



Invited speaker: Monique Deveaux (University of Guelph):

"Global Justice from Below?: The Value of Social Movement Approaches to Poverty Reduction"

Call for Papers

The Centre for Ethics and Poverty Research (CEPR) at the University of Salzburg and the Austrian chapter of Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP) are happy to announce the call for papers (PDF of the cfp) for their 2016 Workshop in Philosophy and Poverty. The workshop will be held at the University of Salzburg on May 12 and 13, 2016. Monique Deveaux (U of Guelph) is the invited speaker for this workshop.

We invite scholars to submit papers on any topic within the realm of philosophical inquiry into poverty. Possible topics include poverty as an issue of global or social justice, human rights and poverty, the ethical obligation of poverty alleviation and the design of poverty alleviation measures or philosophical issues in poverty measurement, the conception of poverty and poverty research.

Preference will be given to scholars in the earlier stages of their careers and to papers that are related to the topic of the talk of the invited speaker. In 2016 Monique Deveaux (University of Guelph) will be the invited speaker with a paper on: **"Global Justice from Below?: The Value of Social Movement Approaches to Poverty Reduction"**. More information about Monique and her talk can be found below.

The workshop will run over two days and each speaker will have 75 minutes (about 35 minutes for presentation and 40 minutes for discussion).

There is no conference fee. Coffee breaks and two lunches will be covered by the CEPR. Unfortunately we cannot offer any subsidy for travel and accommodation costs, but accommodation at a hotel next to the venue can be offered at a reduced rate.

If you are interested in participating please send an extended abstract of 750 words ready for blind review to Gottfried Schweiger at Gottfried.schweiger@sbg.ac.at. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2016, and decisions will be communicated within two weeks. It is expected that draft versions of the papers are shared two weeks before the workshop.

More information on the workshop homepage: www.philosophypoverty.blogspot.com

Title: Global Justice from Below?: The Value of Social Movement Approaches to Poverty Reduction

Abstract: In their analyses about how best to reduce global poverty, philosophers and political theorists have overlooked the role of social movements led by, and for, the poor in the global South. I argue that these social movements, which consist in collective political action as well as formal organizations of the poor, are normatively and politically significant for poverty reduction efforts and global justice generally. I offer three related reasons for why this is so. The first highlight the way in which poor-led social movements politicize poverty — its causes and its remedies. Part of this politicization includes an emphasis on inequality (as opposed to absolute poverty alone) as a core wrong for which poor communities seek redress. This more political view of poverty relates to a second reason why poor-led movements are significant, namely, because they actively mobilize the poor to resist the political exclusion and social marginalization of poor communities. Here I draw on Frantz Fanon and work in development ethics to flesh out the value of this form of political resistance to goods of collective empowerment and self-respect. And third, I argue that poor-led social movements are very often radical democratic struggles, both in their organizing tools and strategies and in their ultimate aims. The democratic content of these politicized anti-poverty struggles should, I argue, lead theorists to consider global poverty in terms of the relative social-political power and powerlessness of communities at the national and global levels, rather than simply in terms of material deprivation.

Monique Deveaux is Professor and Canada Research Chair in Ethics and Global Social Change at the University of Guelph, Canada. She is also the founding and current director of "Initiatives in Global Justice" at the University of Guelph. Monique is the author of *Gender and Justice in Multicultural Liberal States* (Oxford University Press, 2006) and *Cultural Pluralism and Dilemmas of Justice* (Cornell University Press, 2000). She co-edited *Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy: Texts and Cases* (Oxford University Press, 2014) as well as *Reading Onora O'Neill* (Routledge, 2013). Recently published papers include "The Global Poor as Agents of Justice" (*Journal of Moral Philosophy*, vol. 12 (2015): 125-50) and "Normative Liberal Theory and the Bifurcation of Human Rights" (*Ethics and Global Politics*, vol. 2, no. 3 (September 2009): 171-19.)