

INTERNATIONAL DEBATE MEETING ON
POVERTY, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND GLOBAL HEALTH
 TUESDAY, 30 AUGUST, 2011, 18.00-20.00
 Det Akademiske Kvarter, Olav Kyrresgate 49, Bergen

THOMAS POGGE,
 YALE UNIVERSITY
OLE FRITHJOF NORHEIM,
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CHRISTINE ÅRDAL,
 THE NORWEGIAN KNOWLEDGE CENTER FOR THE HEALTH SERVICES

Poverty, social justice and global health: How can the Health Impact Fund (HIF) make a difference?

In order to examine the relationship between poverty, social justice and global health, *the Comparative Research Programme on Poverty* (CROP), *Universities Allied for Essential Medicines* (UAEM) and *Studentersamfunnet* in Bergen, invite all interested scholars, students and the general public to the conference of Dr. **Thomas Pogge**, a world leading specialist on this subject.

The conference will offer to the public a unique possibility to know the dimension of the problem under discussion as well as to envisage a possible solution for the most urgent health problems affecting the poor. One answer might be the Health Impact Fund (HIF), a new and original idea.

The HIF would foster the development of new high-impact medicines against diseases that are now neglected, would promote access to new medicines by limiting their price to the lowest feasible cost of production, and would motivate innovators to ensure that their products are widely available, competently prescribed and optimally used.



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Public debate in Bergen on poverty, social justice and global health

The conference by Thomas Pogge, will be followed by a debate with prepared critiques from professor Ole Frithjof Norheim and researcher Christine Årdal. There will also be a Q&A session where the general public can ask questions to the panelists.



Ole Frithjof Norheim, Centre for International Health, University of Bergen. He is professor of medical ethics at the University of Bergen, and assistant doctor at the medical department, Haukeland University Hospital. Norheim has received the Norwegian Research Council's award for young exceptional researchers for the project "The ethics of priority setting in global health" (2004-10). He was leader of the International Society for Priority Setting in Health (2006-08), and Secretary of the Lønning-II Committee (1996-97). He has worked for the Norwegian Ministry of Health and Care Services, the Norwegian Directorate of Health, and WHO with projects related to priority.



Christine Årdal, The Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services (NOKC), Oslo. She is a researcher at NOKC, which is an independent entity of the Norwegian Directorate of Health. Her research area is "open source drug discovery", applying open source characteristics to the discovery of new medicines, especially in relation to neglected diseases. She has assisted Norway's members of the WHO's Expert Working Group (EWG) and Consultative Expert Working Group on Research and Development: Financing and Coordination (CEWG). Årdal is also a Ph.D. candidate in Healthcare Economics at the University of Oslo.



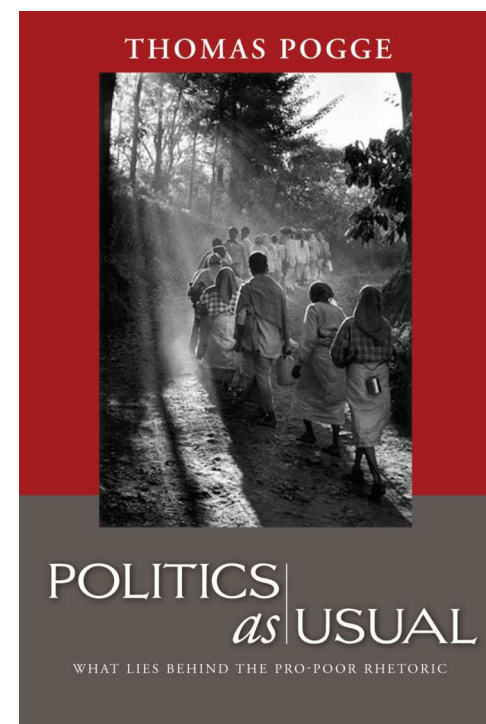
Thomas Pogge, Chair of CROP



Dr. Thomas Pogge is a German philosopher and is currently the Director of the Global Justice Program and Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University. Together with Aidan Hollis he created the Health Impact Fund (HIF) in 2008. Pogge is also co-founder of Academics Stand Against Poverty (ASAP).

"Poverty so extensive and severe as to cause 18 million deaths a year requires a reflective moral response from each of us."

He is the author of the acclaimed *World Poverty and Human Rights* (2002). His latest book is *Politics as Usual: What Lies Behind the Pro-Poor Rhetoric* (2010).



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