CROP FELLOWS – TERMS OF REFERENCE

Background:

In collaboration with knowledge networks, institutions, and scholars, CROP works to build and disseminate independent, alternative and critical knowledge for preventing and eradicating poverty.

CROP objectives are to:

I. Promote critical inter-disciplinary and comparative research on the nature, extent, depth, distribution, trends, causes and effects of poverty
II. Produce knowledge with relevance for poverty eradication and prevention and create spaces for dialogue with policy actors at national, regional and global level
III. Contribute to the build-up and enhancement of global comparative research capacities
IV. Undertake critical analysis and scrutinising of national and international policy responses to poverty everywhere
V. Disseminate relevant knowledge on poverty and sustainable development for a wider audience in order to increase the general understanding of the reasons behind and solutions to world poverty

CROP Fellows – Terms of Reference

CROP Fellows are ambassadors of the programme and constitute a core resource group of committed scholars and/or activists who can lend ideas, help promote the CROP network, lead strategic initiatives in thematic working groups and serve in programme committees for CROP workshops and other events.

The relationship between CROP Fellows and CROP is defined by the following terms:

1. The CROP Scientific Director and Chair, in co-operation with the CROP Scientific Committee (SC), recommend CROP Fellows to the International Social Science Council (ISSC). The CROP Fellows are officially appointed by the ISSC Executive Committee.

2. The honorary title "CROP Fellow" is awarded for a four-year period, renewable only by written request of the Director and Chair after consultations with the CROP SC.

3. The title "CROP Fellow" is given to researchers and/or activists based on their contributions (research and/or activism) in the field of poverty and poverty-related issues.

4. There should be no more than 30 CROP Fellows at any given time.

5. CROP Fellows have the right to, and are encouraged to use this label in their research-based activities and/or activism, writings and publications focusing on poverty and poverty-related issues.

6. CROP Fellows are encouraged to engage in public debate on poverty and poverty-related issues on a local, regional, national and global level.

7. CROP Fellows are encouraged to suggest new partners for CROP and/or new thematic initiatives where they would like CROP to become involved. Such proposals are to be made in writing to the CROP Secretariat.

8. CROP Fellows are encouraged to construct local networks within their particular field of research/activism on poverty and poverty-related issues and link them to CROP/ISSC networks. The CROP Secretariat will support and help to maintain a thematic page on its website.

9. CROP Fellows are invited to contribute papers (or other input) to CROP/ISSC events, and will, if accepted, qualify for a total or partial grant (depending on the event funding conditions) at least once during the four-year term.

10. CROP Fellows are encouraged to publish in the CROP-Zed Books series. The CROP Secretariat will subsidise the publication of the book and guarantee worldwide dissemination. Applications for publication in the CROP-Zed Series are evaluated by the series editors in collaboration with Zed Books and approved by the Scientific Director on the basis of existing financial resources.

11. CROP Fellows should submit a brief report of their CROP-related activities to the Secretariat before the end of each calendar year. The CROP Secretariat will, in turn, forward a compiled overview to the ISSC Secretariat.