

**UNICEF**  
and  
**The Graduate Program in International Affairs (GPIA)**  
**New School University**

**International Conference**

**“Children and Poverty: Global Context, Local Solutions?”**  
**April 25-27, 2005**

**Lang Student Center**  
**65 West 13<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**New York, NY 10011**

***Monday, April 25***

**OPENING/Welcome:**

10 AM – 10:30 AM

Bob Kerrey, President, New School University, Kul Gautam, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF (to be confirmed)/or Saad Houry, Director, DPP, UNICEF

***BLOCK I***

The first conference day will be integrated by four separate presentations and discussions on global trends and their social impact. These presentations will provide a broad context to the following two days of debate on children living in poverty. Block I will close with a panel that will debate issues on globalization, poverty and children, which will lead into the opening of Block II.

***Global Trends, Social Changes and Human Development I***

**CHAIR:** Michael Cohen, Director, GPIA

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Ian Johnson, Vice President of Sustainable Development, The World Bank

**Cultural Aspects of Globalization**

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Arjun Appadurai, Provost, New School University

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Coffee Break

### **Population Aspects of Globalization**

11:45 PM – 12:15 PM

Judith Bruce, Gender, Family, and Development Program, the Population Council, New York

12:15 PM —1:00 PM

Discussion

1:00 PM – 2:30

Lunch Break

### ***Global Trends, Social Changes and Human Development II***

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

### **Economic Aspects of Globalization**

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

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### **Political Aspects of Globalization**

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Kevin Watkins, Human Development Report, UNDP

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Discussion

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

Coffee Break

***Dialogue on Globalization, Poverty and Children.*** Global, regional, and country perspective on how current social, economic, and political trends affect children, women and families and what can be done to ensure their rights. Senior UNICEF officers will reflect on analyses of global trends heard during the first day of the Conference by bringing in perspectives from different regions and globally and by considering the implications for policies and interventions. Presenters of the first day will be joined by senior staff from international agencies and civil society organizations to elaborate the possible impacts on children, women and families and discuss further what responses are needed from governments, the civil society and international actors.

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

4:15 PM –5:45 PM

### **Panel:**

UNICEF Country, Regional and Global Perspective:

Sidya Ould El-Hadj, West Africa  
Mahesh Patel, East Asia  
Omar Abdi, Pakistan  
Kiari Liman-Tinguri, Syria  
Alexander Zouev, Kazakhstan/CIS  
Juan Nunez, Latin America and Caribbean  
Elizabeth Gibbons, Global Policy Section, Division of Policy and Planning, UNICEF

Global Expert Perspective:

Dr. Richard Alderslade, WHO / to be confirmed  
Michael Cohen, Director, GPIA  
Caroline Harper, Save the Children UK  
Ian Johnson, Vice President of Sustainable Development, The World Bank  
Kevin Watkins, Director, Human Development Report

### ***Reception***

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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### **BLOCK II (Tuesday April 26)**

Block II will focus on presenting and discussing several interrelated issues connected with children living in poverty. The central focus will be on how to implement effective policies for reducing child poverty and to fulfill their basic rights. Block II is organized through sessions with brief presentations by authors and panels. The panels, which are organized by common subject, will be led by the Moderator with short remarks from authors (no presentations). The main objective is to give enough time for debate and participation from the audience.

### ***Opening Remarks***

9:30 AM – 9:45 AM

Alberto Minujin, UNICEF

### ***SESSION I***

#### ***Measuring Child Poverty & Disparities***

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

**CHAIR:** Dr. Richard Alderslade, WHO

**Commentator:** TBA

**Strengthening the monitoring of the child-and maternal-health  
MDGs with an emphasis on equity**

Deborah Balk

CIESIN (Center for International Earth Science Information Network),  
Columbia University, New York

**Child Poverty and Changes in Child Poverty**

Miles Corak

Statistics, Canada

**Determinants of child well-being: findings from two OED impact  
studies**

Howard White

Operations Evaluation Department, World Bank, Washington, D.C.

