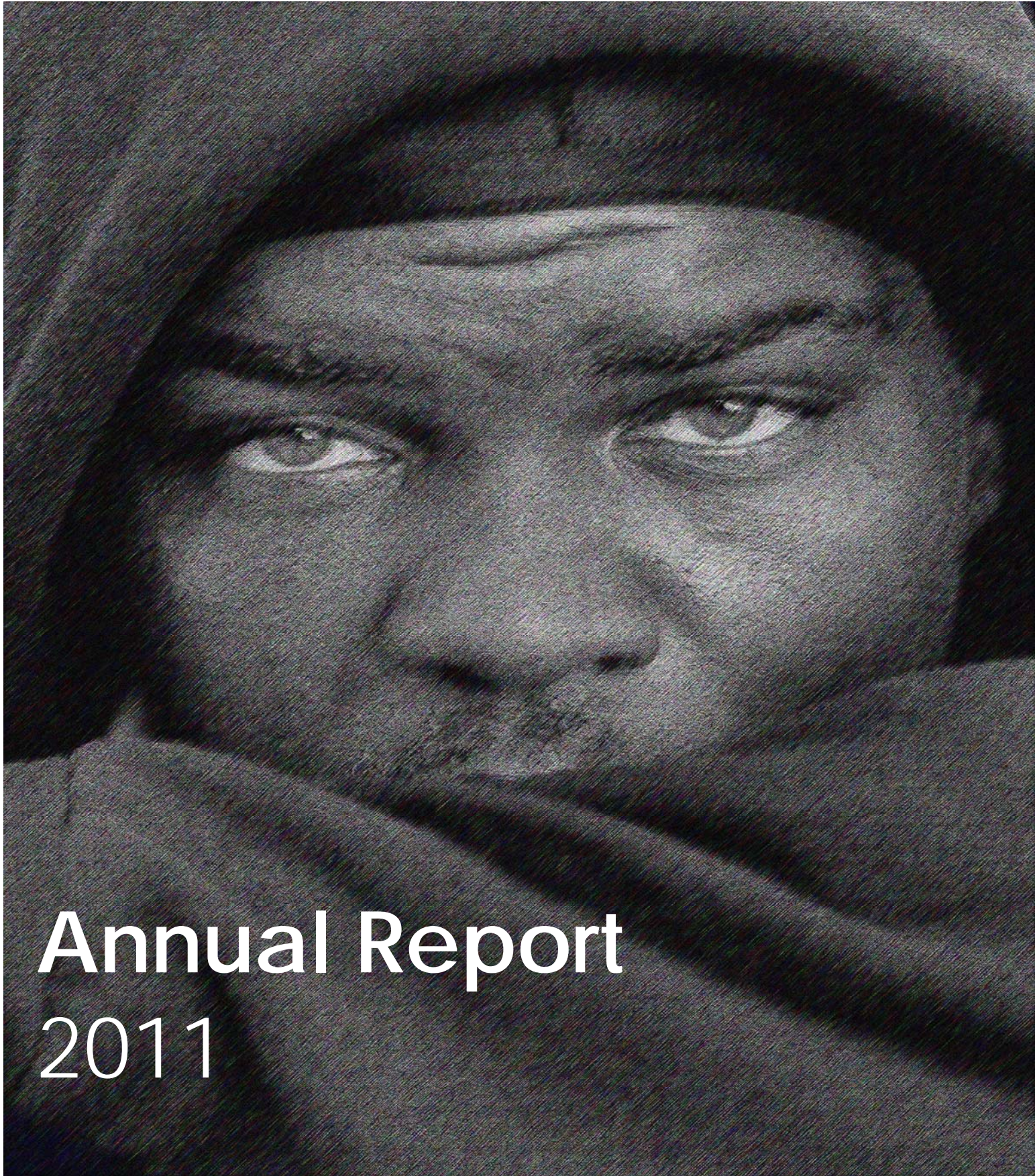




The Comparative Research Programme on Poverty



Annual Report 2011



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2011 has been an especially significant year as CROP has been adjusting to its new institutional setting within the University of Bergen which is intended to guarantee CROP's sustainability as well as the accomplishment of its historical objectives.

The 2009 agreement between the University of Bergen (UiB) and the International Social Science Council (ISSC), which expresses a joint decision to incorporate CROP into the academic life of the UiB, is now fully implemented. This agreement between CROP's sponsors (UiB and ISSC) implies major changes in the daily operation of CROP, which is now located within [UiB Global](#) but, at the same time, continues to be a key scientific programme of the [ISSC](#). Being now a citizen of these two universes, CROP enjoys special opportunities for consolidation and expansion.

