

Editorial

CROP is first and foremost a network of researchers. But it is important that CROP also moves on arenas where research based knowledge on poverty issues are sought. During the last month CROP has had the good fortune to provide inputs into two such arenas.

The papers and the discussions from the CROP/IIED workshop on Urban Poverty in Bergen will be used in the forthcoming background report for the UN conference on Human Settlements which is to be held in Istanbul in 1996. Dr. David Satterthwaite, who co-organized the workshop with CROP, has been appointed by the UN to write the report. A selection of papers from the workshop will also appear as an independent volume in Environment and Development in April 1995.

In 1992 the UN General Assembly put the topic of "Human Rights and Extreme Poverty" into a resolution, expressing its "deep concern about extreme poverty spreading all over the world, hindering the most disadvantaged and vulnerable part of the populations exercising their human rights and fundamental freedom." As a follow-up, the UN Centre for Human Rights was requested to organize a seminar on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights. The seminar was held October 12th-14th in New York. CROP was represented by its Chair who gave a key note paper. The proceedings and recommendations from the seminar will be fed back to the UN.

The next opportunity to provide an input into the UN arena is the UNESCO/CROP Roundtable on Poverty and Participation in Civil Society during the UN Summit on Social Development. Speakers will be: Robert Chambers, U. of Sussex, Elisabeth Jelin, U. de Buenos Aires, Sadig Rasheed, ECA, Addis Ababa, and Amartya Sen, Harvard. The Round Table will be held in the Eigtvedt Pakhus, at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tuesday March 7 1995, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. If any of you are in Copenhagen then, you are invited to come and share your expertise with us and the audience of politicians, bureaucrats, NGO's and other interested parties.

Else Øyen, Chair of CROP
Calendar of events

☞ **CROP/IUPERJ Workshop on: "Views from the Top: Elites and Poverty"**

7th-9th November, 1994, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Workshop was a joint enterprise between CROP and Instituto Universitário de Pesquisas do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Contact: Prof. Elisa P. Reis, IUPERJ, Fax: +55 21 28 67 146. The aim was to analyze how strategic actors such as the bureaucracy, entrepreneurs, politicians, intellectuals, religious leaders, and the military view poverty, inequality, distribution of resources and their own policy making. The following papers were presented, and can be obtained from the authors:

On Poverty and Inequality,
Joshua Cohen, MIT, USA

Institutions, Inequality and Poverty in Brazil,
Marcus André Melo, UFPE, São Paulo, Brazil

Poverty and Famine: The Role of the Bureaucracy,
Amrita Rangasami, Centre for the Study of Administration, India

Members of the U.S. Congress and Support for Social Welfare Programs: The Dispositional-Attributional Model of Support,
Fay Lomax Cook, Northwestern University, USA

Historical Development of Social Policies for the Poor in Latin-America,
Gustavo Márquez, IESA, Caracas, Venezuela

Social Policies in Brazil,
Sonia Draibe, UNICAMP, São Paulo, Brazil

Global Institutions, Social Policy and Social Development,
Bob Deacon, Leeds Metropolitan University, UK

Relief Formation and Social Change,
Eduardo Glanetti da Fonseca, USP, São Paulo, Brazil

The Uses of Social Research on Poverty: The Chilean Experience,
Alicia Frohmann, FLACSO, Santiago, Chile

Poverty, Hyper-Inflation and Neo Liberal Adjustment: The Argentine Experience,
Atilio Boron, EURAL, Buenos Aires, Argentine

The View of Poverty from the International Elite, The International Organizations,

Julio Boltvinik, El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico

Roots of Poverty,

Ricardo Paes de Barros, IPEA/DIPES, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Equity and Democracy in the Brazilian Elites View,

Elisa Reis, IUPERJ, Brazil and Zairo Cheibub, UFF/IUPERJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Poverty in Transition? Life Course, Social Policy, and Changing Images of Poverty, Hannah Brückner, Universität München, Germany

An Interactive Methodology for Interviewing the Elite,

Else Øyen, CROP/University of Bergen, Norway

☞ **The National Centre for Social Sciences**, Institute of Sociology, Hanoi, **Vietnam**, organised a workshop on "Socio-economic and Housing Characteristics of the Urban poor in Vietnam" the 24th to 25th of November. Contact: Trinh Duy Luan, Dept. of Urban and Community Studies Fax: +84 4 26 16 31

☞ **CROP/UNESCO Scientific Symposium on:"The Regional State-of-the-Art-Reviews on Poverty Research" November 30th to December 2nd, 1994, Paris, France.**

The purpose of the reviews is to develop a research instrument for researchers working on comparative poverty studies. The reviews will provide insight into regional differences in the study of poverty, give an overall view of the variety of concepts, hypotheses and methodologies in use, identify results of a more general nature, and present the authors' qualified evaluation of the present state of the art and future path of comparative research to follow.

More than twenty researchers and research groups have prepared regional reviews which will be presented during the symposium.

☞ **The Research in Community Sociology** invites submissions for a special Volume (V) on "Urban Poverty". Theoretical and empirical research oriented papers focusing

on the lifestyles and life chances of different segments of poor people in cities; evaluation of policies and programs related to unemployment, housing, single parent families etc., and cross-national comparative studies will be considered. Submit papers (three copies) before December 1st. Contact: Dan Chekki, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada, Fax: +1 204 786 18 24

⌘ The UN WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

UNESCO has invited CROP to organize a 'Round Table Session' at the UN Summit which will take place in Copenhagen at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs conference facilities at "Eigtvedt Pakhus", March 7th 1995. The topic for the Round Table is "Poverty and Participation in Civil Society".

⌘ This is also the topic for a CROP research project under preparation. Social scientists interested in joining such a comparative research project are invited to make contact with the CROP Secretariat.

⌘ CROP-IISL Seminar on "Law, Power and Poverty" Oñati, Basque Province, Spain. 11th - 13th of May, 1995.

In conjunction with the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law-IISL, CROP is arranging a seminar for social scientists and legal scientists on the topic of "Law, Power and Poverty". Further information on the Seminar and the background paper are available from the CROP Secretariat.

⌘ Professor Eric de Grolier, c/o ISSC Secretariat, 1 rue Miollis, F- 75015 Paris, France, will be preparing a GLOSSARY on the poverty concept for CORP. Please contact him if you want to include basic documents in this project.

CROP in brief

CROP is a world-wide network of researchers and experts on poverty. The aim of CROP is to establish an

arena for interdisciplinary and comparative research on poverty in developed and developing countries.

CROP organizes regional workshops, symposia and international conferences, promotes joint research projects, links poverty researchers and disseminates information about poverty research.

CROP is developing an international database on poverty researchers, and documentation of ongoing research and of available data sources.

If you wish to have your name listed in CROPNET, you are welcome to write the CROP Secretariat and request a copy of the CROP Database Questionnaire

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Note: Ahmed Jiyad, the former coordinator, is no longer employed by CROP. The new Coordinator is Einar Gilberg, Norwegian, with a degree in third world geography.



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