30 Chair: Charles Gore, Special Coordinator for Research and Policy Analysis, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
- Bob Jessop, *University of Lancaster* – Narratives of Crisis and Crisis Response
 - Andrew Martin Fischer, *International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University* – The Perils of Paradigm Maintenance in the Face of Crisis
 - Jorge Nef, *University of South Florida* – Social and Political Dimensions of the Global Crisis: A Perspective from the Americas
 - General Discussion

Closing Session

- 15.30 – 16:15 Future Research Directions
- Peter Utting, Deputy Director, UNRISD
 - Shahra Razavi, Research Coordinator, UNRISD