

## POVERTY AND POLITICS IN MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

22-24 November 2012

School of Government Building  
University of the Western Cape  
Cape Town, South Africa

### ACADEMIC PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:

**Einar BRAATHEN**, Senior Researcher,  
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### WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER:

**All day** Participant arrivals & collection from Cape Town International airport

**All day** Check in Kovacs Village, <http://www.kovacsuwc.co.za/>

**19:00** Dinner *African Roots Café*, Sports Stadium

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### THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER:

*Note:* 15min walk from Kovacs to breakfast and workshop location

**08:00 – 08:45** Breakfast, School of Government, SOG Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

#### OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

**08:45 – 09:30**

- Julian MAY, Director, Institute for Social Development, UWC
- Alberto D. CIMADAMORE, Director, CROP
- Chisepo MPHAISHA, Director, School of Government, UWC

**Morning SESSION I:**  
**MEASUREMENT AND POLICY**  
Chair: Alberto Cimadamore, Director, CROP

**09:30 – 10:30** *Policy relevant measurement of poverty in low, middle and high income countries*

Shailen NANDY and David GORDON, The Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research. University of Bristol, United Kingdom

Discussant: Julian MAY, South Africa

**10:30 – 11:30** *Public Policies and Politics: less important than economics? Moroccan experience as example MIC's*

Mehdi LAHLOU, l'Institut National de Statistique et d'Economie Appliquée (INSEA), Morocco

Discussant: Chifa TEKAYA, Independent Consultant, Tunisia, (specialist, 16yrs in UNESCO)

**11:30 – 12:00** **Coffee break, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**12:00: - 13:00** *Policies and Politics to address Urban Inequality in Brazil and South Africa*  
Einar BRAATHEN, David JORDHUS-LIER, Berit AASEN (NIBR), NORWAY and Catherine SUTHERLAND, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

First Discussant: Camilo Pérez Bustillo, Mexico

Second Discussant: Abdulrazack KARRIEM, South Africa

**13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**Afternoon SESSION II:**  
**REDISTRIBUTION AND INCLUSION**

Chair: Julian May, Director, Institute of Social Development, UWC

**14:00 – 15:00** *Public Policy and Inequality in South Africa and Botswana: redistributive impacts of social and economic interventions*

Marianne S. ULRIKSEN, Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA), University of Johannesburg, South Africa

First Discussant: Leon PRETORIUS, South Africa

Second Discussant: Gemma Wright,

**15:00- 16:00** *Recent Social Policy Developments in Africa*

Gemma WRIGHT, University of Oxford, UK, and Michael NOBLE, Oxford University, United Kingdom

First Discussant: Samuel Igbatayo, Nigeria

Second Discussant: Shailen NANDY, United Kingdom

**16:00 – 16:30** **Coffee break, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

**16:30- 17:30** *Adults who live in the streets of Buenos Aires: public policies provide solutions or contribute to the social segmentation?*

Martin BOY, Instituto Gino Germani, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Discussant: Einar BRAATHEN, Norway

- 17:30 – 18:00** *Transformation of Social Protection System in a Transforming Economy and Society of Uzbekistan* **ONLINE PRESENTATION** by  
Kamila MUKHAMEDKHANOVA, Centre for Economic Research  
(CER) Uzbekistan  
Note: this time allocation may be changed

- 19:00** Braai (BBQ): *African Roots Café*, Sports Stadium

**DINNER and informal discussion - preview to the launch of the Working Group 'Poverty Politics: comparative and critical views'**

## FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

- 08:00 – 09:00** Breakfast, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

### Morning SESSION III: GENDER AND CHILDREN

Chair: Leah Junge, Senior Executive Officer, CROP

- 09:00 – 10:00** *The construction of gender inequality within households in the context of demographic dispensation in rural areas: a case of Makanye village*  
Ngoako MOKOELE, University of Limpopo, South Africa  
First Discussant: Samuel O. OLORUNTOBA, Nigeria  
Second Discussant: Chifa TEKAYA
- 10:00 – 11:00** *Children of Iran: born into a middle-income state, caught between war, embargo and rising social indicators*  
Sepideh YOUSEFZADEH and Franziska GASSMANN, Maastricht University, The Netherlands  
Discussant: Marianne ULRIKSEN, SOUTH AFRICA
- 11:00 – 11:30** Coffee break, School Of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 11:30 – 12:30** *The hidden realities of child well-being in a middle income country context – the case of Kazakhstan*  
Keetie ROELEN, Institute of Development Studies, United Kingdom and Franziska GASSMANN, Maastricht University, The Netherlands  
Discussant: Martin BOY, Argentina
- 12:30 – 13:30** Lunch, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- ### Afternoon SESSION IV: HUMAN RIGHTS
- Chair: Einar Braathen, Senior Researcher, NIBR
- 13:30 – 14:30** *The world is a ghetto: counter-hegemonic approaches to poverty eradication, racism, and human rights in Latin America, and their potential contributions to alternative processes of social transformation in the Global South*  
Camilo PÉREZ-BUSTILLO, Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México (UACM), Mexico