The Chair of the Scientific Committee and the Secretariat met in Bergen during the summer to design an effective joint decision-making process for implementing ideas and plans approved by CROP organs and sponsors as well as to organize the events here reported. As the reader will soon realize, most of the activities were held during the second semester of 2011. This occurred because the first part of the year was dedicated to the search of a new Director who took office in May. CROP

nonetheless moved forward steadily, thanks in large part to the responsiveness of the Secretariat staff to the intense challenges and workload during the last part of the year. Without their long term commitment and dedication to CROP it would have been impossible to bring all our 2011 activities to a successful conclusion.

The present report is intended to be user-friendly by highlighting briefly just the main events and results of CROP activity in 2011. The most important milestones were:

- three international workshops and other academic events;
- the signature of a new contract with ZED to re-launch the CROP Series on Poverty Research;
- the preparation of two project proposals which included partners from Norway (like the Norwegian Institute for Urban & Regional Research, the Christian Michelsen Institute, the University of Oslo and diverse units of UiB) and from abroad (CODESRIA, the University of Dar es Salaam, the Voluntary Health Association of India and the Muhimbili University, among others);
- the implementation and/or expansion of cooperative agreements with like-minded partners (including CLACSO, Norlarnet, Sefhis, ASAP, Childwatch, the Nile Basin Programme and Sanord); and
- the launch of the CROP Brief Series.

The focus during this period has been on health, water and universal social policies. The importance of these topics for

those who live in poverty is so obvious that their central place in CROP's agenda requires no further justification. All three topics will remain central to our core activities both in their own right and as part of a broader discussion of the MDGs and the future of international co-operation toward poverty eradication.

The experience of working together has allowed us to accumulate valuable knowledge to be used to increase the quality and scope of CROP activities. We are conscious that a lot remains to be done and persistent efforts will be required to keep our activities on track and to honor CROP responsibilities in the field of poverty research. For the near-term future, the Scientific Committee and the Secretariat will dedicate themselves to improving CROP's performance based on the lessons of our recent experiences and to do the best we can to mobilize critical research for the purpose of poverty eradication and prevention. We intend to do so with the committed support of all members of our network.

Thomas Pogge – Alberto D. Cimadamore



Protecting the Health of the Poor: Social Movements in the South

Workshop

New Delhi, INDIA

21-23 October

In cooperation with the *University of Delhi* and *Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP)*

11 prepared papers were discussed and reviewed for publication purposes



This workshop was the first one of a series of joint venture with ASAP which also involved the University of Oslo and the University of Delhi. During the 3 day workshop and other public activities ([full programme](#)) it was clear that to ensure the health rights of the poor, urgent action is needed on multiple levels. Health should be promoted by ensuring its prerequisites, including nutrition, shelter and income. Illness prevention can be strengthened through health education and health care services, and, when illness is present, quality treatment should be available in a way that is accessible as well as locally acceptable. At all stages, from promotion and prevention to treatment, action is needed from international and national policy levels right down to local social action at the grassroots level.

The workshop in New Delhi gathered 11 academics from Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe, all presenting papers on a variety of perspectives on poverty and health. Scholars and representatives of social movements engaged in discussions during the workshop and other related events about feasible ways to promote health in the South.

Inspirational health initiatives in Indian slum areas were shared by representatives from the NGOs SWAASTHYA and HRIDAY. An example was presented from innovative and successful cross-border organisation of community health care services in hard to reach areas of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Tajikistan. From such locally-focused approaches, it was shown that there is a large span to the health effect of international agreements and health actions, an effect that was skillfully presented in papers from other participants. In several presentations from Colombia examples of litigation processes to enforce the right to health care and medication were shared with the audience.

Human rights perspectives to health were highlighted throughout the workshop, particularly in works from Ghana and Mexico. Several presentations voiced how this right is violated by agreements of intellectual property rights that prevent access by the poor to affordable medications for life threatening diseases. The Health Impact Fund was presented as one innovative approach to improving access by the poor to life-saving medicines.

Parallel to the workshop was the launch in India of Academic Stand Against Poverty (ASAP), an event that followed previous launch events in Europe. Based on the workshop contributions an edited volume of selected papers will be published by CROP. The editors are Abraar Karan (Yale University, USA); Geeta Sodhi, (Swaasthya, New Delhi, INDIA) and German Velasquez, (Health and Development, The South Centre, Geneva, SWITZERLAND).

