
Events
13 CROP International Workshops
19 Contributions to Academic Events
45 Public Events

Publications
10 CROP Books
510 Papers / Presentations
20 Poverty Briefs
8 Newsletters
4 UiB Global/CROP Working Papers
1 Special Issue Journal

Vision
A world without poverty

Mission
Mobilising critical research for preventing and eradicating poverty

The Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP) is a programme of the International Social Science Council (ISSC), hosted by the University of Bergen (UiB).

The fundamental mission of CROP is to work in collaboration with knowledge networks, institutions and scholars to build independent and critical knowledge on poverty, and to help shape policies for preventing and eradicating poverty.

CROP International Workshops*

Poverty, Language, and Media (POLAME)
Foz de Iguazu, Brazil, 16-17 January 2014

Sustainability Science and Human Development
Bergen, Norway, 28-29 January 2014

Child Poverty, Public Policies and Democracy
Mexico City – 19-21 February 2014

Child Poverty, Youth (Un)Employment and Social Inclusion
Athens, Greece, 19-21 November 2014

The Democratic Developmental State – Southern African and Nordic Experiences
Cape Town, South Africa, 9-11 February 2015

Poverty, Water and Development in the South
Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, 3-5 June 2015

Child Poverty and Social Protection in Western and Central Africa
Abuja, Nigeria, 23-25 May 2016

Welfare States, Labour Rights and Basic Income in Latin America
Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, 22-23 September 2016

Social Inclusion and Poverty Eradication
Cambridge MA, USA, 17-18 November 2016

Social Policy, Inequality, and Poverty in Post-Socialistic Societies
St. Petersburg, Russia, 13-15 June 2017

The Politics of Inclusion
Paris, France, 6-7 July 2017

* As a way to strengthen the network, all workshops are organised in close collaboration with local and other partners

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Institutional Matters

CROP Secretariat

The CROP Secretariat is hosted by the University of Bergen and consists of four permanent staff (equivalent to three full-time positions). After a period of understaffing, two permanent positions were filled in 2014, completing the formal institutionalisation of the Secretariat.

In 2014 and 2015 the Secretariat hosted two interns who had work placements at the Secretariat. Based on this positive experience the CROP Secretariat introduced an internship scheme during the last quarter of 2015, whereby student interns are appointed for periods of 2-6 months through the EU’s Erasmus+ Traineeship programme.

New Strategic and Communication Plans

CROP’s “Strategic Plan 2015-2020” and “Communication Plan 2015-2020” were approved by the Scientific Committee in June 2014.

The Strategic Plan provides CROP with direction and serves as a framework for our work. The following priority themes have been defined:

1. Structural and Institutional Change for Sustainable Development: MDGs and post-MDGs Scenario
2. Social Policies and Welfare States
3. Human Development and Sustainability Science
4. Poverty and Media
5. Child Poverty and Inequalities
6. Rights and Global Justice

The Communication Plan supports the strategic objectives of CROP and provides action items for communication.

Scientific Committee

The CROP Scientific Committee (SC) constitutes the main body for advising and defining the overall scientific goals of the programme. It is composed of recognised academics within poverty-related research, and its members are appointed by the ISSC in agreement with UiB.

The members appointed at the end of 2014 served for a two-year period 2015-2016. The committee appointed for the 2017-2018 period has three new members, Carlos Barba, Betty Mubangizi and Maria Petmesidou. Existing SC members Etienne Nel and Elma Montañá were appointed as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. The full composition of the Scientific Committee can be found at www.crop.org.

CROP Fellows

CROP Fellows are ambassadors of the CROP programme and constitute a core resource group of committed scholars and/or activists who can lend ideas and help promote the CROP network.

The 22 current fellows were selected as the result of an open call and officially appointed by the ISSC to serve for the period 2014-2018. They are 11 men and 11 women, representing an even geographical distribution. Seven of them were also CROP Fellows from 2010-2014.