First Discussant: Mehdi LAHLOU, Morocco

Second Discussant: Ngoako MOKOELE, South Africa

- 14:30 – 15:30** *Poverty in African MICs and LICs: do human rights matter?*  
Chifa TEKAYA, Former poverty and human rights coordinator for  
UNESCO, Tunisia  
Discussant: David GORDON, United Kingdom
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Coffee break, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**
- 16:00 – 17:00** *Justifying the failure of development interventions: the politics of hunger  
deaths in Odisha, India*  
Rajakishor MAHANA, Center for Research on Sustainable,  
Agriculture and Rural Development; Biodiversity and Poverty  
Alleviation, Swaminathan Foundation, India  
Discussant: Mokbul MORSHED AHMAD
- 17:30** Cocktail Party: *The Barn*, University Pool  
**19:00** Transport to Parow  
**19:30** Conference Dinner at *Harlequin Restaurant*, Parow  
**DINNER and informal discussion of Working Group**
- 21:00** Transport back from Parow
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## **SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:**

- 08:00 – 09:00** **Breakfast, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

### **Morning SESSION V: DISCOURSE AND DEMOCRATIZATION**

Chair: Einar Braathen, Senior Researcher, NIBR

- 09:00 – 10:00** *Democratization, disempowerment and poverty in Nigeria: Exploring the link  
between politics and poverty reduction in middle income countries*  
Samuel O. OLORUNTOBA, University of Lagos, Nigeria  
Second Discussant: Sofiane Bouhdiba, Tunisia
- 10:00 – 11:00** *Counting the costs of politics in the poverty discourse*  
Oliver MTAPURI, University of Limpopo, South Africa  
Discussant: Tor HALVORSEN, Norway
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Coffee break, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**
- 11:30 – 12:30** *Is poverty behind the Jasmine Revolution?*  
Sofiane BOUHDIBA, University of Tunis, Tunisia  
First Discussant: Rajakishor MAHANA, India
- 12:30 – 13:30** **Lunch, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**

## Afternoon SESSION VI: GROWTH AND INEQUALITY

Chair: Julian May, Director Institute of Social Development, UWC

- 13:30 – 14:30** *The OECD/South Africa development model – the growth of inequality*  
Tor HALVORSEN, University of Bergen, Norway  
Discussant: Oliver MTAPURI, South Africa
- 14:30 – 15:30** *Exploring inclusive growth and poverty reduction strategies in the BRICS economies: a multi-country study of Brazil, China and South Africa*  
Samuel ADEREMI IGBATAYO, Afe Babalola University, Nigeria  
Discussant: Keetie ROELEN, United Kingdom
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Coffee break, School of Government, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**
- 16:00- 17:00** *Poverty in the 'kitchen of the world': the case of Thailand*  
Mokbul MORSHED AHMAD, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand  
Discussant: Sepideh YOUSEFZADEH, The Netherlands
- 17:00 – 17:30** **Wrap up, final information & closure of the workshop**
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Information on post-event processes to publication of conference proceedings as a Zed Book in the CROP series "International Studies in Poverty Research"

- 17:45** Transport to Cape Town, arriving in Wale Street
- 18:30** Guided tour of Wale Street, Bo Kaap
- 19:30** Dinner at Biesmiellah restaurant in Bo Kaap  
**DINNER: WORKING GROUP WAY FORWARD!!**
- Note:* Biesmiellah does not serve alcohol.
- 10:00** Transport from Cape Town, departing from Long Street  
*Note:* You are welcome to party 'till late and can catch a taxi to UWC (± R300)
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## SUNDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

- 08:00-08:45** **Breakfast (Venue to be confirmed)**
- All day** **DEPARTURES**

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## Useful Information:

November is the beginning of summer in Cape Town. The days are warm and can be windy. The sunrise time is around 0530 and sunset 1930 and there is a long twilight.

- Average daily maximum temperature: 24 degrees C (75 degrees F)
- Average daily minimum temperature: 13 degrees C (55 degrees F)
- Average monthly rainfall 14 mm (0.5 inches)
- Days with > 1 mm rain: 5

Electricity is 220/230 volts AC at 50 cycles per second. Three pronged plugs are universal and unique to South Africa, so bring an adapter.

We encourage everyone to take the usual travel precautions when traveling with valuables. All valuables, passports, cameras, should be carried with you to the conference venue. Valuables should be carried discreetly when walking in cities and caution should be exercised at all times.

South African standard Time is two hours in advance of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +2), one hour in advance of central European winter time and seven hours in advance of United States eastern standard time throughout the year.

There are 11 official languages including English, Afrikaans, Xhosa, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Swati, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda and Zulu. However English is spoken everywhere you go. English is the language of the cities, of commerce and banking, of government and official documents. All road signs and official forms are in English and most service staff will speak to you in English.