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM

Discussion

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM

Coffee Break

***SESSION II***

**Round-table**

***How do children experience poverty?***

11:30 AM – 12:05 PM

**Moderator:** Caroline Harper, Save the Children UK

**Children and Poverty: Understanding Children's Experience of  
Poverty: An Introduction to the DEV Framework**

Daniel Wordsworth

Christian Children's Fund

**How Children Experience Poverty – A Study on Child Poverty in  
Bangladesh**

Syeda Begum

Department of Social Work, Goteborg University, Sweden

**HIV/AIDS, Orphanhood, Gender and Household Size: The Case of  
Botswana**

Candace Miller

Harvard School of Public Health, Boston

**Re-Thinking Education and Poverty: Constructionists Approaches to New Learning Environments**

David Cavallo  
MIT Media Lab, Boston

12:05 PM – 1:05 PM  
Discussion

1:05 PM – 2:30 PM  
Lunch Break

***SESSION III***  
***Child Rights, Transition and Crisis?***

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**CHAIR:** Eva Jaspersen, UNICEF Innocenti Research Center  
**Commentator:** Miles Corak, Statistics, Canada

**Child Support Policies and Child Poverty in South Eastern Europe and CIS**

Kitty Stewart  
Research Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion (CASE), London School Of Economics, UK

**Employment Programs, Children and Social Exclusion: Argentina 2001-2004.**

Rosalia Cortes  
FLASCO and Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnicas Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Children Affected by Armed Conflict in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka**

Sarah Wimaladharma  
Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Vietnam 30 Years After the Aar: Transition Toward a Market Economy and WTO Accession From a Child Rights Perspective**

Christian Salazar  
UNICEF, Hanoi, Vietnam

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  
Discussion

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM  
Coffee Break

**SESSION IV**  
**Round-table**  
***Child Participation***

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

**Moderator:** Howard White, World Bank

**Beyond Statistics-Participatory Approaches to Researching Poverty and Social Exclusion Among Children in the CEE/CIS**

Petra Hoelscher

Centre for Comparative Research on Social Welfare, University of Stirling, UK

**Towards Evolving a Participatory Monitoring Tool in a Rights-Based Framework for Sustainable Human Development and Reduction of Vulnerability in Urban South Asia**

Neela Mukherjee

Development Tracks RTC, New Delhi, India

**Poverty and Vulnerability-Different Expressions on Child and Youth**

Paula Miraglia

Peace Institute, Sao Paulo, Brazil

5:15 PM – 6:00 PM  
Discussion

**Wednesday, April 27**

**SESSION V**  
***Public Policy and Child Rights (I)***

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

**Chair:** Michael Cohen, Director, GPIA, New School University

**Commentator:** Nicola Jones, Young Lives, Save the Children, UK

**Towards Mainstreaming Children's Social and Economic Rights within Government Programming**

Jeffrey Maganya

The CRADLE, the Children's Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya

**Child Budget Monitoring as a Mechanism to Progress in the Implementation of Children's Rights and Reducing Child Poverty in Peru**

Paola Perezniето

Young Lives, Save the Children, UK

**Social Investment Initiatives in Latin America: Linking Budgets, Poverty Reduction and Children's Rights.**

Susana Sottoli

UNICEF, Latin America and The Caribbean Office (TACRO)

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Discussion

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Coffee Break

***SESSION VI***

***Round-table***

***Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers and Children***

11:15 AM – 12 :20 PM

***Moderator:*** Doug Hellinger, Development Gap

**Children and Poverty in Burkina Faso in the Era of Structural Adjustment Programs: Lessons from 'Household Living Standards Survey'.**

Jean Francois Kobaine

Department of Demography, University of Montreal, Canada

**Shaping Compliance: Shaping State Compliance: PRSPs and the Millennium Development Goals for Improving Child Welfare**

Monique Segarra

Vassar College

**Childhood Poverty, Gender Inequality and Ethnic Differences: To What Extent is Ethiopia's PRSP (2002-2005) Addressing Child Well-Being?**

Nicola Jones

Young Lives, Save the Children, UK

**Children and Poverty in Tanzania**

Prosper Charle  
Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), Dar es Salaam,  
Tanzania

12:20 PM – 1:00 PM  
Discussion

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
Lunch Break

**SESSION VII**  
***Public Policies and Child Rights (II)***

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

**Chair:** Sheila Kamerman, Columbia University

**Commentator:** Kitty Stewart, London School Of Economics, UK

**Poverty Begets Poverty: Breaking the Vicious Poverty Cycle Via  
Education**

Mily Muyanga

Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development,  
Egerton University, Nairobi, Kenya

**Making “ Every Child Count”: National Policies and Programmes to  
Reduce Disparities**

Mahesh Patel

UNICEF, Bangkok, Thailand

**Policies to live by: targeted poverty alleviation for children in South  
Africa**

Annie Leatt

Children’s Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  
Discussion

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM  
Coffee Break

**SESSION VIII**  
**Final Discussion Panel**

**Chair:** Elizabeth Gibbons, Chief, Global Policy, Division of Policy and Planning

**Panelists:** TBD

***Reception***

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