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September 2009 Monthly OPHI Update

Dear colleagues (with apologies for any cross-posting),

Welcome to the monthly update of opportunities, announcements and events by the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI).

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OPHI is pleased to announce a call for proposals for researchers to analyse a brand new dataset on the ‘Missing Dimensions of Poverty’ in Chile, the first nationally representative dataset of its kind. See the detailed Call for Proposals, the questionnaire that was administered (in English and Spanish) and a 5% sample of the data in STATA. Deadline 15 September. [read more...]

<http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

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OPHI Workshop on ‘Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data’ in Durban, South Africa

On 16 August, OPHI conducted a workshop on the Missing Dimensions of Poverty Data in Durban, South Africa prior to the opening of the 57th session of the International Statistics Institute (ISI). OPHI took advantage of the ISI meetings to invite participants to attend a workshop to discuss OPHI’s survey modules and their relevance to understanding poverty in Africa, potential

policy implications, and how the work of OPHI might be taken further in the region. [read more...]
<http://ophi.qeh.ox.ac.uk/subindex.php?id=workshop0>

Recent Working Papers

'Human Capital and the Quality of Education in a Poverty Trap Model', Maria Emma Santos. Working Paper 30 (August 2009)

'Comparing Economic Mobility with a Heterogeneity Index: An Application to Education in Peru', Gaston Yalonetzky. Working Paper 28 (August 2009)

'Inequality, Interactions, and Human Development', Suman Seth. Working Paper 23 (August 2009)

[available at...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=publications0#Research>

Summer School on Capability and Multidimensional Poverty

Sabina Alkire heads the OPHI team that has been teaching a two week summer school in Lima, Peru. This intensive summer school provides a thorough conceptual and technical introduction to quantitative techniques of multidimensional poverty and inequality comparison, drawing on the capability approach. This year the summer school attracted 38 participants from 22 countries ranging from Bangladesh to Uruguay. Participants include doctoral students, academics, those working in government offices of statistics and planning, and staff of international organisations. Videos and problem sets from the summer school will be posted within the next month [read more...] <http://ophi.qeh.ox.ac.uk/subindex.php?id=teaching1>

New Textbook Launched: An Introduction to the Human Development and Capability Approach

OPHI has supported the development of a new textbook aimed at students in the social sciences and development practitioners. The book provides a basic introduction to Amartya Sen's human development and capability approach and presents new perspectives on a wide range of topics, including the conceptualisation and measurement of well-being and inequality. Sabina Alkire and Maria Emma Santos are contributing authors to the volume, which is being launched this week at the summer school in Lima, Peru. Earthscan is offering OPHI Update subscribers a discount so find out how to order your copy today [read more...] <http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=events0>

New People at OPHI

Liz Bruton has left OPHI as Web Manager to begin a PhD at the University of Leeds and we welcome Heidi Fletcher who takes over in this capacity. Adam Swallow has moved to Oxford Policy Management as Communications and Publications Manager, and Sarah Valenti has recently been appointed as OPHI's new Research Communications Officer. We thank Adam and Liz for all their work for OPHI and wish them the very best in their new ventures. [read more...]
<http://www.ophi.org.uk/subindex.php?id=people0>

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