

## ***Young Lives Global Challenges Symposium***

***Oxford, 12-13 December 2008***

### ***Final Programme***

Young Lives is an international study of childhood poverty, tracking the lives of 12,000 children in Ethiopia, India (Andhra Pradesh), Peru and Vietnam over 15 years. By investigating children's lives from multiple angles and over time, Young Lives seeks to answer key questions such as:

- What is the changing nature and impact of poverty today?
- What are the implications of inequality in the context of growth?
- How do children experience poverty?
- What is the relationship between childhood poverty, the intergenerational transmission of poverty, and the perpetuation of poverty cycles?

The Young Lives *Global Challenges* symposium is an invitation-only event, and represents a unique opportunity to engage in high-level debate and exchange of ideas among experts across disciplines in the area of poverty research and childhood studies. Key areas of Young Lives research include the multidimensional nature of poverty and how the different facets of poverty affect children's outcomes and life trajectories. Having completed 2 rounds of data collection in 2002 and 2006, the third round will take place in 2009. Discussions at the symposium will help to situate Young Lives within the wider academic discourse and ensure that our research engages with the latest critical thinking as we enter this exciting new phase of our work.

#### **Friday 12 December 08: Dimensions and Dynamics of Childhood Poverty**

Venue: Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford

0900-0930 Welcome and setting the context for discussions (Jo Boyden)

0930 - 1045 **Session 1: What's Different about Childhood Poverty?**

1. Stefan Dercon (Young Lives/Oxford): *Measuring Multiple Dimensions of Childhood Poverty*
2. Francisco H.G. Ferreira (World Bank): *Economic Crises May Hurt – or Help! Investments in Children*
3. Jere Behrman (Economics and Population Studies, Pennsylvania): *Impact Evaluation and Evidence on Young Life Investment Returns*

1045-1115 Coffee

1115-1215 **Session 1 (Continued)**

4. Paul Glewwe (Economics, Minnesota): *Pro-poor Growth and Children*  
Discussants: John Hoddinott (IFPRI) / Rozana Himaz (Young Lives, Oxford)

1215-1330 Lunch

**1330-1445 Session 2: Risk, Protection and Well-being in Children**

1. Marcel Fafchamps (Oxford): *Risk-sharing and Child Well-being*
2. Theodore Wachs (Purdue University): *Environmental Factors, Individual Characteristics and Children's Risk and Resilience*  
Discussant: Laura Camfield (Young Lives, Oxford)

1445-1515 Tea

**1515-1700 Session 3: Children's Health and Physical Development**

1. Patrice Engle (Cal Poly): *Poverty and Developmental Potential: Contributions from Longitudinal Data*
2. Nigel Rollins (University of KwaZulu Natal): *HIV, Child Survival and Money: Making the Connections*
3. John Hoddinott (IFPRI): *Uncovering the Causal Consequences of Pre-school Malnutrition*  
Discussant: Proochista Ariana (Global Health and Development, Oxford)  
Rapporteur: Inka Barnett (Young Lives)

1700-1715 Close (Jo Boyden)

1830 Pre-dinner drinks at St Edmund Hall

1900 Dinner at St Edmund Hall

**Saturday 13 December: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty**

Venue: Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford

0900-0915 Welcome and review of Day 1 (Martin Woodhead)

**0915-1100 Session 4: The Impact of Life-choices on Children's Trajectories**

1. Martin Woodhead (Open University): *Pathways through Early Childhood: Respecting Rights, Equity and Diversity*
2. Albert Park (Gansu Survey of Children and Families, Oxford): *Parental Migration and Child Development in Poor Regions: Evidence from China*
3. Andy Dawes (University of Cape Town): *Child Agricultural work in South Africa: A Study of Contested Developmental Space*  
Discussant: Ginny Morrow (Young Lives, Institute of Education)

1100-1130 Coffee

1130-1245 **Session 5: Children's Life and Social Skills**

1. Jo Boyden (Young Lives/Oxford): *Children's Social Cognition and Development in the Context of Adversity in Ethiopia*
2. Gillian Mann (Anthropology Dept, LSE): *On Being Despised: Growing up a Congolese Refugee in Dar es Salaam*  
Discussant: (Emily Hannum, Gansu Survey of Children and Families / Oxford)

1245-1400 Lunch

1415-1530 **Session 6: The Political Economy of Childhood Poverty**

1. Sarah White (Bath): *Beyond a Child's Eye View: The Political Economy of Children and Young People in International Development*
2. Cindi Katz (CUNY): *Work, Play, Learning: Some Consequences of Economic Restructuring for Children's Everyday Lives*  
Discussant: Jason Hart (Oxford)

1530-1600 Tea and end (Jo Boyden and Caroline Knowles)

1600-1730 *Side meeting on producing a child-focused module for national household surveys*  
Provisionally with participants from the Birth-to-Twenty project, Gansu Survey of Children and Families, Young Lives and the World Bank

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