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ILO Forum on Decent Work for a Fair Globalization

The ILO Forum focused on the analysis and promotion of the Decent Work concept and the Decent Work Agenda. These concepts and agendas are the path towards economic, social, and environmental sustainability to shape a world of fair and inclusive globalization. The phrase, Decent Work, refers to the opportunity for all individuals to have access to productive work in conditions of freedom, equality, security, and dignity. The Decent Work Agenda is the program policy approach to pursue the objectives of productive employment and decent work at the local, national, regional, sectoral, and global levels, and has four pillars: 1. Standards and rights at work, 2. Employment creation and enterprise development, 3. Social protection, and 4. Governance and social dialogue. Broad strategies and specific policy areas include the challenges of skill development, the upgrading of informal economies, migration for work, extending social protection, overcoming disadvantage and discrimination, and ways and means to improve policy coherence amongst international organisations.

The event brought together governments, employers' organizations, trade unions, intergovernmental institutions, parliamentarians, local authorities, academics, and civil society organizations. Papers from the Forum can be found at http://www.ilo.org/global/What_we_do/Events/Symposiaseminarsandworkshops/lang--en/WCMS_083618/index.htm

Global Social Policy

ICSW through its donors Sida and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland provide part sponsorship to this important journal. All member organisations of ICSW receive the journal as part of their membership subscription. The edition that members will soon receive is a special issue on the Social Policy Dimensions of World - Regionalism. As a special offer from Sage Publications all readers of Global Cooperation can get access to the articles through the connections below until the end of November.

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Rethinking Food Aid

The Guardian Weekly ran an interesting supplement on 19th October "feeding the world". Annie Kelly quoted a statement from Care International. This year it turned down \$USD23 million of US food aid. Care said it would be phasing out monetised food aid – the practice of NGOs selling food-aid grain to fund development work by 2009. Care said "Selling food to fund programmes is inefficient and often delivers life-sustaining grain not to the hungry, but to those who can afford it...the subsidised importation from America reduces the growth in the local market. It destroys the very thing it is trying to promote." http://www.un-ngls.org/site/article.php3?id_article=330&var_mode=calcul'

Four New Websites

United Nations and the MDGs

The United Nations has launched a new Web site that will show how and where the world is succeeding or failing in meeting the Millennium Development Goals on ending poverty: <http://www.mdgmonitor.org/> The MDG Monitor is designed as a tool for policymakers, development practitioners, journalists, students and others to: **TRACK** progress through [interactive maps](#) and country-specific [profiles](#) **LEARN** about countries' challenges and achievements and get the latest [news](#) **SUPPORT** [organizations](#) working on the MDGs around the world

New Health Promotion Website

The NGO Advisory Group on Health Promotion has now its own website.

The address is: <http://www.ngos4healthpromotion.net>

It covers ten years of the NGO Advisory Group's involvement in health promotion since the Jakarta Conference. The NGO Advisory Group says "The aim of the website is to give easy access to the activities and documents related to NGOs and health promotion, and as well provide an interactive tool for members and a wider network of the NGO community."

New Website for UN Human Security Unit

The Human Security Unit at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has launched its new website, which serves as a platform for the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS), the Advisory Board on Human Security (ABHS) and for the work of the Unit as focal point on human security within the UN system. <http://ochaonline.un.org/humansecurity>

New Website on Mental Health

WHO MIND website which provides essential information on mental health policy, legislation, services, human rights and development http://www.who.int/mental_health/policy/en/

New from OECD

OECD Review of Canadian Development Co-operation Programme: [Announcement](#) (includes links to Main Findings Report - Full Report to be published in the future issue of the *OECD Journal on Development*).

European Community (2007), DAC Peer Review: Main Findings and Recommendations

Review of the Development Co-operation Policies and Programmes of the European Community

[OECD Review of European Community's Development Co-operation](#) (English)

Aid Effectiveness: 2006 Survey on Monitoring the Paris Declaration - Overview of the Results: [Website](#) (Text available as OECD Journal on Development, [Volume 8, Issue 2 on SourceOECD](#))

Public-Private Dialogue in Developing Countries: Opportunities and Risks: [Book on Online Bookshop](#) | [Book on Source OECD](#)

Informal Institutions: How Social Norms Help or Hinder Development: [Book on Online Bookshop](#) | [Book on Source OECD](#)

Four New Books

Development Centre Studies

Informal Institutions: How Social Norms Help or Hinder Development

Informal institutions — family and kinship structures, traditions, and social norms — are often decisive factors in shaping policy outcomes and this book advocates a pragmatic way of dealing with them.

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NGO Diplomacy: The Influence of Nongovernmental Organizations in International Environmental Negotiations

Edited by [Michele M. Betsill](#) and [Elisabeth Corell](#) Foreword by [Felix Dodds](#)

This book presents an analytic framework for the systematic and comparative study of NGO diplomacy in international environmental negotiations.

