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#### Bristol Poverty Institute presents Poverty and the Sustainable Development Goals: From the Local to the Global

The Sixth Peter Townsend Memorial Conference 27-29 April 2021 (online)

# **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

The links to access all the sessions are listed below.

All timings are given in UK time (BST = GMT+1).

#### Day 1, Tuesday 27 April 2021

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Conference opens		
09:30-09:50	<ul> <li>Welcome         Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/95395691074         </li> <li>         Professor Simon Tormey, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, University of Bristol, UK         Dr Lauren Winch, Manager of Bristol Poverty Institute, University of Bristol, UK     </li> </ul>	
University of Bristol, UK Multidimensional Poverty Session		
09:50-11:10	<ul> <li>Setting the Scene: Poverty in 2021 Please click the link below to join the webinar: <u>https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/95395691074</u> </li> <li>Professor David Gordon, Director of Bristol Poverty Institute, University of Bristol, UK 'Global Poverty and the SDGs in 2021' </li> <li>Mr Peter Matejic, Deputy Director of Evidence and Impact, Joseph Rowntree Foundation, UK 'Poverty in the UK in 2021: how have low-income households fared during the coronavirus storm?' </li> <li>Dr Katy Goldstraw and Ms Tracey Herrington, Addressing Poverty by Lived Experience (APLE) Collective, UK </li> </ul>	





	Professor Glen Bramley, Institute for Social Policy,
	Housing, Equalities Research, Heriot-Watt University, UK.
	'Destitution in the UK: Measuring it and modelling it.'
	This opening session will serve to set the scene for discussions over the subsequent three days of the Conference. It will introduce different dimensions and challenges relating to poverty in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century in Low-, Middle- and High-Income countries. Different professional, academic, and civic communities will have differing approaches and may also have different immediate priorities. We are, however, all driven by the ultimate aim of reducing poverty in all its forms everywhere and leaving no-one behind (Sustainable Development Goal 1). By bringing together a range of perspectives, we seek to improve our understanding of the causes and effects of poverty and, by extension, our ability to influence policy and practice to alleviate it. These presentations are intended to provide food for thought and inspiration for discussion over the course of the conference, and there will therefore only be a short Q&A at the end of this session.
	Co-Chair: Mrs Sarah Blackmore, Conference Administrator for
	Bristol Poverty Institute, University of Bristol, UK
11:10-11.30	Break
11:30-13:00	Policy and Poverty Measurement
	Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/95277343668
	<u>Intps://bhstol-ac-uk.20011.us/j/95217545000</u>
	<u>Ms Anne-Catherine Guio</u> , Senior researcher at the
	Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research
	(LISER), Luxembourg
	'Children in EU social policy: EU Child Guarantee and
	<ul> <li>poverty measurement'</li> <li>Professor Aya Abe, Director of the Research Center for</li> </ul>
	Child and Adolescent Poverty, Tokyo Metropolitan
	University, Japan
	'Constructing child deprivation index for Japan'.
	Professor Björn Halleröd, Professor of Sociology and Work     Science, University of Cothenburg, Sweden
	Science, University of Gothenburg, Sweden <b>'Good Governance: What We Think It Is and What We</b>
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	Really Measure'.





	African Social Policy Research Institute, South Africa.
	'Keeping it real – monitoring progress towards a decent standard of living in South Africa'.
	The scientific measurement of multidimensional poverty emphasises that poverty should not be measured simply in economic terms but should also encompass a broader range of considerations including access to services, essential possessions, and social participation. This session will bring together world-leading researchers to provide a broad and in- depth discussion concerning recent theoretical and methodological development in poverty measurement. It will provide a forum to share the state-of-the-art theories, methods, and practices about how to apply poverty measures to inform a comprehensive and effective programme of poverty-eradication policies and practices. This section will also provide a space for collaboration by sharing relevant events, funding calls and other opportunities. Chair: <u>Dr Mary Zhang</u> , School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK
	Co-Chair: Professor David Gordon, Director of Bristol Poverty
13:00-14:00	Institute, University of Bristol, UK Lightning Talks/Lunch Break
13.00-14.00	Please click the link below to join the Zoom meeting: <u>https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/95783825119</u>
	From 13:00-13:30 during the lunchbreak of Day 1 we are offering attendees the opportunity to give a 'Lightning Talk' (up to one minute maximum). Your talk can be on any topic relevant to the conference. This could include, for example:
	<ul> <li>Introducing yourself and your current poverty research interests.</li> <li>Sharing news on a recent publication, policy briefing, or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>other output.</li> <li>Proposing a new area of research interest for a future project or bid.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Inviting collaboration on a particular topic.</li> <li>Promoting an upcoming poverty-relevant activity, such as a webinar, training course or workshop.</li> </ul>
	We will begin the session with the video submissions which we have received in advance. With the time that remains we will invite other attendees to volunteer to speak.





