Human Rights and Economic Justice

Essential Elements of the Post-MDG Agenda

October 18-20, 2013

Sudler Hall at Yale University, 100 Wall Street

Call for Registration

Friday, October 18: Illicit Financial Flows Post-2015
Saturday, October 19: Global Health & Academic Impact
Sunday, October 20: Academic Impact, Continued
A Call for Registration

Academics, NGO leaders, and policy makers from around the world will gather at Yale October 18-20 for the conference Human Rights and Economic Justice: Essential Elements of the Post-MDG Agenda. Speakers and conference participants will discuss policy solutions to urgent problems in international development, including global health disparities and illicit financial flows and will investigate new ways for academics to contribute to the fight against global poverty. We invite you to join us.

This event is the fifth in a series of annual conferences at Yale on financial transparency, all co-hosted by the Yale Global Justice Program and Global Financial Integrity. This year Academics Stand Against Poverty has come on board as a co-organizer. The event will take place in Sudler Hall in William L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street, in the heart of Yale’s campus.

The conference is free and open to the public, and complimentary coffee and light lunch will be served. Sudler Hall is conveniently located near New Haven’s central business district and a 10-minute walk from spacious parking facilities. Information about travel and accommodation in New Haven is provided at the end of this document.

Schedule and Themes

Conference sessions will run from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on Friday, 8:30 am to 6 pm on Saturday, and 8:30 am to noon on Sunday.

Friday, October 18, the opening day of the conference, will be dedicated to illicit financial flows from the Global South—massive outflows of money resulting from tax avoidance and evasion, corruption, and organized crime. It is estimated that every year $1 trillion flows out of developing countries through illicit means, roughly ten times the amount that comes in as foreign assistance. Such losses seriously aggravate poverty and weaken public institutions. Recent commitments from the G8 and G20 to tackle tax dodging add new urgency to the search for policy solutions, and identifying a policy agenda for the Global South will be the focus of the day’s presentations. We are honored to host a group of distinguished policy makers and scholars from around the world as contributors to this important discussion. For a list of confirmed speakers, see the bottom of this document and accompanying agenda.
Saturday, October 19, will have a dual focus on global health and the role of academia in poverty alleviation. The morning session will feature speakers leading diverse initiatives to improve healthcare in the Global South, including a proposed global fund that would extend access to new medicines by rewarding pharmaceutical companies based on the health impact of their products and an organization using the energy from cell towers to refrigerate vaccines in remote areas.

Saturday’s second session will feature academics researching, advocating for, and implementing initiatives to alleviate poverty, and Sunday, October 20 will be wholly dedicated to the question of how academics can more effectively work together to improve the lives of people living in poverty. These panel discussions will be chaired by members of the International Board of Directors of Academics Stand Against Poverty, as a part of the Impact: Global Poverty project. Through Impact: Global Poverty, ASAP seeks to shed light on best practices from academic efforts at influencing poverty policy and civil-society efforts.

The conference will conclude on Sunday at noon. On Sunday afternoon, there will be a closed session for leaders of research centers focused on poverty and global justice, to discuss future collaboration.

Registration, Travel, and Accommodation

Registration is free but necessary. To register, please e-mail Mariana Ramírez Herrera at ramirezr_mariana@hotmail.com.

If you need hotel accommodation in New Haven, consider reserving a room today, because local hotels tend to fill up early. We suggest the Omni Hotel, the New Haven Hotel, the Study, and the Courtyard Marriott. New Haven is served by the Greyhound bus company, MegaBus, MetroNorth, and Amtrak. The city has a small airport, called Tweed, which connects to a few regional airports. If you plan to come to New Haven by way of New York City airports or Hartford’s Bradley airport, you can reach New Haven by bus, train, or by using a shuttle service like GO Airport Shuttle or CT Limo. If you have questions about travel and lodging, contact Mariana Ramírez Herrera at ramirezr_mariana@hotmail.com.

To learn more about the Global Justice Program or Global Financial Integrity, please visit http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/globaljustice and http://www.gfintegrity.org. Information about Academics Stand Against Poverty is available at http://academicsstand.org.
Conference Speakers

Friday, October 18: Perspectives on Illicit Financial Flows Post-2015

*Peter Ackerman*, Founding Chair of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict;  
*Raymond Baker*, Director of Global Financial Integrity;  
*Jose Cuisia, Jr.*, Ambassador of the Philippines to the U.S.;  
*Shaazka Beyerle*, Senior Advisor of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict;  
*Lena Diesing*, Governance Advisor in the Global Partnerships and Policy Division of the OECD;  
*Pascale Dubois*, Chief Suspension and Debarment Officer at the World Bank;  
*Rafael Espada*, Former Vice President of Guatemala;  
*Itai Grinberg*, Associate Professor of Law at Georgetown Law School;  
*Gail Hurley*, Policy Specialist in Development Finance at the UNDP;  
*Thomas Pogge*, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University;  
*Ebrahim Rasool*, Ambassador of South Africa to the U.S.;  
*Susan Rose-Ackerman*, Henry R. Luce Professor of Jurisprudence at Yale University;  
*Lee Sheppard*, Contributing Editor at Tax Analysts’ *Tax Notes*;  
and *Jarmo Viinanen*, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland to the UN.

Saturday, October 19, Morning Session: Global Health

*Julian Cockbain*, Consultant European patent attorney  
*Steven Hoffman*, Assistant Professor of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics at McMaster University;  
*Thomas Pogge*, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University;  
*Harvey Rubin*, Director of the Institute for Strategic Threat Analysis and Response at the University of Pennsylvania;  
and *Sigrid Sterckx*, founding member of the Bioethics Institute at the University of Ghent.

Saturday, October 19, Afternoon Session: Impact: Global Poverty

*Martha Chen*, Lecturer in Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University;  
*Teddy Cruz*, Co-Director of the Blum Center for Cross-Border Poverty Research and Practice at the University of California-San Diego;
Andries du Toit, Director of the Institute for Poverty, Land, and Agrarian Studies at the University of the Western Cape;
Juliana Martinez-Franzoni, Member of the Scientific Committee of the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty;
Nidhi Sadana Sabharwal, Director of the Indian Institute for Dalit Studies;
Alberto Cimadamore, Scientific Director of the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty;
Alberto Minujin, Director of Equity for Children at the New School;
Jonathan Morduch, Managing Director of the Financial Access Initiative at New York University;
David Hulme, Executive Director of the Brooks World Poverty Institute at the University of Manchester;
and Sukhadeo Thorat, Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research.

Sunday, October 20: Impact, Global Poverty, Continued

Fonna Forman, Co-Director of the Blum Center for Cross-Border Poverty Research and Practice at the University of California-San Diego;
Tim Hayward, Director of the Just World Institute at the University of Edinburgh;
Darrel Moellendorf, Chairman of Normative Orders Cluster of Excellence at Goethe University Frankfurt;
Jill Coster van Voorhout, Researcher in the Rule of Law Program at The Hague Institute for Global Justice;
Heather Widdows, Director of the Center for the Study of Global Ethics at the University of Birmingham
and Thomas Pogge, Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University
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