

The Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP) is a programme of the International Social Science Council (ISSC), hosted by the University of Bergen (UiB).

## CROP in Numbers (2014-2017)

### Events

13	CROP International Workshops
19	Contributions to Academic Events
45	Public Events

### Publications

10	CROP Books
510	Papers / Presentations
20	Poverty Briefs
8	Newsletters
4	UiB Global/CROP Working Papers
1	Special Issue Journal



### Vision

A world without poverty

### Mission

Mobilising critical research for preventing and eradicating poverty

The fundamental mission of CROP is to work in collaboration with knowledge networks, institutions and scholars to build independent and critical knowledge on poverty, and to help shape policies for preventing and eradicating poverty.

## CROP International Workshops\*

### Poverty, Language, and Media (POLAME)

Foz de Iguazu, Brazil, 16-17 January 2014

### Sustainability Science and Human Development

Bergen, Norway, 28-29 January 2014

### Child Poverty, Public Policies and Democracy

Mexico City – 19-21 February 2014

### Child Poverty, Youth (Un)Employment and Social Inclusion

Athens, Greece, 19-21 November 2014



### The Democratic Developmental State – Southern African and Nordic Experiences

Cape Town, South Africa, 9-11 February 2015

### Poverty, Water and Development in the South

Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, 3-5 June 2015

### Child Poverty and Social Protection in Western and Central Africa

Abuja, Nigeria, 23-25 May 2016

### Welfare States, Labour Rights and Basic Income in Latin America

Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, 22-23 September 2016

### Social Inclusion and Poverty Eradication

Cambridge MA, USA, 17-18 November 2016

### Social Policy, Inequality, and Poverty in Post-Socialistic Societies

St. Petersburg, Russia, 13-15 June 2017

### The Politics of Inclusion

Paris, France, 6-7 July 2017

\* As a way to strengthen the network, all workshops are organised in close collaboration with local and other partners

## CROP Secretariat

The CROP Secretariat is hosted by the University of Bergen and consists of four permanent staff (equivalent to three full-time positions). After a period of understaffing, two permanent positions were filled in 2014, completing the formal institutionalisation of the Secretariat.



In 2014 and 2015 the Secretariat hosted two interns who had work placements at the Secretariat. Based on this positive experience the CROP Secretariat introduced an internship scheme during the last quarter of 2015, whereby student interns are appointed for periods of 2-6 months through the EU's Erasmus+ Traineeship programme.

## CROP Fellows

CROP Fellows are ambassadors of the CROP programme and constitute a core resource group of committed scholars and/or activists who can lend ideas and help promote the CROP network.

The 22 current fellows were selected as the result of an open call and officially appointed by the ISSC to serve for the period 2014-2018. They are 11 men and 11 women, representing an even geographical distribution. Seven of them were also CROP Fellows from 2010-2014.

The full list of CROP Fellows can be found at [www.crop.org](http://www.crop.org)

## Scientific Committee

The CROP Scientific Committee (SC) constitutes the main body for advising and defining the overall scientific goals of the programme. It is composed of recognised academics within poverty-related research, and its members are appointed by the ISSC in agreement with UiB.



The members appointed at the end of 2014 served for a two-year period 2015-2016. The committee appointed for the 2017-2018 period has three new members, Carlos Barba, Betty Mubangizi and Maria Petmesidou. Existing SC members Etienne Nel and Elma Montaña were appointed as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. The full composition of the Scientific Committee can be found at [www.crop.org](http://www.crop.org).

## New Strategic and Communication Plans

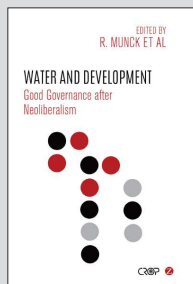
CROP's "Strategic Plan 2015-2020" and "Communication Plan 2015-2020" were approved by the Scientific Committee in June 2014.

The Strategic Plan provides CROP with direction and serves as a framework for our work. The following priority themes have been defined:

1. Structural and Institutional Change for Sustainable Development: MDGs and post-MDGs Scenario
2. Social Policies and Welfare States
3. Human Development and Sustainability Science
4. Poverty and Media
5. Child Poverty and Inequalities
6. Rights and Global Justice

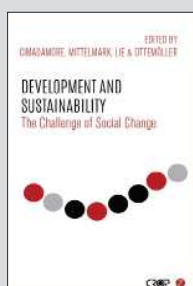
The Communication Plan supports the strategic objectives of CROP and provides action items for communication.