	Child Health and Development Session
14:00-15:30	Inequalities and Child Health 1: Child Survival and Inequality in the UK Please click the link below to join the webinar:
	https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99042735697
	<ul> <li><u>Professor Karen Luyt</u>, Professor of Neonatal Medicine, Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol, UK</li> <li>'The Impact of Social Deprivation on Child Mortality in England'</li> </ul>
	The National Child Mortality Database ( <u>www.ncmd.info</u> ) is publishing their first national report on Child Mortality and Social Deprivation on a complete annual cohort (0-18 years) for England (April 2019 to March 2020) which will be presented in this session by its lead author. It will be demonstrated how over a fifth of all child deaths might be avoided if children living in the most deprived areas had the same mortality risk as those living in the least deprived.
	Inequalities and Child Health 2: Codesigning Local Interventions
	• <u>Mr Barny Haughton</u> , Square Food Foundation, Bristol, UK 'The Oasis Connaught Primary School Project: The case for a whole school approach to food education'
	Square Food Foundation is a Bristol cookery school and community kitchen. The charity works to reduce food insecurity, improve health, and bring people together through food and cooking. The ongoing pandemic, with its associated school closures, has particularly exposed the systemic and complex causes of child food poverty. Barny will argue that food education in schools - from early years to A levels - is key to addressing this challenge in the long term and should be central to public health and food systems government policy making.
	<ul> <li><u>Dr Tom Allport</u>, Centre for Academic Child Health, University of Bristol, UK</li> <li><i>'Find Your Village'.</i></li> </ul>
	Children's play, as with nutrition, is central to early child development and has also been thrown into sharp focus by the pandemic. Opportunities for play are socially determined and BAME populations report inequalities in these early years'





	experiences. Tom will be presenting 'Find your Village', a project engaging with local minority populations to explore play opportunities and co-develop interventions to meet play needs. Chair: <u>Dr Matthew Ellis</u> , Senior Lecturer Global Child Health, Centre for Child and Adolescent Health, School for Population Health, University of Bristol. UK
	Co-Chair: <u>Dr Maya Kohli-Lynch</u> , Academic Paediatric Trainee, Centre for Child and Adolescent Health, School for Population Health, University of Bristol, UK
15:30-16:00	Break
16:00-17:00	<ul> <li>Early Child Development in Disadvantaged Environments – Developing Appropriate Interventions</li> <li>Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/98378249628</li> <li>Dr Margaret Nampijja, Associate Research Scientist (Early Child Development), African Population and Health Research Center, Nairobi, Kenya. 'Early Child Development in Disadvantaged Environments –Developing Appropriate Interventions'</li> <li>Safety and security, good health and nutrition, play and early learning, and responsive caregiving are all essential for a child to reach their full developmental potential. Each of these factors can be adversely affected by poverty. Dr Nampijja has extensive research experience in early child development in low-income settings. In this session, Dr Nampijja will share her experiences of the impact of poverty on early child development and of developing appropriate interventions to support early child development across East Africa. This extended presentation (45minutes) will be followed by an opportunity for Q&amp;A with Dr Nampijja.</li> <li>Chair: <u>Dr Maya Kohli-Lynch</u>, Academic Paediatric Trainee, Centre for Child and Adolescent Health, School for Population Health, University of Bristol, UK</li> <li>Co-Chair: <u>Dr Matthew Ellis</u>, Senior Lecturer Global Child Health, Centre for Child and Adolescent Health, School for Population Health, University of Bristol, UK</li> </ul>





17:00-18:00	Meet the Bristol Poverty Institute team Please click the link below to join the REMO session: <u>https://live.remo.co/e/bpi-conference-poverty-and-the-s</u>
	This informal virtual networking session will give you the opportunity to meet members of the Bristol Poverty Institute team, including our Management Team, our prestigious Advisory Board, and some of our academics. Feel free to join us, and you are welcome to bring a drink if you wish.