Poverty, Social Justice and Global Health: How Can the Health Impact Fund (HIF) Make a Difference?

Public meeting

Bergen, NORWAY

30 August

In cooperation with *Universities Allied for Essential Medicine (UAEM)* and *The Bergen Student Society*



In order to examine the relationship between poverty, social justice and global health, the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP), Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) and *Studentersamfunnet i Bergen*, invited interested scholars, students and the general public to a conference of Thomas Pogge, Chair of CROP and a world leading specialist on this subject. The conference was followed by prepared critique and interventions from Ole Frithjof Norheim (Centre for International Health, University of Bergen, NORWAY) and Christine Årdal, (The Norwegian Knowledge Center for Health Services, NOKC, Oslo, NORWAY).

This rather interactive event was particularly apt to show the dimension of the problem under discussion as well as to

envisage a possible solution for the most urgent health problems affecting the poor. One of the possible answers critically addressed was the Health Impact Fund (HIF), an original idea by Pogge. The HIF would foster the development of new high-impact medicines against diseases that are now neglected, would promote access to new medicines by limiting their price to the lowest feasible cost of production, and would motivate innovators to ensure that their products are widely available, competently prescribed and optimally used. Other options were considered by Norheim and Årdal as a way to trigger debate.

A lively Q&A session strongly engaged the audience of more than 100 persons filling all the seats of the venue.

"Poverty so extensive and severe as to cause 18 million deaths a year requires a reflective moral response from each of us."

–Thomas Pogge, Chair of CROP

Poverty Politics in Contemporary Latin America: Comparative and Critical Views

CROP panel

Bergen, NORWAY

26-27 October

In cooperation with Norwegian Latin American Research Network (NorLARNet)

3 papers were presented

The focus of this panel integrated by researchers of the CROPnet was to discuss the complex relationships between social policies, cash transfers and elite perceptions on poverty and the poor in different Latin American settings.

The panel, held at the annual conference of NorLARNet, was chaired by Einar Braathen (Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Oslo, NORWAY) who presented an analysis on Brazilian policy on poverty reduction that questioned the sustainability of the model it is based on. Felipe J. Hevia, a Mexican scholar based at CIESAS Xalapa, then made a comparative analysis of the Brazilian and Mexican cases of implementation of Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) Programs. Hevia described how Brazil has been attempting to



universalize some social policies and the specific operation of *Bolsa Familia* in the complex political, economic, and social reality of this huge country. He contrasted the Brazilian reality with the Mexican one, signaling that the hegemony of targeting practices along with the political fragility and the lack of a coordinated social policy have been reinforcing the centrality of the *Oportunidades* program in fighting poverty in Mexico.

Finally, Line N. Sundt Næsse (Center for Development and Environment, University of Oslo, NORWAY) focused on elite perceptions of poverty and how they relate to democracy in Paraguay. According to the results of her field work, the elite's perception of demands of rights and consumption by the poor pose a huge challenge to democratic consolidation in that country. Presentations were followed by a Q&A session.

Participants of this event are currently working with the CROP Secretariat towards the creation of a working group focused on contemporary research on poverty politics and social policy. The group will be formally launched in 2012 during an international workshop that will take place in Africa.

Global Social Policy

CROP plenary panel at RC 19

Seoul, SOUTH KOREA

25-27 August

4 prepared papers

This panel was organized by Bob Deacon (University of Sheffield, UK, and Member of CROP's Scientific Committee) and Alexandra Kaasch (University of Bremen, GERMANY). It focused on the ways by which the global economic crisis affected the prescriptions for national social policy articulated by international organizations. In this context, the panel discussed the significance of emerging global actors such as the BRIC countries and their possible influence on the global discourse concerning desirable social policies to address the issue of poverty in a more comprehensive manner. These interrelated themes were the starting points for panel discussions at the Conference of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Poverty and Social Welfare (RC19) held in Seoul.

The session began with the contribution by Kaasch who compared the global social policy prescriptions at different times of global economic crisis. Second, Stephen McBride and Jessica Merolli (McMaster University, CANADA) focused on the post-crisis social policy advice from global institutions. Then, Marian Urbina and Rebecca Surender (University of Oxford, UK) discussed social policy transfers in the context of new global actors, and especially China's "model" of aid in Africa. Discussion revolved much around China's role in international development with divergent views expressed. One of these views suggested that China was breaking away from a failing tradition of international effort focused only on the poor towards a new approach focused on state-led development with potential cross class alliances.

