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cordially invites you to an

Open Lecture

on

Multidimensional Poverty and Public Policy: South America and South Asia

by



Dr. Christian Oldiges

Abstract

In the wider discourse on what constitutes poverty, it is largely acknowledged among academia and policy makers that poverty is multidimensional in nature. Among the multifaceted SDGs, target 1.2 states to "reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions" by 2030. Conceptualizing Amartya Sen's capability approach, the Alkire-Foster (AF) method has become the most widely used approach to measure multidimensional poverty. It is the underlying technique for both the internationally comparable Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), computed by OPHI and UNDP, and several National MPIs, computed by national bureaus of statistics. In this lecture, Dr. Christian Oldiges, will explain the AF method and show how National MPIs have been institutionalized and become a guide for public policies in South American and South Asian countries.

Profile of Speaker

Christian Oldiges is a Research Officer at the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), Oxford Department of International Development, University of Oxford. He holds a PhD in Economics from Heidelberg University, Germany. During his doctoral studies, his research focus was on evaluating welfare impacts of India's National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and on designing the nutritional deprivation index (NDI). At OPHI, Christian undertakes micro-econometric research on the determinants of multidimensional poverty and is part of OPHI's outreach team that supports governments in building national multidimensional poverty indices.

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