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## Day 2, Wednesday 28 April 2021

	Livelihoods and Debt Session
09:30-11:00	Access to welfare benefits and advice and impacts on health in Bristol Please click the link below to join the zoom meeting: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/97038336710
	<ul> <li><u>Ms Sara Davies</u>, Senior Research Fellow in Personal Finance, University of Bristol, UK 'Accessing services: an overview'.</li> <li><u>Mr Mohamed Sayaqle</u>, Chair of Bristol Somali Youth Voice, UK 'How accessing benefits impacts the health/mental health of the Bristol Somali community'</li> <li><u>Ms Anndeloris Chacon</u>, Chief Executive Officer, Bristol Black Carers, UK 'Helping Hand with Dementia'.</li> <li><u>Ms Kay Libby</u>, Chief Executive, Age UK Bristol, UK and <u>Mr Ben Sansum</u>, Advice &amp; Support Manager, Age UK Bristol, UK. 'The role of financial information and advice in supporting older people's wellbeing'.</li> </ul>
	There is a well-established link between poverty and poor mental health, and financial difficulties are often made worse by the difficulties those with poor mental health have in accessing essential services. A report from <u>MMHPI</u> in 2018 found that mental health problems can make navigating the benefits system harder, with serious consequences. This workshop, therefore, aims to explore some of the issues faced in accessing benefits, and how improved access may improve health outcomes for different groups.
	Drawing on the Health Integration Team model used by Bristol Health Partners, the workshop will bring together representatives from local health care providers, advocacy groups, practitioners, academics, and researchers, to facilitate a purposeful and evidence driven discussion on how access to benefits can be improved, focusing on the local context of Bristol. The workshop aims to increase understanding on, firstly, what the key challenges in this sector are, and for different groups and secondly, explore the evidence of what will help meet those challenges.



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11:00-11:30	Chair: <u>Mr Oliver Watson</u> , Bristol Health Partners, UK Co-Chairs: <u>Dr Sebnem Eroglu-Hawksworth</u> , Senior Lecturer in Social Policy, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK and <u>Ms Sara Davies</u> , Senior Research Fellow in Personal Finance, University of Bristol, UK <b>Break</b>
11:30-12:30	<ul> <li>Closing the Digital Divide – Opportunities and Challenges Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/94258272930</li> <li>Dr Gemma Burgess, Acting Director and Principal Research Associate, Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research, University of Cambridge, UK</li> <li>Mr Darren Leighton and Dr Katy Goldstraw, Addressing Poverty by Lived Experience (APLE) Collective, UK</li> <li>Seema Malhotra, Labour MP for Feltham and Heston, Shadow Minister Work and Pensions, and member of the Social Integration APPG, UK</li> <li>Dr Emma Stone, Director of Design, Research and Comms, Good Things Foundation, UK</li> <li>COVID-19 has highlighted digital connection as a crucial cornerstone in ensuring that people in the UK are educationally, economically, socially, and financially included. People on lower incomes are less likely to have good digital connectivity, meaning that existing inequalities are exacerbated in new ways. In this panel discussion, we will hear from academics, policymakers and practitioners about the opportunities and challenges to close the UK's digital divide as a step towards greater inclusion.</li> <li>Chair: Professor Sharon Collard, Chair in Personal Finance, School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol, UK</li> <li>Co-Chair: Professor Julie MacLeavy, Professor of Economic Geography, School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol, UK</li> </ul>
12:30-14:00	Lunchbreak/Posters





Food and Nutrition Session	
14:00-15:00	Food insecurity and malnutrition Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/94245613848
	<ul> <li><u>Professor Hugo Melgar-Quiñonez</u>, Director of the Institute of Global Food Security at McGill University, Canada 'The double burden of food insecurity and malnutrition and beyond'</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><u>Dr Shailen Nandy</u>, Reader, School of Social Sciences, University of Cardiff, UK 'Assessing progress towards SDG2 in west and central Africa'.</li> </ul>
	The Coronavirus pandemic has resulted in the return of hunger in many countries – not just low-income countries. The experience of food insecurity is, unfortunately, spreading. The pressing need to decarbonise agriculture and regenerate soils while simultaneously increasing food production could result in increased food prices and worse outcomes for the most vulnerable. It is, therefore, of increasing importance to have valid and reliable measures of food insecurity and malnutrition in order to make more effective and efficient food policies. This session will discuss some of the latest developments aimed at helping to ensure that the goals of SDG2 are achieved (i.e. end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture).
	Chair: <u>Dr Zoi Toumpakari</u> , Lecturer in School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK Co-Chair: <u>Professor David Gordon</u> , Director of Bristol Poverty Institute, University of Bristol, UK
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	<ul> <li>Food, Nutrition, Poverty and SDGs: Beyond Zero Hunger Please click the link below to join the zoom meeting: <u>https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99241525550</u></li> <li><u>Mr Ped Asgarian &amp; Ms Lucy Jackman</u>, Feeding Bristol, UK</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li><i>'Working Together for Food Justice'.</i></li> <li><u>Ms Suzanne de Berge,</u> Semillas para el Futuro (Seeds for a Future), USA/Guatemala</li> </ul>
	'Building a grass-roots intervention that produces positive and sustainable results for better food security