The final contribution to the panel was from **Gabriele Köhler** (University of Sussex, UK) who presented an approach to policy innovations for human development. She described shifts in global governance

and the emergence of new economic powerhouses which influence global policy decisions and have been introducing socioeconomic policy innovations, notably in social protection. South Asia was presented as one centre of such policy innovations.



The Political Economy of Poverty and Social Change

Round Table

Rabat, MOROCCO

7 December

4 presentations

In December 2012 the Round Table "The Political Economy of Poverty and Social Change" was organized within the framework of XIIIth CODESRIA General Assembly held in Rabat, Morocco.

The panel was integrated by Alberto Cimadamore (CROP), Shahida El-Baz (Arab and African Research Center and Scientific Committee member of CROP), Jomo Kwame Sundaram (UN DESA) and Mohamed Dowidar (Alexandrie University). Discussion focused on topics such as globalization, development, labor forces, social change, poverty and the relationships among them. This event was conceived as a part of the strategy to strengthen the collaboration with CODESRIA as well as a preparatory meeting for an international workshop on the same topic to be held in Cairo, Egypt, in December 2012.

Networking

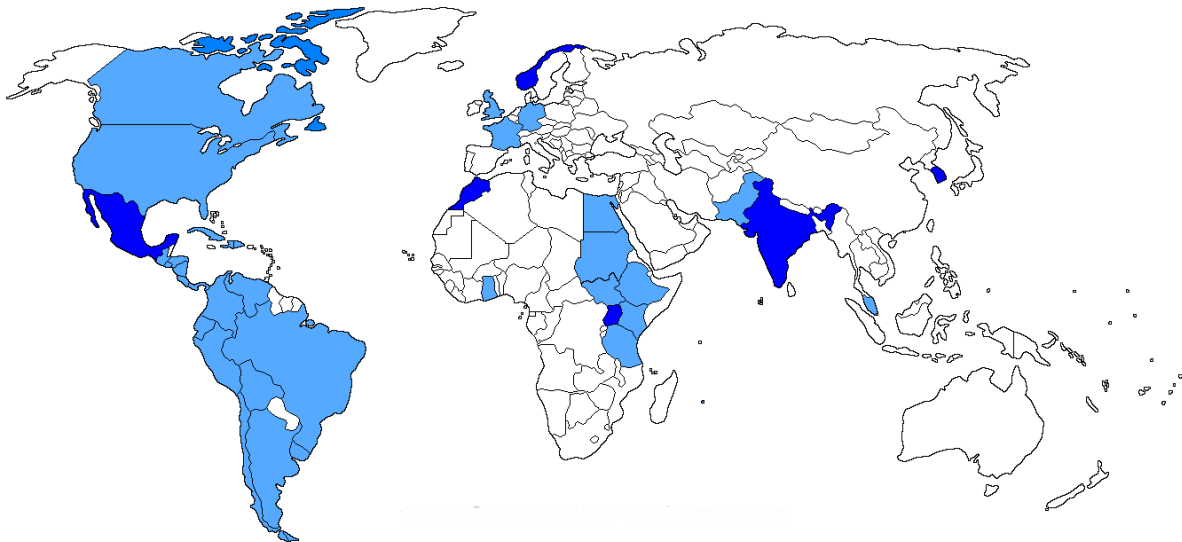
CROP, as a world-wide network of researchers, sponsored several events aimed at reinforcing existing membership or at expanding the affiliation of scholars working on critical approaches toward poverty eradication and prevention.

Within this framework and together with the Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions, University of South Florida, USA, and the journal *Globalizations* (Routledge), CROP sponsored the conference *Social Movement Governance, the Poor and the New Politics of the Americas*. This event took place 2-4 February at the University of South Florida, USA. Asuncion Lera St. Clair (former director of CROP) and CROP Fellow Camilo Perez Bustillo (Human Rights Programme, Autonomous University of Mexico City, MEXICO), participated in the event representing CROP interests for expanding the CROP network and stimulate a critical approach to the topic of this event.

