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**Access to the Journal International Social Work**

International Social Work is a refereed journal that is jointly sponsored by the International Federation of Social Workers, the International Association of Schools of Social Work and the International Council on Social Welfare. ICSW is pleased to inform readers that our publisher SAGE publications has announced its participation in the INASP/PERI scheme from 2006. INASP was established in 1992 by the International Council for Science (ICSU) to improve access to information and knowledge in emerging and developing countries. INASP provides electronic journal access through the Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (PERI), which negotiates affordable, sustainable access licences for institutions in developing countries. SAGE and other publishers provide low-price access to high-value journals content, and there is no cost at point of use. International Social Work will be available to institutions participating in the scheme. Further details can be found at <http://www.inasp.info/peri/resources.shtml>. For information on the full list of developing world schemes in which SAGE is involved please visit <http://www.sagepub.co.uk/landing/developing.aspx>.

**UN Commission for Social Development**

In the first week of February ICSW delegates will attend the Commission's meeting in New York. This year's theme is the review of the First UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty 1997 – 2006. The ICSW draft statement prepared by Mike Chai was circulated to all ICSW members for comment. Members from both North and South made a number of very valuable contributions to the final document. ICSW has sent the statement to the 46 Missions represented on the Commission. The statement (10 pages) can be found in English, French and Spanish under "What's New" on the ICSW website [www.icsw.org](http://www.icsw.org) ICSW is working with other non government organisations to produce an NGO Declaration on Eradication of Poverty. The ICSW statement contains much useful information and insights into poverty. Following is the executive summary.

The analysis made in this ICSW review of the first UN Decade for the Eradication of Poverty 1997-2006 leads to some fundamental findings and recommendations. They are not new but worth repeating.

The findings show that, despite a decade of poverty eradication, there remains a large gap between the commitments, goals and targets of the Decade and the outcomes of current trends on income and human poverty.

In summary, this report recommends that governments – both developing and developed - bear the primary responsibility to create the enabling environment to eliminate poverty in all its forms.

Developing country governments must ensure:

- Good governance;
- Social protection for the poorest and most vulnerable;
- Priority on social sector spending, especially primary education and health care;
- Economic and political empowerment of all citizens, especially the poor;
- Efficient, transparent, and accountable institutions.

Developed country governments must ensure:

- A more open and equitable system of international finance and trade;
- An increase in development assistance;
- An enhanced international commitment to good governance, development and poverty reduction.

Developed country governments must:

- Assist in the development of poorer nations by opening their markets to the exports of developing countries.
- Continue to honour their development-aid commitments.

And multilateral institutions, such as the United Nations' bodies and regional commissions; the World Bank and regional development banks must:

- Seriously heed the criticisms of their poverty-reduction operations, the resources they consume, and the impact of their programmes on poverty.
- Remain at the front line in international development efforts.
- Ensure that their international, regional, and bilateral assistance be better coordinated, less competitive and more committed to narrow the gap between words and institutional action on poverty eradication.

After this ten-year review, we have another decade to go to change the poverty trends, alter the course and achieve the human-poverty eradication goals.

### **New from UNRISD**

UNRISD outlines its Social Development Research for 2005–2009

The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) re-examines its research agenda periodically, to ensure that projects are attuned to contemporary

development trends and concerns, and that they form part of a coherent research strategy. The research agenda for 2005-2009 is now available online.

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For or Against Gender Equality? Evaluating the Post-Cold War "Rule of Law" Reforms in Sub-Saharan Africa

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Civil Society and Social Movements Programme Paper 19: The Contemporary Global Social Movements: Emergent Proposals, Connectivity and Development Implications

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Social Policy in the Middle East: Economic, Political and Gender Dynamics

This book provides political and economic perspectives on social policy and its evolution in the Middle East and North Africa. Chapters on Algeria, Egypt, Iran, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey analyse its origins in populist or modernizing state activities, its decline in the era of neoliberalism and prospects for its renewal in a democratizing and development context. The collection offers unique historical and comparative data, as well as a gender analysis of social policy, that will be of relevance to specialists in social policy, development and the Middle East.

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Overarching Concerns Programme Paper 10: Beyond Buzzwords: "Poverty Reduction", "Participation" and "Empowerment" in Development Policy

This paper takes a critical look at how these three terms have come to be used in international development policy, exploring how different configurations of words frame

and justify particular kinds of development interventions.

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Civil Society and Social Movements Programme Paper 21: The Social Bases of the Global Justice Movement: Some Theoretical Reflections and Empirical Evidence from the First European Social Forum

This paper discusses the main hypotheses developed in social science research with reference to the social basis for social movements and considers the relevance of these questions for research on contemporary protest, in particular those mobilized around claims of global justice.

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### **Conferences**

**32<sup>nd</sup>. International Conference on Social Welfare** 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Brasilia, Brazil. Theme: Social Inclusion: facing poverty and social inequality

Other themes will include; Poverty and Inequality in a Century of Waste and Strategies for Human Development. For further information <http://www.cbciss.icsw32.org/>

**International Federation on Ageing 8th Global Conference on Ageing** Denmark 30<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006 Visit the Conference website [www.global-ageing.dk](http://www.global-ageing.dk)

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