

## ***Brainstorming the Ideal World Bank Development Report on Global Poverty***

### ***Plenary Roundtable Debate organised in collaboration with the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) Critical Global Studies Group***

***Saturday, 9 August 2008, 16-19***

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Aim: To discuss elements and themes framing a policy-oriented report addressing the challenges of global poverty in the context of unsustainability and affluence.

#### **Program:**

16.00-16.10 Introduction and Chair : Victoria Lawson, Thomas L. & Margo G. Wyckoff  
Endowed Professor, Department of Geography, University of Washington,  
Seattle.

#### ***Presentations***

16.10-16.25 'Economic performance, distribution, and social disparities: Lessons from the  
Nordic model'

Karl Ove Moene, Professor Department of Economics, University of Oslo and  
Director of the Research Centre of Excellence on Equality, Social Organization,  
and Economic Performance (ESOP)

16.25-16.40 'The Role of a Progressive Global and Regional Social Policy'

Bob Deacon, Professor of International Social Policy, University of Sheffield and  
Director of Globalism and Social Policy Programme (GASSP).

16.40-16.55 'Beyond the Poverty Paradigm: Economic Justice in the New Gilded Age'

Alice O' Connor, Professor ,Department of History, University of California,  
Santa Barbara (USA)

16.55-17.10 'Human Security: Global Environmental change, Economic Globalization and the  
Global Poor'

Karen O'Brian, Professor department of geography, University of Oslo and chair  
of the Global Environmental Change and Human Security Programme (GECHS)  
and Asun St. Clair, University of Bergen

17:10-17:30 Coffee break

17:30.-19.00 ***Discussion from floor and panel reaction***