During 2011 CROP continued the contact with the Commission for the Study of the History of the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean (CEHILA) which produced in previous years an international workshop and various papers to be compiled as a book. By way of the CLACSO-CROP Programme, the conference *Religion and Beliefs in Migration Processes* held in Mexico on 28-30 September was supported. CROP Fellow, Camilo Perez Bustillo participated as a keynote speaker in a panel focusing on theoretical and methodological problems when studying the relationship between migration and religion.

Meetings and specific co-operation agreements with researchers and institutions located in Norway and abroad were part of the networking agenda. However, it is clear that one of the main channels to expand CROP network is the International Social Science Council (ISSC). CROP and ISSC Secretariats have agreed in 2011 to collaborate towards the achievement of the goals of the new World Social Science (WSS) Fellows Programme supported by SIDA, whose main objective in brief is to build the next international generations of world social science leaders who will work together in lasting networks to identify creative solutions to the experience of global problems like poverty. This decision will be followed up by specific actions and activities, which include the organization of international workshops and summer schools and the dissemination of research results during the next 4 years.

CROP networking and activities, reported here, during 2011 reached 38 countries in four continents. As the following map illustrates, there was a relatively high concentration in the American continent due primarily to the maturity reached by the CLACSO-CROP Programme. This success is somehow complemented with the lack of success to reach in an equilibrated way other parts of the world. This will need to be addressed in the near future as a core preoccupation of networking activities.



■ Countries which CROP has organized events. ■ Countries represented by participants in CROP's events.

The Childwatch International Research Network

CROP has had a close collaboration with The Childwatch International Research Network since 2006. The international secretariat of Childwatch is hosted by the University of Oslo, NORWAY. CROP and Childwatch have organized various events in the period 2007 – 2009. Conversations with Childwatch on a more formal collaboration were initiated in 2011 and two meetings (28 February and 2 September) were held between the organizations during the year. The focus of the talks has been the joint organization of a series of workshops and publications on child poverty and social policies toward its eradication. Follow-up conversations and fundraising proposals are scheduled for 2012. These series of events will be organized on an annual basis starting in 2013.

The Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA)

CROP renewed efforts during 2011 to increase the current level of institutional collaboration with the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA). In November the CROP Secretariat presented to CODESRIA a draft proposal for establishing a joint Programme on Poverty Studies in Africa. The proposal was modeled on the experience and lessons of the CLACSO-CROP Programme that CROP has worked on since 2000. Representatives of CROP and CODESRIA met in Rabat (7 December) to discuss the details of the proposal that envisions as one of its axis a scholarship programme and a publication series aimed to foster the work of the new generation of African poverty researchers.

Norwegian Latin American Research Network (NorLARNet)

Over the years, particularly by way of the CLACSO-CROP Programme due to its geographical concentration in Latin America and the Caribbean, CROP has had an especially close relationship with the Norwegian Latin American Research Network (NorLARNet). CROP participated with a panel on *"Poverty Politics in Contemporary Latin America: Comparative and Critical Views"* (see more information above) at the annual NorLARNet conference and staff from the CROP Secretariat was instrumental in the organization of the conference. Collaboration with NorLARNet is bound to increase in the near future. During 2011 both institutions decided to organize one event at the University of Bergen and another at the University of Oslo with the intention to bring together (during the first semester of 2012) scholars from both regions to discuss *"Poverty, Religion, and Social Justice: the Latin American Contributions"*.

ASAP: a new strategic partner

CROP has expressed a firm conviction on and commitment to the need for strengthening links among academic spaces and civil society actors. For this reason, it was decided to closely work with Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP), a new organization created to help academics have a greater impact on the eradication and prevention of world poverty.

The CROP Secretariat co-sponsored the US and UK launch meetings of ASAP at the University of Yale (23 April) and at the University of Birmingham (23 May). The rationale behind this support is to collaborate with other like-minded networks of academics working on poverty and poverty related issues, both theoretically and in practice.

The Norwegian chapter of ASAP was launched during an intensive two day workshop held 3-4 September at the University of Oslo. The workshop was co-organized by CROP and devoted to exploring the potential of the ASAP organization for helping academics to have a more direct, significant, and visible impact on global poverty eradication.

Social scientists from different disciplines and areas of knowledge shared their views and experiences on poverty research and activism. Several areas for priority work were identified as were specific initiatives to further discuss and develop. Health was among the identified areas and specialists from different disciplines explained their line of work and results. Participants presented several initiatives as examples of how academics can contribute to alleviating poverty-related health problems by helping the global poor gain better access to pharmaceuticals.