Available at Amazon or through MIT

Integrated Social Services in Europe from Council of Europe Publishing

This report is the result of a two year project carried out by a group of specialists whose task was to examine the integration of social services with other selected public services. The concept of integration covers various approaches and methods intended to increase the coordination and effectiveness of different services in order to serve the best interests of their users and their families and carers.

Author Prof Brian Munday ISBN 978-92-871-6209-0 €10 or USD15 + 10% post.

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Democracy and Social Policy (New from UNRISD)

This book, edited by Yusuf Bangura, examines the complex relations between democracy and social policy. Economic development is a necessary but not sufficient condition for welfare development.

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ICSW major activities for 2007

The 2007 annual report containing the detail of ICSW activities for this year will be posted on the website in the early part of 2008. Some of the highlights are:

- Rapid growth in membership in Africa and new ventures in the Black Sea region.
- Successful training programme in Eastern and Southern Africa for Executive Directors of national umbrella organisations (national member organisations of ICSW) hosted by our member in Mauritius. Subjects included building a national council; challenges of an executive director; building a value base for a national council; from values to policy; influencing the policy agenda. The training concluded with each participant preparing a work plan for their own council.
- The Black Sea NGO Network coming of age with its third meeting of members in Bulgaria. In a short space of time the Network has established a solid working relationship with the Black Sea Economic Cooperation particularly through participation in the Working Group on Institutional Renewal and Good Governance.
- Central and West Africa engagement with the Economic Community of West African States.
- Training for African NGO leaders in influencing government budgets and building national councils at the World Social Forum in Nairobi Kenya.
- South East Asia and Pacific region engagement with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations including the first Government-NGO Forum on social policy with Senior Officials from Social Welfare and Development portfolios from all ASEAN countries.
- Continued support of the journal Global Social Policy which is received by all ICSW members.
- ICSW Europe taking a lead through its regional conference on Equal Opportunities for Individuals, Groups and Nations; Expert meeting on Cultural Preservation and Empowerment of Immigrant Communities; International expert seminar: Social investment and social protection as productive factors - The role of decent work and social integration for an economically successful and socially cohesive society.
- Presentation to the UN Commission for Social Development of the ICSW statement on "Promoting full employment and decent work for all". Also presentation at a side event "Comprehensive social employment policies for development in a globalising world".
- Participation in two UNESCO meetings of ministers for social development
- Speeches in numerous forums on ICSW support for the commitments made at the Copenhagen World Summit on Social Development.

- All the above have been made possible through the support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland and the Norwegian Government.

Civil Paths to Peace

Amartya Sen, Nobel laureate in economics and professor at Harvard University chaired the Commonwealth Commission on Respect and Understanding. The report of the Commission was released in November 2007. Sen in the Guardian Weekly (16.11.07) says "the report focuses particularly on ways to prevent terrorism and cultivated violence" and "The report does not argue that military initiatives are never justified, but does argue that when they are based on wrong information or weak reasoning, or inadequately linked to civil measures, they can generate counterproductive results. Sen argues cogently "Today the divisiveness of a singled-out priority is increasingly based on the championing of religious – rather than national – identity, ignoring other affiliations."

For more information <http://publications.thecommonwealth.org/civil-society-18-c.aspx>

2007 Report on the World Social Situation

The Report on the World Social Situation covers the crucial role of productive employment and decent work in reducing poverty and promoting social development. The report examines global trends in employment and work and concludes that policies during the last decades have resulted in greater insecurity for workers. The report urges governments to place productive employment at the heart of economic and social policy-making.

<http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/social/rwss/>

New UN NGO Website

The UN NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) has launched its new web site, focusing on information required by the NGOs with consultative status. Through the web site, NGOs can also access UN-NGO-IRENE, an informal regional network established to coordinate collaboration between the UN and NGOs. Civil society will be able to access information on how to participate in the new functions of ECOSOC including the blog on the AMR Innovation Fair which will allow interactive inputs on best practices and success stories in the field.

<http://www.un.org/esa/coordination/ngo/> UN-NGO-IRENE: <http://www.unpan.org/NGO.asp> AMR Innovation Fair: <http://www.amrif2008.blogspot.com/>

OECD Report on Migration and Developing Countries

This new report concludes that better and more coherent migration policies can contribute to the fight against global poverty. If adequately managed, migration can support development in three different ways

- by fostering migrants' skill formation (brain gain);
- by increasing remittances sent home by migrants; and
- by absorbing excess labour supply in developing countries.

