

Launch and Workshop Event 'Putting Children First: New Frontiers in the Fight Against Child Poverty in Africa'

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Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton, UK

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Despite important strides in the last few decades, child poverty remains widespread and persistent, particularly in Africa. Poverty in all its dimensions is detrimental for early childhood development and leads to often unreversed damage for the lives of girls and boys, locking children and families into intergenerational poverty.

Two years after [an international research and policy conference held in Addis Ababa](#), we launch an edited volume that includes applied research from across the continent in three themes, namely i) manifestations of child poverty, (ii) child-sensitive social protection, and (iii) transitions from childhood into adulthood.

This Launch and Workshop event is co-hosted by IDS, the DSA/EADI Working Group on Multidimensional Poverty and Poverty Dynamics, Global Coalition to End Child Poverty, the Impact Initiative, with support from the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty (CROP/University of Bergen/International Science Council). It aims to bring together researchers and policy makers in the field of child poverty to build on the momentum to identify effective policy initiatives to reduce child poverty and to improve our academic understandings of child poverty in Africa.



We invite proposals for presentations and short papers in each of the core themes:

- (1) **Manifestations of child poverty:** e.g. broader conceptualisations of child poverty; innovations in child poverty measurement; expanded empirical understandings of child poverty.
- (2) **Child-sensitive social protection:** e.g. new policy initiatives to ensure that social protection benefits children; empirical evidence of impact of social protection on children.

(3) **Transitions from childhood into adulthood:** e.g. new conceptual and empirical understandings of important aspects of adolescence and youth such as education, employment, family formation; policy options for facilitating transition into adulthood.

Proposals should include original applied research in Africa with clear policy relevance and consist of abstracts that clearly outline rationale, methodology and key (preliminary) findings (500 words maximum). We ask all participants to provide a short 3-page paper ahead of the event. We encourage contributions from Southern researchers or policy makers, and from those who have not been involved in the conference or edited volume.

Key dates:

15 July: deadline for proposals

31 July: notification of results

1 October: deadline for 3-page paper

Participants are responsible for their own travel expenses and insurance. A limited number of travel grants are available. If you wish to apply for a travel grant, please indicate this as you submit your proposal and provide an estimate of costs.

Please send your proposals to Dr Keetie Roelen (IDS) – k.roelen@ids.ac.uk. Proposals that are received after 15 July will not be considered.