**HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY - A COLLOQUIUM**

**11-13 JANUARY 2010, GENEVA**

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<td>“Contemporary macroeconomic policy-making appears oblivious to, or undermines, human rights values.” True? Why? How can this be addressed? What difficulties arise in conversations between economics and human rights? Are macroeconomists simply unaware of, indifferent, or even inimical to human rights? Or is the problem one of translation? To what extent can differences be explained by the normative character of the two discourses?</td>
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1730 – 1900 Setting the Stage: Human Rights and Economics – Assessing the Normative Barriers and Bridges

First Remarks: George Demartino, Stephen Marks
Discussion
Second Remarks: David Kinley, Sally-Anne Way

1930 Welcome Dinner (Warwick Hotel)

**DAY TWO**

**KEY THEME: ECONOMIC SYSTEMS, FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

0900 – 1045 Session Two
Chair: Balakrishnan Rajagopal

The Global Economic System: Continuity and Change in Macroeconomic Policies

How does the current crisis differ, if at all, from previous ones? To what extent have previous crises changed macroeconomic management in different parts of the world? What lessons have recent and past financial and economic crises offered for fiscal and monetary policy? What is the impact of crises on the global economic system? Are crises inevitable self-corrections? Is this a crisis of global capitalism or indeed has it been a good crisis for capitalism?

First Remarks: Richard Kozul-Wright, Richard Newfarmer, Andong Zhu
Discussion
Second Remarks: Sedat Aybar, Clara Jusidman

1045 – 1100 Tea

1100 – 1300 Session Three

Integrating Human Rights and Macroeconomics Policy – Mapping Specific Challenges and Opportunities: Two Roundtables

Expanding trade, enabling investment and capital formation, generating employment, providing social security and eliminating poverty may be viewed as inter-related elements of economic governance. Given recent and past economic crises, how should state obligations with respect to human rights influence economic policy formulation? What can human rights contribute to fiscal and monetary policy-making? How do fiscal expansion or discipline or regulation of financial markets relate to the human rights obligations of states? How can macroeconomic systems and fiscal and monetary policy in particular be (re)directed towards expanding productive employment and reducing socio-economic inequalities?
1100 – 1300  
Two Parallel Roundtables will map the problems of integrating human rights and macroeconomics in specific areas/contexts and examine proposals, case studies and policy options

**Roundtable One:** Redirecting governance and regulation of financial markets and investment regimes to promote economic value and social purpose

**Moderator:** Arvind Ganesan  
**Key Discussants:** Ghassan Dibeh, Mary Dowell Jones, Shalmali Guttal, Massimiliano La Marca  
**Rapporteur:** Salil Tripathi

**Roundtable Two:** Reorienting macroeconomic intervention to promote full employment, decent work and ensure social security and address poverty

**Moderator:** Heather Grady  
**Key Discussants:** Lilian Chenwi, Claire Mahon, Roxana Maurizio, Stephen Pursey, Magdalena Sepúlveda  
**Rapporteur:** David Petrasek

1300 – 1430  
**Lunch**

1430 – 1630  
**Session Three Plenary**

**Chair:** Robert Archer

The plenary will examine questions that cut across human rights obligations and economic policy considerations. Building on lessons and experiences from case studies and policy options raised in the roundtables, the plenary will discuss how to envision (normative considerations and perspectives) and realise (implement, resource and institutionalise) the integration of human rights considerations in macroeconomic policy.

**Report back:** David Petrasek, Salil Tripathi  
**Comments:** Diane Elson, Miloon Kothari, Manuel Montes, Gita Sen

1630 – 1700  
**Tea**

1700 – 1900  
**Evening Discussion**

**Chair:** Mary Robinson

Towards realising shared responsibility and greater coherence in global economic governance – challenges and possibilities in the UN and Beyond: MDGs, ODA and Debt, Trade and Finance, Climate Justice and Reform of International Institutions

**Panel:** Virginia Bras-Gomes, Heiner Flassbeck, Richard Newfarmer, Stephen Pursey, Mary Robinson, Jomo K. Sundaram  
**Moderator:** Lyse Doucet

1900  
**Reception followed by Dinner (CCV)**
DAY THREE  
**Key Theme: Possible Agendas for Research and Policy Advocacy – Towards Coherence and Shared Responsibility**

0900 – 0930  **Looking Back over the First Two Days: Some Reflections**  
Chair: Robert Archer  
Remarks: Balakrishnan Rajagopal, TBC

0930 – 1030  **Towards Shared Responsibility and Greater Coherence: Human Rights, Trade and Macroeconomic Policy**  
Introduction: Mary Robinson  
Remarks: Pascal Lamy

Discussion

1030 – 1045  **Tea**

1045 – 1300  **Session Four**  
Chairs: Robert Archer, Mary Robinson

Shaping an Agenda for Research and Policy Advocacy

1045 – 1145  **Addressing the Challenges of Human Rights Advocacy and Campaigning on Macroeconomic Policies**  
Remarks: Yao Graham, Shalmali Guttal, Nicholas Lusiani

Remarks: Radhika Balakrishnan, Shahara Razavi, Ignacio Saiz

Discussion

1300 – 1315  **Close followed by Farewell Lunch**

**NB:** In the interests of promoting discussion and exchange, all speakers are requested to keep their remarks to 10 minutes. Similarly, to ensure that there are as many rounds of intervention from the floor as possible we request interveners to be succinct and very brief.

In both the Plenary and Roundtables, the Chairs/Moderators will be requested to ensure that there is space for discussion and intervention between the different speakers.