For more information »[Purchase the book](#) »[Read more on Migration and Developing Countries](#)»[Visit our website on Migration](#)»[Find out more on Migration: New Policies for Greater Gains](#)

OECD's new *Development Aid at a Glance* Makes Foreign Aid Information Easier to Understand and Includes StatLinks to Key Data: [Book on Online Bookshop](#) | [Book on SourceOECD](#) *

DACNews, November 2007 issue features articles on aid effectiveness, aid for trade, civil society organisations, and the role agriculture plays in poverty reduction: [Newsletter](#)

Health at a glance: Health Care is improving in OECD countries but better management of chronic diseases is necessary -only half of diabetics get needed eye screening according to *Health at a Glance 2007*: [Press Release](#) | [Book Announcement](#) | [Book on Online Bookshop](#) | [Book on SourceOECD](#)

UNRISD

Neoliberalism and Institutional Reform in East Asia: A Comparative Study

Following the Asian Financial Crisis, international financial institutions suggested neoliberal solutions for reforming economic management in East Asian countries. This study examines structural changes that occurred in East Asia following the crisis and explores philosophical and empirical bases of suggested solutions, and questions how far they have been adopted.

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Assessing the Impact of Public-Private Partnerships in the Global South:

This paper examines some of the key assumptions underlying the current debate on Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) impact assessment, arguing that (i) different stakeholders may not want to know about the effects of PPPs in developing countries; (ii) there is no objective truth about these effects that can be discovered through the use of impact assessment methodologies; and (iii) insights generated through impact assessments may be used as a learning resource, but cannot necessarily be transferred from one context to another, since what works in one particular setting may not work in another. The paper then investigates what can actually be known about a PPPs impacts through the use of impact assessment methodologies.

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Remittances, Migration and Social Development: A Conceptual Review of Literature

This paper reviews the empirical literature on the relationship between remittances and dimensions of social development in the developing world within a broader conceptual framework of migration and development theory. Migration and remittances are generally part of risk-spreading and co-insurance livelihood strategies pursued by households and families. Migration and remittances have the potential to improve well-being, stimulate economic growth and reduce poverty directly and indirectly. Their effects on inequality are much more ambiguous.

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Toward a Typology of Civil Society Actors: The Case of the Movement to Change

International Trade Rules and Barriers. This paper proposes a typology of civil society actors based on organizational attributes and worldviews. It then applies the typology to the movement to change international trade rules and barriers. In so doing, it aims to contribute to current debates about the increasing autonomy and influence of civil society, and the growing diversity of civil society actors in the context of globalization.

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Gender Justice and Reconciliation Occasional Paper N° 35 / November 2007

<http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/05000.pdf>

Nahla Valji examines how women's experiences of conflict and transition differ to that of men because of inherent gendered power relations. The paper discusses the specific needs of women within post-conflict systems that are male-orientated, and examines the assumptions of the transitional justice field from a gendered perspective.

Reconciliation and Development Occasional Paper N° 36 / November 2007

<http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/iez/04999.pdf>

Karen Brounéus provides an overview of some key concerns regarding reconciliation in relation to justice, security, and politics respectively, and their policy implications. She introduces recent research on truth commissions and truth telling. Brounéus argues that if security is not provided, the process of reconciliation may risk a backlash, increased violence or in suppression of truth.

Pro-Poor Growth: Though a Contested Marriage, Still a Premature Divorce – One Pager # 45

The author, Terry McKinley, analyses why enthusiasm for the concept of 'pro-poor growth' has waned and been replaced recently by such alternatives as 'inclusive growth'. Available online at: <http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager45.pdf>

Growing Pains': Key Challenges for New Conditional Cash Transfer Programmes in Latin America One Pager #44 The authors, Fabio Veras Soares and Tatiana Britto, address the key challenge of 'exit door' strategies for CCT programmes, particularly in countries, such as El Salvador and Paraguay, which have less financial and institutional capacities than Brazil and Mexico. Available online at: <http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager44.pdf>

The Macroeconomic Implications of MDG-Based Strategies in Sub-Saharan Africa – Policy Research Brief # 4 The authors, John Weeks and Terry McKinley, attempt to outline the macroeconomic policies that will be consistent with MDG-based development strategies that can accelerate investment, economic growth and human development. Rejecting the prevailing neoliberal economic model, they call for more expansionary fiscal policies focused on public investment, exchange-rate management focused on fostering international competitiveness and monetary policies that support fiscal expansion and export promotion. Available online at: <http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCPolicyResearchBrief4.pdf>

Conferences

34th Biannual Congress of the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW)

Date: 20th to 24th July 2008

Venue: International Convention Centre Durban, KwaZulu-Natal South Africa

Theme: Transcending Global-Local Divides: Challenges for Social Work Education and Practice. Deadline for abstracts 31st January 2008

Contact: www.iassw2008.co.za Email iassw2008@infos.co.za.

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