ASAP's members presented their Global Poverty Consensus Report (GPCR) project and invited the audience to work in disciplinary and multidisciplinary groups to identify theses, and shared conclusions about ways to eradicate or successfully reduce poverty around the world. Two sets of breakout sessions were held. The first involved dialogue amongst members of the same disciplines and areas of knowledge (Economics, Environment, Health, Philosophy and Political Science), and the second set of sessions was cross-disciplinary activity aiming at building bridges to connect specialized findings with the complexity of multi- and transdisciplinary approaches to the reality of poverty. A number of good ideas, as well as constructive critical feedback, were generated for the GPCR project. Those inputs will be processed by ASAP, an institution that will continue this project through 2012 and beyond in collaboration with CROP. Both institutions already agreed on working together to the successful completion of this project aimed not only at identifying consensus on core aspects of poverty alleviation, but also at contributing to global public debate around the Millennium Development Goals replacements after 2015.

As an integral part of this joint activity, a public event was organized at the *Litteraturhuset* in Oslo to present main conclusions of previous work and to promote an open dialogue with the audience. The debate was initiated with presentations by Mads Gilbert (University of Tromsø, NORWAY), Godelieve Van Heteren (Erasmus University, Rotterdam and former Dutch MP, THE NETHERLANDS), Ashok Acharya (University of Delhi, INDIA), Thomas Pogge (Yale University, ASAP, and CROP) and Alberto Cimadamore (CROP / University of Bergen, NORWAY) followed by a lively debate with an audience, including Noam Chomsky, as a way of closing this event jointly organized by *CROP*, *ASAP*, and the *Center for the Study of Mind in Nature* (CSMN) of the University of Oslo.

Summary of joint activities with the CLACSO-CROP Programme

In recent years much of the scientific activity of CROP has been channeled through the CLACSO-CROP Programme on Poverty Studies in Latin America and the Caribbean, an initiative that has been formally running since 2002.

In 2011 CROP took responsibility for the organization of two international workshops of the CLACSO-CROP Programme. The Programme held two coordinating meetings in 2011 (20 January and 18 November) that concentrated on addressing main administrative challenges faced by this joint venture.

As a part of the scheduled workshops of the CLACSO-CROP Programme, two workshops were organized in 2011.

Poverty, Water and Local Development took place in Kampala, UGANDA (28-30 November). 17 scholars from Africa and Latin America participated

in this event, which was organized together with The Nile Basin Research Programme (NBRP), University of Bergen, NORWAY; The Nordic Africa Institute, SWEDEN, and Makerere University, UGANDA. Papers presented during the event are currently under peer review. [-More information](#)

Poverty and Universal Social Protection was held in Mexico City, MEXICO (7-9 December). 17 scholars from 10 different countries in Latin America and the Caribbean participated with papers that are also being towards publication. [-More information](#)

As usual, the programme held its annual CLACSO-CROP *Capacitation Workshop for Young scholars in Central America and the Caribbean*. This year it took place in Guatemala City, GUATEMALA (7-11 March) with the participation of young scholars from Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Haiti. The event was organized with FLACSO-Guatemala.



Like every year since 2002, the CLACSO-CROP Programme has held its *Grants Competition* on different topics related with poverty studies. This year the theme was *"Poverty, inequality and health in Latin America and the Caribbean"*. Seventy-one applications were submitted, and an Academic Jury of specialists in the relevant topics was responsible for evaluating and selecting research projects.

The winners were announced at the end of November. The competition

awarded three scholarships for senior researchers from Mexico, Cuba and Peru. Twelve projects from junior researchers were also rewarded (from Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Honduras and Paraguay). Names, topics, and countries of researchers awarded are in the table below.

The results of the research produced by senior and junior fellows will be published in the CLACSO-CROP Series after the peer review process is completed.

