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Social and Political Dimensions of the Global Crisis: Implications for Developing Countries

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DAY 1 – 12 NOVEMBER 2009

Opening Session
09.30 – 10.00
- Sarah Cook, Director, UNRISD
- Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)

Session 1 Impacts, Coping Strategies and Livelihoods
10.00 – 10.45 Chair: Raymond Torres, Director of the International Institute for Labour Studies, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- Diane Elson, University of Essex – Social Reproduction in the Global Crisis
- Indira Hirway, Centre for Development Alternatives and Seeta Prabhu, UNDP India – Restructuring Development during Global Financial Crisis: Lessons from India
- Andrew Downes, University of the West Indies – The Global Economic Crisis and Labour Markets in the Small States of the Caribbean

10.45 – 11.15 BREAK

11.15 – 12.30
- Arindam Banerjee, Centre for Development Studies – Emerging Constraints on Smallholder Agriculture in Developing Countries under Neoliberalism and Crisis: Evidence from the Rural Economy in India
- May Tan-Mullins, University of Nottingham – Lessons from Two Financial Crises: Vulnerability, Resilience and Responses of Indonesian and Chinese Fisherfolk
- Lourdes Arizpe, National Autonomous University of Mexico and Chair of the UNRISD Board – Reconstituting Communities in the Context of Crisis
- General Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 LUNCH BREAK

Session 2 Social Policy: Country and Regional Perspectives
14.00 – 15.15 Chair: Ramla Khalidi, First Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)
- Sarah Cook, UNRISD – China’s Social Policy Response to Economic Crisis: Towards a Developmental Welfare State?
- Govind Kelkar and Dev Nathan, Institute for Human Development – Redistribution and Social Protection: Contrasting Experiences of Thailand (1990s) and India (2009)
- Lorraine Corner, UNICEF – Gender Analysis of Fiscal Responses to the Economic Crisis in Asia
- Azim Manji and Josef Devine, University of Bath – Hanging on a Thread: Financial Crisis, Risk and Vulnerability among the Extreme Poor in Bangladesh
- Ousmane Faye, APHRC and Elizabeth Paul, University of Liège – The Opportunities of the Global Crisis for Social Policy Enhancement in Senegal

15.15 – 15.45 BREAK
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**Session 3** Social Policy: Global Perspectives
9.00 – 10.30 Chair: Gabriele Koehler, Regional Adviser for Social Policy, United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Regional Office for South Asia

- **Ben Fine**, School of Oriental and African Studies – Financialization and Social Policy
- **Bob Deacon**, University of Sheffield – Shifting Social Policy Discourse: The Impact of the Global Crisis on Ideas about Social Protection and Global Social Governance
- **Tony Addison** and **Finn Tarp**, UNU–WIDER – The Global Aid Architecture and the Triple Crisis

10.30 – 11.00 **BREAK**

**Session 4** Political Economy Dimensions of Crisis
11.00 – 12.30 Chair: Maart Kohonen, Coordinator, Human Rights and Economic and Social Issues, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

- **Björn Beckman**, Stockholm University – Trade Unions and the Politics of Crisis: South Africa and Nigeria Compared
- **Emma Rose Allen**, ILO CoopAfrica and **Samwel Joseph Maghimbi**, University of Dar es Salaam – African Cooperatives and the Global Financial Crisis
- **Seeraj Mohamed**, University of the Witwatersrand – The Impact of the Global Economic Crisis on the South African Economy
- **Ying Yu**, University of Nottingham – Chinese Migrant Workers in the Global Financial Crisis: Political Economy of Policy Response

12.30 – 14.00 **LUNCH BREAK**

**Session 5** Political Economy Dimensions of Policy Reform
14.00 – 15.30 Chair: Charles Gore, Special Coordinator for Research and Policy Analysis, Division for Africa, Least Developed Countries and Special Programmes, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

- **Bob Jessop**, University of Lancaster – Narratives of Crisis and Crisis Response
- **Andrew Martin Fischer**, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University – The Perils of Paradigm Maintenance in the Face of Crisis
- **Jorge Nef**, University of South Florida – Social and Political Dimensions of the Global Crisis: A Perspective from the Americas

**Closing Session**
15.30 – 16:15 Future Research Directions

- **Peter Utting**, Deputy Director, UNRISD
- **Shahra Razavi**, Research Coordinator, UNRISD