



**UNICEF and the
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present the 4th annual International Conference**

**Rethinking Poverty:
Making Policies that Work for Children**

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**Theresa Lang Student Center
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AGENDA

MONDAY, April 21, 2008:

Setting the Stage on Child Poverty: Concepts, Measurements, and Child Poverty Determinants

8:30 am - 9:15 am **Registration**

9:15 am – 9:45 am **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Ronald Kassimir, Associate Provost for Curriculum and Research, The New School

Alberto Minujin, Conference Director, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School

Saad Houry, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

9:45 am – 10:30 am **Keynote Address**

Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services, Ontario Canada
Expanding Opportunities for Children and Youth: Tackling Child Poverty in Ontario

Introduced by **Jonathan Bach**, Associate Director, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School

10:30 am – 10:45 am **Coffee Break**

10:45 am – 12:30 pm **SESSION 1 – THE IMPACT OF POVERTY ON CHILDREN**

Chair: **Yoriko Yasukawa**, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning
Commentator: **Sheila B. Kamerman**, Columbia University

Stefan Dercon, University of Oxford, Young Lives project; **Pramila Krishnan**, University of Cambridge
Poverty and the Psycho-social abilities of Children

Jane Kabubu- Mariara, University of Nairobi
Child Survival, Poverty and Policy Options from DHS Surveys in Kenya

Abdul Alim, UNICEF Turkmenistan
Insecurity as Poverty: Redefining the Poverty Debate for CIS

Tolulope Monisola Ola, Centre for Population and Health Research (CEPHER), University of Ado-Ekiti
An Exploration of the Influence of Household Poverty Spells on the Incidence of Child Labour in Nigeria

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm **Lunch Break**

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **SESSION 2 – THE MULTI-DIMENSIONAL POVERTY AND CHILDREN**

Chair: **Jo Boyden**, Director, Young Lives project, University of Oxford
Commentator: **Asima Shirazi**, University of Wollongong, United Arab Emirates

Christian Salazar Volkmann, UNICEF Iran
Child Rights, Child Poverty and Islam: Key challenges for Poverty Reduction and Social Protection of Children in Iran

John Cockburn, Universite Laval, Quebec Canada
Children and the Intrahousehold Allocation of Poverty: Analysis of a Bangladeshi Household Survey with Individual Consumption Data

Gaspar Fajth and **Katherine Holland**, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning
Poverty and Children: A Framework for Policy Coherence

2:30 pm – 4:15 pm

SESSION 3 – MEASURING CHILD POVERTY

Chair: **Eva Jespersen**, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre
Commentator: **Stefan Dercon**, University of Oxford, Young Lives project

Attila Hancioglu and Edilberto Loaiza, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning
MICS Experience: (i) Using MICS to measure Child Disparities, and (ii) New Modules for emerging issues

Isabelle Maquet-Engsted, Secretariat of the Indicator's Sub-Group of the Social Protection Committee
International Benchmarks of child well-being/deprivations and EU processes to agree on indicators for member states' monitoring and experience sharing

Leonardo Menchini, UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre
The potential of household surveys for assessing child wellbeing in CEE/CIS'

David Gordon, Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research, University of Bristol; **Shailen Nandy**, Research Associate, University of Bristol
The Measurement of Child Poverty in UNICEF's Global Study on Child Poverty & Disparities

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Coffee Break

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

SESSION 4 – USING DATA AND ANALYSIS TO INFORM POLICY

Chair: **Jackie Klopp**, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
Commentator: **Jan Vandemoortele**, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning

Jessamyn Encarnacion, National Statistical Coordination Board, Manila Philippines
Statistics on Children in Poverty: Towards Informed Decisions on Poverty Alleviation

Petra Hoelscher, UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS
A child well-being index for CEE/CIS. Monitoring child well-being in transition

Sarah Burd-Sharps, American Human Development Report
The Measure of America: The First American HDR 2008-2009

Dennis Arends, Monitoring and Evaluation, UNICEF Egypt
Foundations for an Egypt Child Rights Index

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Reception

TUESDAY, April 22, 2008:
Linking Evidence and Policy

8:30 am – 9:00 am **Registration**

9:00 am – 9:30 am **Keynote Address**

Ambassador Moushira Khattab, Secretary General of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood- Egypt
Child Poverty, Social Justice and Rights

Introduced by **Elizabeth Gibbons**, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning

9:30 am – 10:00 am **MULTI-COUNTRY INITIATIVES ON CHILD POVERTY**

Chair: **Elizabeth Gibbons**, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning

Jo Boyden, Director, Young Lives project, University of Oxford
Challenges and Limitations in Implementing Holistic Approach to the Study of Childhood Poverty; the case of Young Lives Project

Gaspar Fajth, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning
The Global Study on Child Poverty and Disparities

10:00 am – 11:15 am **SESSION 5 – COUNTRY EXPERIENCES: ANALYSING CHILD POVERTY**

Chair: **Elizabeth Gibbons**, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning
Commentators: **Shailen Nandy**, University of Bristol