Researcher	Topic	Country
Cortés García, Claudia M.	Cancer, poverty and indigenous health	Colombia
Martínez, Bárbara B.	Illness, intercultural health and poverty: medical practice diversity	Argentina
Swistum, Débora Alejandra	Right to decent/adequate housing in a healthy environment: environmental inequality and health poverty	Argentina
Carreño Malaver, Ángela M.	Inequalities for Colombian refugees in Ecuador and Venezuela	Colombia
Gutiérrez, Noelia Romina	Prison, inequality and health	Argentina
Chirinos Medina, Carlos Alonso	Access to specialized health and family care organization in Cancer cases	Peru
Gómez Vasallo, Claribel	Poverty, mental health and inequality	Cuba
Córdoba Mendoza, Paul A.	Poverty, social exclusion and disability in Panama	Panama
Henríquez Espinosa, Carola B.	Labor inclusion and disability. An experience in Ecuador	Ecuador
Núñez Amador, Clarissa Edith	Teenage pregnancy, maternity and paternity in poverty context	Honduras
Torrico Palacios, Mariela	Perceptions and evaluation on health services	Bolivia
Meyer Santramaría, Lisa	Rights and barriers to quality health system	Paraguay
Ballero, Martín Jaime (senior)	Sexual diversity, discrimination and poverty on public health access. LGBTs communities in Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru	Peru
Fleitas Ruiz, Reina (senior)	Poor families and health gender inequalities	Cuba
Christina Laurell, Asa E. (senior)	Impact of Social Care System on Health	Mexico

Regarding educational activities, the CLACSO-CROP Programme organized three virtual courses in 2011. Topics by courses were: *"Poverty, environment and climate change"* (coordination by Hector Sejenovich, University of Buenos Aires), *"Studies on inequality in Latin America"* (coordination by Oscar Lopez Rivera, Latin American School of Social Sciences, Guatemala), and *"Public space, citizenship and inequality"* (Coordination by Dr. María Magdalena Valdivieso Ide, ARCIS University, Chile). A total of sixty-nine (69) students from seventeen (17) countries participated in these courses.

Finally, a new CLACSO-CROP chair for 2012 was selected. The *"CLACSO-CROP Chair on Inequality in Latin America and the*

Caribbean" is an initiative to promote critical thinking in social sciences in the region and to stimulate the development of new theoretical perspectives. The focus is on the most challenging social phenomenon in Latin America and the Caribbean: inequality and its social consequences.

After thorough evaluation by an Academic Jury, Dr. Eduardo Chavez Molina from the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina) was selected to hold the position of Chair. The winning proposal is titled *"Class, Inequality and Social Mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean"*. Classes will be offered during 2012 in the virtual network of graduate studies supported by CLACSO.

Projects and Funding

During the second semester of 2011 CROP successfully closed two projects that have been feeding its academic agenda during the past decade, prepared two new proposals, and endorsed other projects presented by our partners.

From 2002 CROP has been funded by the Research Council of Norway (NFR) to build research competence in international poverty- and poverty-related studies. This project aimed particularly at strengthening research capacity in the poorest developing countries. This has included dissemination of poverty research in developing countries by way of books and other publications as well as activities of information and dialogue with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NORAD about poverty studies, policy recommendations and user-oriented results; advanced the cooperation with research networks in areas/regions in the South; strengthened the number of academic and administrative staff at the CROP Secretariat; and supported the role of CROP as a crucial organizer and coordinator – in developing countries – of scientific activities related to poverty research. The final project report was submitted to NFR in 2011 and subsequently approved by them. CROP is grateful for the support NFR has provided to these activities.

On the other hand, the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) provided financial support to CROP's Network for Poverty Researchers, to help build research-based policy relevant knowledge on poverty and poverty alleviation. This specific project was dedicated to supporting the research and knowledge on child poverty in developing countries and to increase research capacity on this issue in the South. It also allowed CROP to facilitate an arena for dialogue and cooperation for researchers in the South and in the North, as well as to publish research results and information on child poverty. The grant also contributed to initiate the collaboration with [Childwatch International](#), which had started in 2007 with the international conference "*Rethinking Poverty and Children in the New Millennium: Linking Research and Policy*". The project account was finalized and approved by NORAD in 2011. CROP is also grateful for NORAD's continuous support of its undertakings.

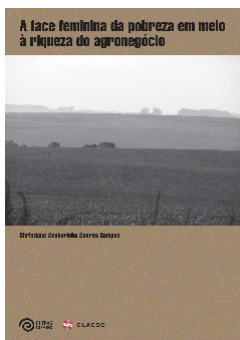
CROP, in collaboration with UiB Global, the Centre for International Health and the Department of Health Promotion (all of them from University of Bergen, UiB), the Christian Michelsen Institute, the Norwegian Institute for Urban & Regional Research (NIBR), and partners from Tanzania and India submitted a proposal to the Norwegian Research Council. The title of the project is "*Exemplary Health Policies, Health Care Services and Community Actions that Can Help Reach MDG's 4 & 5: A Multi-level, Trans-disciplinary Approach Using 'Positive Deviance' Methodology*". Its main objective is to identify key conditions for successful functioning in Lower and Middle Income Countries - LMIC, of (1) health policy, (2) health care delivery and (3) community-level health promotion and governance. The NRC will evaluate the note and, in case of being approved, it will allow the consortium to write a full proposal. The construction of the consortium was part of CROP's strategy to cooperate with Departments and Research organizations within the University as well as abroad, with clear intentions to strengthen the network of poverty researchers both in the North and in the South.