## CROP International Studies in Poverty Research Published by Zed Books, London



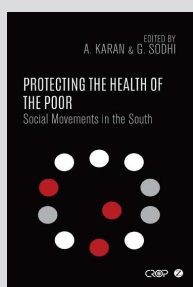
September 2015  
**Water and Development:  
Good Governance after  
Neoliberalism**

Edited by Ronaldo Munck,  
Honor Fagan  
Narathius Asingwire,  
and Consolata Kabonesa



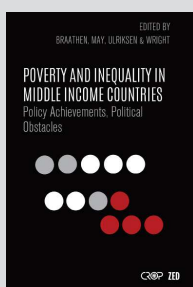
March 2016  
**Development and  
Sustainability: The  
Challenge of Social  
Change**

Edited by Alberto D.  
Cimadamore, Gro Th. Lie,  
Maurice Mittelmark and  
Fungisai G. Ottemöller



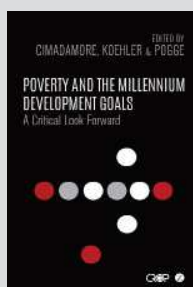
December 2015  
**Protecting the Health of  
the Poor: Social  
Movements  
in the South**

Edited by Abraar Karan  
and Geeta Sodhi



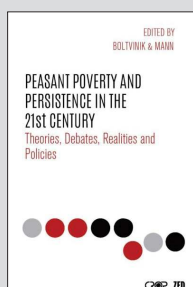
April 2016  
**Poverty and Inequality  
in Middle Income  
Countries:  
Policy Achievements,  
Political Obstacles**

Edited by Einar Braathen,  
Julian May, Marianne  
Ulriksen and Gemma  
Wright



February 2016  
**Poverty and  
the Millennium  
Development Goals:  
A Critical Look Forward**

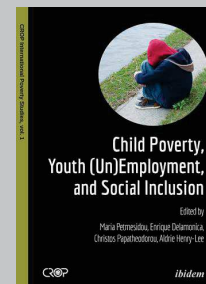
Edited by Alberto D.  
Cimadamore, Gabriele  
Köhler and Thomas Pogge



August 2016  
**Peasant Poverty and  
Persistence in the 21st  
Century: Theories,  
Debates, Realities and  
Policies**

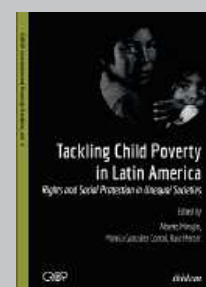
Edited by Julio Boltvinik  
and Susan Archer Mann

## CROP International Poverty Studies Published by Ibidem Verlag, Stuttgart



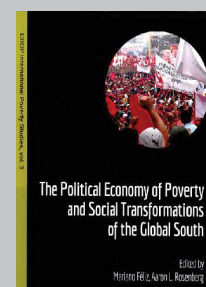
December 2016  
**Child Poverty, Youth  
(Un)Employment and  
Social Inclusion**

Edited by Maria  
Petmesidou, Enrique  
Delamonda, Aldrie  
Henry-Lee and Christos  
Papatheodorou



March 2017  
**Tackling Child Poverty  
in Latin America**

Edited by Alberto  
Minujin, Mónica  
González Contró and  
Raúl Mercer



September 2017  
**The Political Economy  
of Poverty and Social  
Transformations of the  
Global South**

Edited by Mariano Féliz,  
Aaron L. Rosenberg

## CROP Poverty Briefs

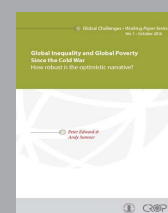
The following Poverty Briefs were published between January 2015 and September 2017.

All CROP Poverty Briefs can be downloaded from [www.crop.org](http://www.crop.org)

