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MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th.

Venue: Golden Tulip Flamenco Hotel Cairo, Valencia Room, 10th Floor

08:30 – 9:00: Welcome and opening remarks

- Hanan Sabea, AUC and SEPHIS
- Shahida El-Baz, AARC
- Alberto D. Cimadamore, CROP

Session I: The Rights to Social Transformation

Chair: Alberto D. Cimadamore

09:00-10:00
Camilo Pérez-Bustillo, Mexico.
The Making and Remaking of Human Rights: Contemporary Limits and Potential Contributions of Human Rights to the Eradication of Poverty and Social Transformation, from the Perspective of the Global South

Discussant: Manase Kuzdal Chiweshe, Zimbabwe

10:00-11:00:
Christopher Thomas, South Africa.
Civil Society Movements and Rights Discourse in Post-Apartheid Socio-Economic Transformation.
Discussant: Samson Ranti Akinola, Nigeria

11:00-11:15: Coffee/Tea
11:15-12:15:
Kazi Haque, Bangladesh.
The Scope and Effectiveness of ‘Right to Information’ as Anti-Poverty tool: Case studies from Bangladesh
Discussant: Aaron Rosenberg, Mexico

12:30– 14:00 Lunch together as guests of the workshop

Session II:
Development and Social Transformation

Chair: Shahida El-Baz

14:00-15:00
Innocent Chirisa, Zimbabwe.
On a Shoestring: Exegetical Interpretations of City-Edge Dwelling and Social Transformation in Africa
Discussant: Susanta Kumar Mallick & Shiv Shankar Das, India

15:00-16:00
Noelyn Dano, Philippines.
The Development and Sustainability Paradox: When Equity is Eclipsed
Discussant: Charlie Yves Ngoudji Tameko, Cameroon.

16:00-16:15 Coffee/Tea

16:15-17:15:
Mariano Félix, Argentina.
Neodevelopmentalism in Argentina: its Contradictions, Barriers and Limits to Poverty Reduction and Social Change.
Discussant: Jude Ssempebwa, Uganda

17:30-19:00:
First Public Event - Golden Tulip Flamenco Hotel Cairo
Conference on
“Poverty, Human Rights, and Social Transformation in the 21st Century”
Thomas POGGE, Chair of CROP / Yale University

19:30 Dinner as guests of the workshop

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.
Session III:
Poverty and Social Transformation

Chair: Hanan Sabea

9:30-10:30
Samson Ranti Akinola, Nigeria.
*Dysfunctional Political Economy, Restructuring Public Sphere and Social Transformation in Africa: A Polycentric Privatisation and Poverty Reduction Perspective New Policies to Combat the Poverty in Comparative Perspective.*
*Discussant: Cynthia Zayas, Philippines*

10:30-11:30
Jude Ssempebwa, & Jaqueline Nakaiza, Uganda.
*Alternative Paths to Poverty Alleviation: a Case for Poverty Alleviation Programs by the Poor*
*Discussant: Mariano Félix, Argentina*

11:30-11:45 Coffee/Tea

11:45-12:45
Ghada Barsoum, Egypt.
*Living with Job Informality and Lack of Social Protection in Egypt: The Urgency for Policy Focus*
*Discussant: Christopher Thomas, South Africa*

13:15-14:30: Lunch together as guests of the workshop

Session IV:
Movements and Cases of Social Transformation

Chair: Karima Korayem

14:30-15:30:
Cynthia Zayas, Philippines.
*Changing Social Arrangements as Philippine Artisinal Fishers Fine Tune Customary Fishing Practices with the Fisheries Law*
*Discussant: Camilo Pérez-Bustillo, Mexico*

15:30-16:30:
Manase Kuzdal Chiwesche, Zimbabwe.
*Analysis of Women’s Movements as Drivers of Gendered Social Transformation and Poverty Reduction: Experiences from Zimbabwe*
*Discussant: Ghada Barsoum, Egypt*

16:30-16:45 Coffee/Tea
16:45-17:45:
Susanta Kumar Mallick & Shiv Shankar Das, India.
Poverty in KBK1 Region of Odisha State, India: A Gap of Knowledge System between the Neo-Liberal State and Indigenous Tribals

*Discussant: Innocent Chirisa, Zimbabwe*

19:30 Dinner as guests of the workshop

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th.**

**Session V: (cont.)**

**Movements and Cases of Social Transformation**

*Chair: Thomas Pogge*

- **09:00-10:00:**
  Aaron Rosenberg, Mexico.
  *"I'm Gonna Get My Share of What's Mine": Narratives of Poverty and Crime in Postcolonial Jamaica and Kenya*  
  *Discussant: Kazi Haque, Bangladesh*

- **10:00-11:00:**
  Charlie Yves Ngoudji Tameko, Cameroon.
  *Multidimensional Inequality, Polarization and Poverty in the formal Cameroonian Economy*  
  *Discussant: Noelyn Dano, Philippines*

  **11:00-11:15: Coffee/Tea**
  **11:15 – 12:00**

*Wrapping up and final information on the publication*

Information on post-event processes to publication of conference proceedings as a Zed Book in the CROP series “International Studies in Poverty Research”. Important information for all paper-givers.

- **12:00-13:30**
  **Second Public Event - Golden Tulip Flamenco Hotel Cairo**
  *A Round Table on “Revolution and Social Transformation in Egypt” (TBC)*  
  Hanan Sabea, AUC/Sephis - Shahida El Baz, AARC/CROP / Karima Korayem, Al-Azhar Univ./CROP

  **13:30**
  Lunch together as guests of the workshop

*End of conference*