The full list of CROP Fellows can be found at www.crop.org.
CROP: Publications 2015-2017


September 2015
Water and Development: Good Governance after Neoliberalism
Edited by Ronaldo Munck, Honor Fagan, Narathius Asingwire, and Consolata Kabonesa

March 2016
Development and Sustainability: The Challenge of Social Change
Edited by Alberto D. Cimadamore, Gro Th. Lie, Maurice Mittlemark and Fungisai G. Ottemöller

April 2016
Protecting the Health of the Poor: Social Movements in the South
Edited by Abraar Karan and Geeta Sodhi

February 2016
Poverty and the Millennium Development Goals: A Critical Look Forward
Edited by Alberto D. Cimadamore, Gabriele Köhler and Thomas Pogge

August 2016
Peasant Poverty and Persistence in the 21st Century: Theories, Debates, Realities and Policies
Edited by Julio Boltvinik and Susan Archer Mann

December 2015
Child Poverty, Youth (Un)Employment and Social Inclusion
Edited by Maria Petmesidou, Enrique Delamonica, Aldrie Henry-Lee and Christos Papatheodorou

March 2017
Tackling Child Poverty in Latin America
Edited by Alberto Minujin, Mónica González Contró and Raúl Mercer

September 2017
The Political Economy of Poverty and Social Transformations of the Global South
Edited by Mariano Féliz, Aaron L. Rosenberg

CROP Poverty Briefs

The following Poverty Briefs were published between January 2015 and September 2017. All CROP Poverty Briefs can be downloaded from www.crop.org

1. March 2015: Tackling Poverty in the Age of Changing Climate: The “most-likely” missing variable in climate adaptation in Bangladesh by Saleh Ahmed (US)

2. August 2015: Why sub-National Level Poverty Analysis Matters: A case study of Namibia by Ojijo Odhiambo (Namibia)

3. September 2015: The End of Poverty: Black women's entry to the middle class in South Africa by Hilde Ibsen (Sweden)

4. September 2015: A Serene Look at the Sustainable Development Goals by Jan Vandemoortele (Belgium)

5. October 2015: The Explanatory Power of the Welfare State Development on Poverty and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean by Gibrán Cruz-Martinez (Chile)


11. October 2016: Poverty and Social Inclusion: towards a ‘life first’ understanding? by Hartley Dean (UK)

12. November 2016: Poverty as a Wicked Problem by Paul Spicker (UK)

13. January 2017: Fiscal Redistribution to Combat Inequality and Poverty in Low and Middle Income Countries by Nora Lustig (US)

14. April 2017: Social Policy, Inequality and Poverty In Eastern Europe by Bob Deacon (UK) & Paul Stubbs (Croatia)

15. September 2017: Turning an Ambitious Vision into an Achievable Reality: Landing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the National Level by Babatunde Omilola (UNDP, US)

CROP/UiB Global Working Papers

October 2016
May 2017

June 2017
September 2017

Other publications from CROP events

May 2016
Lo esencial no puede ser invisible a los ojos: Pobreza e Infancia en América Latina
Edited by Alberto Minujin, Mónica González Contró and Raúl Mercer
Published by UNAM Press, Mexico
CROPNet

CROPNet is the name of CROP's network of scholars in the field of poverty research and includes all former and current members of CROP's Scientific Committee, former and current CROP Fellows, associated institutions and contributors to CROP's programme of activities.

New members are added to the CROPNet database when they:

• present papers at CROP events
• submit proposals through CROP's open calls
• participate in CROP events or related activities

Membership of CROPNet is thus only for those who actively contribute to CROP. Non-contributing attendees at public events or passive members of our mailing list are not included in the CROPNet numbers.

Dissemination

CROP was established to produce knowledge aimed at lifting people out of poverty. In order to achieve this goal, CROP is involved in the production of new knowledge and the dissemination of research produced within its network. In this process CROP uses a wide range of communication channels, including printed books, briefs and working papers, public events and lectures, website and social media.

“Visualising Poverty Research” is a YouTube project launched by CROP in September 2014. It seeks to disseminate poverty-related research to a wider audience by publishing short interviews with researchers from CROP’s network on the CROP YouTube channel. 7 interviews were published in 2014, 22 in 2015, 6 in 2016 and 1 in the first half of 2017.

CROP has been on Twitter since October 2015 and Facebook since April 2016.

Development of CROPNet

At the end of 2014 CROPNet comprised 780 members. It increased by 125 members in 2015 and over 300 in 2016. By September 2017, the network had reached 1524 members. The gender distribution of our network from 2014 to 2017 was 42% female and 58% male.

Regional distribution shows that the majority of CROP network members come from Latin American countries (33%), followed by African countries (26%) and European countries (22%). This data is used to plan activities and to better target audiences and institutional objectives.

CROP Prize

The CROP International Studies in Poverty Prize is awarded annually to proposals for original, high-quality, academic publications on poverty.

The first call was announced in 2012, and from 2015 the call has been for book proposals rather than for full manuscripts. We see this as part of the reason for the increased level of participation.

The result of the 2017 prize will be announced in December 2017.

The winner of the CROP Prize receives the equivalent of NOK 50 000 and the manuscript will be published by Zed Books in the CROP International Studies in Poverty series.

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