1. March 2015: **Tackling Poverty in the Age of Changing Climate: The "most-likely" missing variable in climate adaptation in Bangladesh** by Saleh Ahmed (US)
2. August 2015: **Why sub-National Level Poverty Analysis Matters: A case study of Namibia** by Ojijo Odhiambo (Namibia)
3. September 2015: **The End of Poverty: Black women's entry to the middle class in South Africa** by Hilde Ibsen (Sweden)
4. September 2015: **A Serene Look at the Sustainable Development Goals** by Jan Vandemoortele (Belgium)
5. October 2015: **The Explanatory Power of the Welfare State Development on Poverty and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean** by Gibrán Cruz-Martinez (Chile)
6. November 2015: **The Consensual Approach to Child Poverty Measurement** by Shailen Nandy (UK)
7. February 2016: **The Great Global Poverty Debate: Is Something Missing?** by Neera Chandhoke (India)
8. April 2016: **Mega-Events and Urban Poverty: Legacy Projects in Rio De Janeiro** by Margit Ystanes (Norway)
9. June 2016: **Climate Change, Children and Poverty: Engaging Children and Youth in Policy Debate and Action.** by Beatrice Mauger, Alberto Minujin and Samantha Cocco-Klein (US)
10. September 2016: **Measuring Poverty in Bangladesh: A Critical Assessment** by Isahaque Ali, Zulkarnain A. Hatta & Azlinda Azman (Malaysia)
11. October 2016: **Poverty and Social Inclusion: towards a 'life first' understanding?** by Hartley Dean (UK)
12. November 2016: **Poverty as a Wicked Problem** by Paul Spicker (UK)
13. January 2017: **Fiscal Redistribution to Combat Inequality and Poverty in Low and Middle Income Countries** by Nora Lustig (US)
14. April 2017: **Social Policy, Inequality and Poverty In Eastern Europe** by Bob Deacon (UK) & Paul Stubbs (Croatia)
15. September 2017: **Turning an Ambitious Vision into an Achievable Reality: Landing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the National Level** by Babatunde Omilola (UNDP, US)

## CROP/UiB Global Working Papers

October 2016



May 2017



June 2017



September 2017



## Other publications from CROP events



May 2016  
**Lo esencial no puede  
ser invisible a los ojos:  
Pobreza e Infancia en  
América Latina**

Edited by Alberto Minujin,  
Mónica González Contró  
and Raúl Mercer

Published by UNAM  
Press, Mexico

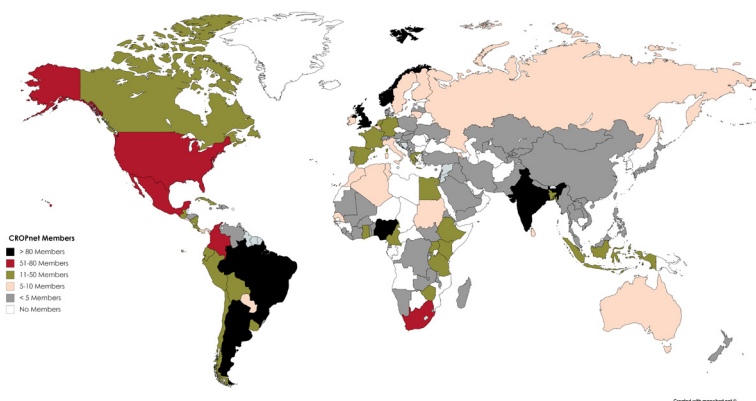
## CROPNet

CROPNet is the name of CROP's network of scholars in the field of poverty research and includes all former and current members of CROP's Scientific Committee, former and current CROP Fellows, associated institutions and contributors to CROP's programme of activities.

New members are added to the CROPNet database when they:

- present papers at CROP events
- submit proposals through CROP's open calls
- participate in CROP events or related activities

Membership of CROPNet is thus only for those who actively contribute to CROP. Non-contributing attendees at public events or passive members of our mailing list are not included in the CROPNet numbers.



## CROP Prize

The CROP International Studies in Poverty Prize is awarded annually to proposals for original, high-quality, academic publications on poverty.

The first call was announced in 2012, and from 2015 the call has been for book proposals rather than for full manuscripts. We see this as part of the reason for the increased level of participation.

The result of the 2017 prize will be announced in December 2017.

The winner of the CROP Prize receives the equivalent of NOK 50 000 and the manuscript will be published by Zed Books in the CROP International Studies in Poverty series.

## Dissemination

CROP was established to produce knowledge aimed at lifting people out of poverty. In order to achieve this goal, CROP is involved in the production of new knowledge and the dissemination of research produced within its network. In this process CROP uses a wide range of communication channels, including printed books, briefs and working papers, public events and lectures, website and social media.

"Visualising Poverty Research" is a YouTube project launched by CROP in September 2014. It seeks to disseminate poverty-related research to a wider audience by publishing short interviews with researchers from CROP's network on the CROP YouTube channel. 7 interviews were published in 2014, 22 in 2015, 6 in 2016 and 1 in the first half of 2017.

CROP has been on Twitter since October 2015 and Facebook since April 2016.

## Development of CROPNet

At the end of 2014 CROPNet comprised 780 members. It increased by 125 members in 2015 and over 300 in 2016. By September 2017, the network had reached 1524 members. The gender distribution of our network from 2014 to 2017 was 42% female and 58% male.



42%

58%

Regional distribution shows that the majority of CROP network members come from Latin American countries (33%), followed by African countries (26%) and European countries (22%). This data is used to plan activities and to better target audiences and institutional objectives.

### Further information

[www.crop.org](http://www.crop.org)

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