	and nutrition in rural Guatemala'.
	Whilst food and nutrition comprise the explicit objectives of several of the SDGs (particularly SDG2 – Zero Hunger), they are indirectly related to nearly all 17 goals. With food and nutrition embedded in highly complex challenges environmentally and socially, focusing only on hunger to address food insecurity is reductionist and insufficient for addressing inequitable food systems. In this session, we will hear from guest speakers from NGOs working on these challenges in different contexts – the city of Bristol, UK (Feeding Bristol), and rural towns in Guatemala (Seeds for a Future). There will be short talks to hear about their work and a Q&A, followed by discussions in smaller groups to explore some of the interconnected challenges of food, nutrition, and poverty with the wider SDGs.
	Chair: <u>Dr Lauren Blake</u> , Lecturer in Human Geography, School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol, UK Co-Chair: <u>Mrs Maria Jesus Vega Salas</u> , PhD Student, School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol
17:00-17:30	Break
17:30-19:00	Networking Please click the link below to join the REMO Session: https://live.remo.co/e/bpi-conference-poverty-and-the-s-1This informal virtual networking session via Remo will give you the opportunity to meet other attendees and speakers at the conference. Feel free to join us, and you are welcome to bring a drink if you wish.



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## Day 3, Thursday 29 April 2021

Engaging with Policy and Practice	
09:30-10:30	Impact on inequalities: partnering with charities and campaigning organisations Please click the link below to join the zoom meeting: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/96986139528
	<ul> <li>Dr Wanda Wyporska, Executive Director, The Equality Trust, UK</li> <li>Dr Ruth Machen, University of Newcastle, UK; Author of Critical research impact: On making space for alternatives.</li> <li>Ms Jane Lewis, Director, Centre for Evidence and Implementation, UK</li> <li>Mr Jamie Evans, Senior Research Associate at the Personal Finance Research Centre (PFRC), University of Bristol, UK</li> <li>Academics engage with policy to develop impact from research on inequalities in multiple ways. Policy engagement in this area can pose challenges, including staying up to date with, and acting on, developments in policy and opportunities to influence it, and seeing impact 'results' from critical research, which may not align with (or</li> </ul>
	even directly challenge) government policy. Developing relationships with intermediary organisations, whose primary role is to create change via campaigning, can result in mutual benefit. Intermediaries can gain up to date expertise, researchers develop pathways to impact, and both parties benefit from pooled knowledge and contributing different skills and resources to shared goals.
	This panel session will discuss the ways in which critical research on inequalities can create impact, before focusing on how researchers can partner with charities and campaigning organisations to undertake knowledge exchange and develop impact. We will examine the types of evidence needed to support change, emphasising the importance of coproduction, understanding context, assessing implementation strategies, evidence about systems change and scaling up challenges. The session will also explore the meaning of impact in this context, ways in which researchers can work with intermediary organisations, the relationships and boundaries between research, campaigning, and policymaking, and suggest avenues to support development of reciprocal and useful relationships in the future.





	Chair: <u>Dr Lindsey Pike</u> , PolicyBristol, University of Bristol, UK Co-Chair: <u>Mrs Eloise Meller</u> , Impact Development Team, University of Bristol, UK
10:30-11:00	Break
	Engaging with Policy and Practice
11:00-12:00	<ul> <li>Policy solutions for a better world Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99893099666</li> <li>Mr Yehualashet Mekonen, Director of the African Child Observatory Programme at African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), Ethiopia 'Adjusting the focal length of poverty reduction policies and strategies in Africa: Towards longer-term interventions to address core issues'</li> <li>Professor Olli Kangas, Director of Equal Society research programme at the Academy of Finland; Professor of Practice at the Department of Social Research, University of Turku, Finland 'Possibilities and impossibilities of Basic Income in Finland'</li> <li>Mr Stewart Lansley, Economist and financial journalist; Visiting Fellow at the School of Policy Studies, University of Bristol and London's City University, UK 'Beveridge and Unfinished Business: Is it time to implement a guaranteed, non-means-tested basic income floor?'</li> </ul>
	The Coronavirus pandemic is resulting in large increases in poverty and deprivation across the world and making progress towards the SDG goals increasingly difficult. In rich countries, there is increasing strain on the three pillars of what Richard Titmus called the Social Division of Welfare – social, fiscal, and occupational welfare – and low- and middle-income countries are struggling to establish adequate social protection floors which fulfil children's and adults' social and economic rights. This session examines the potential of two radical policy options – Universal Basic Income and Child Friendliness. Chair: <u>Dr Shailen Nandy</u> , Reader, School of Social Sciences, University of Cardiff, UK Co-Chair: <u>Professor David Gordon</u> , Director of Bristol Poverty