Geranda Notten, Maastricht University/UNICEF Congo Brazzaville
The Multidimensional Poverty of Women and Children in the Republic of Congo

Mukole Kongolo, Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria South Africa
Children and Poverty: The Perspective of Democratic Republic of Congo

Hamidou Poufon, UNICEF, **Kingne**, Ministère de l'Economie de la Planification et de l'Aménagement du Territoire.
Global Study: Defining, Measuring And Assessing Child Poverty In Cameroon

11:15 am – 11:30 am **Coffee Break**

11:30 am – 1:00 pm **SESSION 5 (contd.) – COUNTRY EXPERIENCES: ANALYSING CHILD POVERTY**

Chair: **Marta Murras Perez**, UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean
Commentator: **Sanjay Reddy**, Columbia University

Masuma Mamdani, Research on Poverty Alleviation; **Francis Sichona**, University of Dar es Salaam;
Aldegunda Komba - National Bureau of Statistics
Global Study: Child Poverty and Disparities in Tanzania

Paul Sengeh, UNICEF and Sierra Leone Global Study National Partner
Global Study: An Analysis of the Child's View using Focus Group Discussions in Sierra Leone

Ulugbek Olimov and **Azizkhon Khankhodjaev**, Center for Economic Research, Uzbekista
Global Study: Conceptual Framework for Uzbekistan

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch Break

POSTER PRESENTATION- CHILD HELPLINE INTERNATIONAL
Presented by **Melanie Bloem**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

SESSION 6 – GETTING SERVICES TO WORK FOR CHILDREN

Chair: **Abdelmajid Tibouti**, UNICEF Programme Division
Commentator: **Tamo Chattopadhyay**, Columbia University

Oguz Polat and **Tanzer Gezer**, Association for Rehabilitation of Street Children, Istanbul
Granting Children's Right to Participate

Joseph Wassawa-Matovu, Lecturer, Economics and Management, Makerere University, Uganda
How can disadvantaged children be made to benefit from universal primary education? The Case of Uganda

R.S. Goyal, Indian Institute of Health Management Research
Poverty of Children in India: Can it meet the Millennium Development Goals?

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

INFLUENCING POLICY FOR CHILDREN RIGHTS: COMMUNICATION, KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER AND ONLINE NETWORKS

Chair: **Patricia Moccia**, UNICEF Division of Communication

Warren Feek, The Drum Beat

Alberto Minujin, equityforchildren

Sharmila Kurukulasuriya, UNICEF Global Study on Child Poverty and Disparity

4:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Coffee Break

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

SESSION 7 – POLICIES AND CHOICES: IMPACT ON CHILD POVERTY

Chair: **Bernardo Kliksberg** Regional Bureau for Latin American and the Caribbean, UNDP
Commentator: **Enrique Delamonica**, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School

Lulit Mitik, University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, France
The Impact of Parents' Decision-making between Household Work and School

Yulia Privalova Krieger, UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina; **Erna Ribar**, UNICEF Bosnia and Herzegovina
Chile Rights Impact Assessment of Economic Policies: A Case Study from Bosnia and Herzegovina

Javier Escobal, Group for the Analysis of Poverty (GRADE, Peru), Young Lives project
Trade Liberalization and Child Welfare: Assessing the Impact of a Free Trade Agreement between Peru and the USA

5:00pm – 5:45 pm

Keynote Address

Safwan Masri, Director, Columbia University Middle East Research Centre
Globalizing Education: Impact on Sustainable Economic Development

Introduced by **Marta Murras Perez**, UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

WEDNESDAY, April 23, 2008:

Learning from Experience. The Road Ahead

9:00 am – 10:45 am

SESSION 8 - MAKING POLICIES THAT WORK FOR CHILDREN

Chair: **Gaspar Fajth**, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning

Commentator: **Rosalia Cortes**, Latin America Faculty of Social Science (FLACSO)

Shirley Gatenio-Gabel, Columbia University
Reducing Child Poverty in Developing Countries

Marcio Carvalho, UNICEF Brazil
The UNICEF Municipal Seal of Approval in the Brazilian Semi-Arid Region as a tool to reduce poverty and inequality

Mariana Stirbu, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia and **Marta Cali**, UNICEF Nepal
Introducing child-friendly social protection in a post-conflict environment: The case of Nepal

Niloufar Pourzand, UNICEF Eastern Caribbean Office
Rethinking Child Poverty and Vulnerability: evidence-based social policy for children - lessons learned from the Eastern Caribbean region

10:45 pm – 11:00 pm

Coffee Break

11:00 am – 12:45 pm

CLOSING: ADVOCATING FOR POLICY CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Moderator: **Ambassador Moushira Mahmoud Khattab**, Secretary General of the National Council for Childhood and Motherhood

Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School

Yoriko Yasukawa, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning

Dave Gordon, Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research, University of Bristol

12:45 pm – 1:00 pm

FINAL REMARKS

The New School Campus Map

Lang Student Center is marked by building I located at 55 West 13th Street (corner of 6th Avenue – also known as Avenue of the Americas -- and 13th street). The conference will be on the second floor.

