

**Joint OECD/University of Maryland International Conference
16-17 March 2009**

**Measuring Poverty, Income Inequality, and Social Exclusion
Lessons from Europe**

Conference Agenda

Day 1: Monday, 16 March 2009

9:30 – 10:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
by M. Queisser (OECD) and D. Besharov (University of Maryland)

Session I: Monetary measures of poverty and inequality in different national settings	
Chair: S. Jenkins, ISER, University of Essex	
10:00 – 10:30	<i>The OECD approach: strengths, limits and statistical issues</i> by M. Mira D'Ercole and M. Förster, OECD
10:30 – 11:00	<i>The use of poverty and inequality measures in the EU countries</i> by D. Stanton and I. Maquet, SPC, European Commission
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee/ Tea
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Use of poverty and inequality measures in lower income European countries</i> by I. Toth, TARKI
12:00 – 12:30	<i>The use of relative poverty in absolutely poor countries across the world</i> by M. Ravallion, The World Bank
12:30 – 13:00	Session Discussant: T. Smeeding, University of Wisconsin-Madison / LWS

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Session II: Broadening measures of income (or resources)	
Chair: T. Smeeding, University of Wisconsin-Madison and LWS	
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Accounting for in-kind public benefits or services</i> by H. Sutherland, ISER, Essex and P. Tsakloglou, Athens University
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Accounting for direct and indirect taxes</i> by A. Decoster, KU Leuven
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/ Tea
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Accounting for imputed and capital income flows</i> by J. Frick and M. Grabka, DIW Berlin
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Analysing and measuring social inclusion in a global context</i> by E. Marlier, CEPS/INSTEAD
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Accounting for employer provider benefits and contributions</i> By N. Gilbert, UC Berkeley
17:30 – 18:00	Session Discussant: D. Johnson, U.S. Census Bureau

19:00 Conference Dinner (Venue: Bistro de la Murette, 10, Chaussee de la Murette, Paris)

Day 2: Tuesday, 17 March 2009

Session III: Income levels for social assistance	
Chair: M. Ravallion, The World Bank	
09:30 – 10:00	<i>Social assistance schemes in OECD countries: eligibility and benefits</i> by M. Förster and H. Immervoll, OECD
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Social assistance schemes across the world: eligibility conditions and benefits</i> by E. Tesliuc, The World Bank
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Dynamics of receipt of social assistance benefits</i> by S. Jenkins, ISER, Essex and L. Cappellari, Università Cattolica, Milano
11:00 – 11:30	Session Discussant: R. Lerman, Urban Institute, Washington DC

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee / Tea

Session IV: Non-income measures	
Chair: G. Wagner, DIW Berlin	
12:00 – 12:25	<i>Considering assets</i> by A. Brandolini, Bank of Italy and LWS, S. Magri, Bank of Italy and T. Smeeding, University of Wisconsin-Madison and LWS
12:25 – 12:50	<i>Consumption-based measures</i> by P. Lanjouw, The World Bank
12:50 – 13:00	Session Discussant: K. Couch, University of Connecticut

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Session V: Multidimensional measures	
Chair: L. Platt ISER, University of Essex	
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Measures of social inclusion in the EU countries</i> by E. Marlier, CEPS/INSTEAD, B. Cantillon and K. Van den Bosch, University of Antwerp, and B. Nolan, University College Dublin
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Physical (material deprivation) measures</i> by B. Nolan and C. Whelan, University College Dublin
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee/ Tea
16:00 – 16:30	<i>An approach based on capabilities and functionings and its application in measuring the costs of disability</i> by A. Zaidi, OECD, and T. Burchardt, LSE
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Subjective measures</i> by G. Wagner and P. Krause, DIW Berlin, and B. Heady, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research
17:00 – 17:30	Session Discussant: N. Gilbert, UC Berkeley

17:30 – 18:00 **Summing up discussion** by R. Burkhauser and D. Johnson

18:00 **CLOSING** by M. Queisser and D. Besharov