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12:00-13:00	Lunchbreak/Posters

Education Session		
13:00-14:30	Critical perspectives on education and poverty reduction in a	
	global context Please click the link below to join the webinar:	
	https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/97872351912	
	<ul> <li><u>Dr Tigist Grieve</u>, Senior Research Associate, School of Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK.</li> </ul>	
	'Access to educational opportunities: trajectories of	
	girls education in Africa'	
	Dr Emily (Markovich) Morris, Director of International	
	Training and Education Program and Senior Professorial	
	Lecturer, School of Education, American University, Washington D.C., USA	
	'The Struggle for the Good Life: A Longitudinal Study of	
	How Geography Shapes Girls' and Boys' Post-	
	Schooling Pathways'	
	<ul> <li><u>Dr Tebeje Molla</u>, DECRA Fellow, Deakin University,</li> </ul>	
	Australia.	
	'Education and Human Development: Analytical	
	Reflections'	
	<ul> <li><u>Dr Arif Naveed</u>, Lecturer, School of Education, University of Bath, UK.</li> </ul>	
	<i>'What do we know about the relationship between</i>	
	poverty and schooling in South Asia?'	
	<u>Mr Simon Ingram-Hill</u> , former Country Director for the British	
	Council in Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Hungary, Mauritius.	
	'Education vs Poverty: some sub-Saharan perspectives'	
	<u>Professor Leon Tikly</u> , Global Chair in Education and Director	
	of the Centre for Comparative and International Research in	
	Education, School of Education, University of Bristol, UK. <i>Education and Poverty reduction in global context</i>	
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	The round table will critically explore the relationship between	
	education and poverty. Education is often assumed to play a key	
	role in reducing poverty through providing the skills and	
	competencies required to support sustainable livelihoods. These	
	assumptions underpin the SDGs. Yet, how accurate are these	
	assumptions? What evidence is there that education and training	







	<ul> <li>can contribute to sustainable livelihoods and under what conditions? Drawing on evidence from around the world the panellists will address these questions.</li> <li>The panel will explore the following questions: <ul> <li>What do you think is the relationship between education and poverty?</li> <li>To what extent can education play a role in poverty reduction?</li> <li>What needs to change?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Chair: Professor Leon Tikly, Global Chair in Education and Director of the Centre for Comparative and International Research in Education, School of Education, University of Bristol, UK</li> <li>Co-Chair: Dr Tigist Grieve, Senior Research Associate, School of Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK</li> </ul>	
14:30-15:00	Break	
Closing Session		
15:00-16:30	<ul> <li>Building Back Fairer: Concluding Session Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99402561490</li> <li>Mr Dominic Richardson, Chief, Social Policy and Economic Analysis at UNICEF Office of Research (Innocenti), UK 'Supporting Families and Children post-COVID-19: Learning from previous crises for building back fairer'</li> <li>Professor Luis Beccaria, Senior Research Officer at the University of General Sarmiento (Argentina). Professor of postgraduate courses at the University of Buenos Aires and FLACSO (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences), Argentina.</li> <li>'Facing poverty in post-pandemic Latin America'.</li> <li>Professor Jody Heymann, Distinguished Professor, Fielding School of Public Health; Luskin School of Public Affairs; David Geffen School of Medicine, Dean Emeritus. UCLA. USA.</li> <li>'Addressing Health and Economic Inequalities: The Critical Role of Paid Sick Leave Amidst the Pandemic and Beyond'.</li> <li>The Covid-19 pandemic has halted and reversed the some of the progress that was made during the 21<sup>st</sup> Century towards meeting</li> </ul>	





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	<ul> <li>has changed forever and there is a global need to rebuild a better world than before. This session will examine how we could build back a better world.</li> <li>Chair: Professor David Gordon, Director of Bristol Poverty Institute, University of Bristol, UK</li> <li>Co-Chair: Chair: Dr Lauren Winch, Manager of Bristol Poverty Institute, University of Bristol, UK</li> </ul>
16:30-17:00	Closing remarks Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://bristol-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99402561490 The Director of the Bristol Poverty Institute, Professor David Gordon, will share some closing remarks on the conference, reflecting on discussions across the three days.

# We hope you enjoy our conference!

