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**“SOCIAL PROTECTION INITIATIVES FOR CHILDREN, WOMEN AND
FAMILIES:
AN ANALYSIS OF RECENT EXPERIENCES”**

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MONDAY, October 30, 2006

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration
9:00 am - 9:30 am	Opening/ Welcome Michael A. Cohen , Director, Graduate Program in International Affairs, The New School Elizabeth Gibbons , Chief, Global Policy Section, UNICEF Division of Policy and Planning
9:30 am - 10:45 am	<i>Keynote Address: “Challenges in Social Protection Initiatives”</i> Chair: Michael A. Cohen , The New School
10:45 am - 11:15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steen Lau Jorgensen, Director, Sustainable Development Network, The World Bank Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear: New Frontiers in Social Policy ▪ Ruth Lister, Professor of Social Policy, Department of Social Sciences, Loughborough University Social Protection: Principles and Dilemmas
11:15 am - 12:30 pm	Session 1 <i>Session 1: “Social Protection and Child Rights”</i> Chair: Eva Jespersen (UNICEF), Commentator: Tamo Chattopadhyay (NYU)
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Lunch Break

		Session 2: "Social Protection and Poverty Reduction" Chair: Nora Lustig (UNDP), Commentator: Ruth Lister (Loughborough University)
2:00 pm - 3:15 pm Session 2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sidya Ould A. El Hadj & Medou Diakhate (Unicef) Social Protection Schemes in West and Central Africa: A Proposal for Renewal ▪ Franziska Gassman & Geranda Notten (Maastricht Graduate School of Governance) Size Matters: Poverty Reduction Effects of Means-Tested and Universal Child Benefits in Russia ▪ Ann F. Witteveen (Oxfam) No Small Change - Unconditional Cash Transfers as a Response to Acute Food Insecurity in Zambia and Malawi
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm		Coffee Break
		Session 3: "Social Protection and Child Vulnerability" Chair: Nurper Ulkuer (UNICEF), Commentator: Jacqueline Klopp (Columbia University)
3:45 pm - 5:00 pm Session 3	DAY 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roger Pearson & C. Alviar (Unicef) Cash Transfers Programme for Orphans and Vulnerable Children ▪ Kunniseri E. Vaidyanathan (Indian Association of Social Sciences and Health) Initiatives for Social Protection of Children, Women and Families: The Experience of India ▪ Candace M. Miller (Boston University) Meeting the Needs of Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Through Social Welfare Assistance
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Panel		Panel: "Relevant Questions on Social Protection Policy" Moderator: Gaspar Fajth (Unicef)
		Nora Lustig - UNDP, Yoriko Yasukawa - UNICEF, Jay Chaubey - UNICEF, Bernd Schubert - UNICEF, Sheila Kamerman (Columbia University)
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm		Reception

TUESDAY, October 31, 2006

8:30 am - 9:00 am		Registration
		Session 4: "Cash Transfers, Education and Health - Part I" Chair: Sheila Kamerman (Columbia University), Commentator: Angela Escallon Emiliani (Red Distrital de Cooperación para el Desarrollo)
9:00 am - 10:15 am Session 4	DAY 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mahesh Patel & Radhika Gore (Unicef) Direct Cash Transfers to Households: Experience from The Tsunami ▪ Esther Schüring (MCDSS/GTZ Social Safety Net Project) & Michelo Stanfield (Department of Social Welfare, Zambia) Social Cash Transfers in Zambia - An innovative Approach of Reaching Out to Children of HIV/AIDS Affected Households ▪ Katie Schenk (Population Council) Who Are the Vulnerable Children? Exploring the Implications of Different Criteria for Determining Eligibility for Program Assistance
10:15 am - 10:45 am		Coffee Break

<p>10:45 am - 12:00 pm Session 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 5: "Cash Transfers, Education and Health - Part II" Chair: Sakiko Fukuda-Parr (The New School), Commentator: Rosalia Cortes (FLACSO Argentina)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mahesh Patel, Cliff Meyers & Suzanna Bond Hinsz (Unicef) Effects of Decentralization on Primary Education Phase I: A Survey of East Asia and the Pacific Islands ▪ Nitika Tolani, Jeanne Brooks-Gunn & Sharon Lynn Kagan (Columbia University) The Impact of Culture on Parenting Education Programs During Early Childhood: A Cross-National Exploration ▪ Irina V. Nicorich (Moldova State Institute of International Relations) & Chris Grant (Mercer University) The Little Engine that Does: How One NGO Refocused Attention to the Needs of Children in Moldova
<p>12:00 pm - 2:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch Break (18 min. video titled "culture of violence" - protection policies for children in Peru -- presented by Eliana Mercedes Villar Marquez)</p>
<p>2:00 pm - 2:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Address: "Social Protection: New Trends and Challenges in Latin America"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rebeca Grynspan, Assistant Secretary-General, Assistant Administrator of UNDP and Director of UNDP's Regional Bureau of Latin America and the Caribbean</p>
<p>2:30 pm - 3:45 pm Session 6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 6: "Social Protection, Exclusion and Child Well-Being" Chair: Alberto Minujin (The New School), Commentator: Nicola Jones (Save The Children)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Robert Jenkins (Unicef) & Eimar Barr (Unicef) Addressing Social Exclusion in Primary Education in India ▪ Michael E. Foster & Kelly Evans (University of North Carolina) Trends in the Well-being of Children and Youth in Eastern Europe ▪ Annie Leatt (Children's Institute) & Debbie Budlender (Centre for Actuarial Research) Under What Conditions? Social Protection for Children in South Africa
<p>3:45 pm - 4:15 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee Break</p>
<p>4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Panel</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Panel: "The Road Ahead" Moderator: Elizabeth Gibbons (Unicef)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rebeca Grynspan - UNDP, Michael Cohen - The New School, 2 more participants TBD</p>

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