As a component of CROP's strategy to widen its network of poverty researchers, the application to establish a new Centre of Excellence (CoE) for the Study of Poverty, Policy and Power (CS3P) within the University of Oslo was endorsed. If the application is approved, CROP will fully participate in the initiative led by the Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), making the best possible use of the resources of its global network by contributing in the co-organization of workshops, seminars, and conferences in Latin America and elsewhere; favoring the participation of researchers of the CROP network in CS3P activities; disseminating the results of the CoE activities through joint publications and other means; and collaborating with the SUM to articulate and consolidate a network of poverty researchers in Norway with the purpose of having sound and critical voices in the global debate aiming at eradicating and preventing poverty.

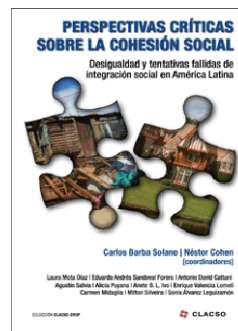
Publications

CROP renewed in 2011 its contract with Zed Books (London) to publish the books of the Series of International Studies in Poverty. Three Series Editors were appointed: Thomas Pogge (Yale University), Juliana Martinez Franzoni (University of Costa Rica), and Gillian Brock (University of Auckland). Series Editors are responsible for suggesting suitable topics for books in the Series and for reviewing the manuscripts submitted for publications. They will also guide the process in selecting the CROP-Zed Prize to be launched in 2012.

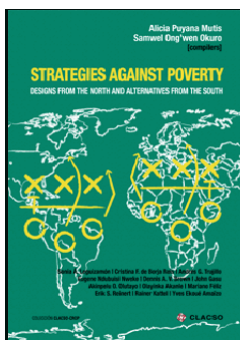
In 2011 the CLACSO-CROP Programme continued publishing in its Series on Poverty Research supported in previous years. The list includes the following titles:



SOARES CAMPOS, Christiane Senhorinha *A face feminina da pobreza em meio à riqueza do agronegócio*, CLACSO/Editora Outras Expressões, São Paulo, November 2011.



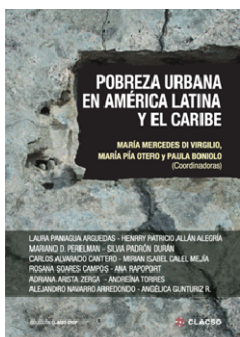
BARBA SOLANO, Carlos & COHEN, Néstor [Coord.] *Perspectivas críticas sobre la cohesión social: Desigualdad y tentativas fallidas de integración social en América Latina*, CLACSO, Buenos Aires, July 2011.



PUYANA MUTIS Alicia & OKURO, Samwel Ong'wen [Editors] *Strategies Against Poverty: Designs from the North and alternatives from the South*, CLACSO, Buenos Aires, June 2011.



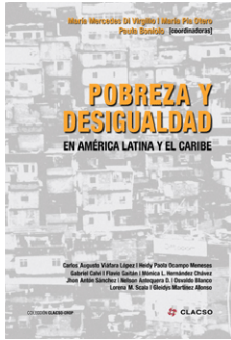
ARZATE SALGADO, Jorge; GUTIERREZ, Alicia B. & HUAMÁN Josefina [Coord.] *Reproducción de la pobreza en América Latina. Relaciones sociales, poder y estructuras económicas*, CLACSO, Buenos Aires, June 2011.



DI VIRGILIO, María Mercedes; OTERO, María Pia & BONIOLO, Paula [Coord.] *Pobreza urbana en América Latina y el Caribe*, CLACSO, Buenos Aires, June 2011.



SERRA VAZQUEZ, Luis H. *Las representaciones sociales y la reproducción de la pobreza en Nicaragua*, CLACSO, Buenos Aires, June 2011.



BONIOLO, Paula; DI VIRGILIO, María Mercedes & OTERO, María Pia [Coord.] *Pobreza y desigualdad en América Latina y el Caribe*, CLACSO, Buenos Aires, April 2011.

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