Panel 2. Mind the gap: How widening inequalities undermine development

Biographies

Mr. Matthew Bishop, Globalisation Editor, The Economist (Moderator)

Matthew Bishop is the Globalisation Editor of The Economist. Mr. Bishop was previously the magazine’s US Business Editor and New York Bureau Chief. Prior to that he was the London-based Business Editor. He is the author of several books, including most recently an e-book, “In Gold We Trust? The Future of Money in an Age of Uncertainty”, with Michael Green. “The Road from Ruin” (also with Green), about how to improve capitalism following the crash of 2008 and subsequent economic downturn, was published in 2010. It was described as "provocative and refreshing" by the New York Times.

Mr. Bishop is the author of several of The Economist’s special report supplements, including most recently The Great Mismatch, about the future of jobs; A Bigger World, which examines the opportunities and challenges of the rise of emerging economies and firms; The Business of Giving, which looks at the industrial revolution taking place in philanthropy; Kings of Capitalism, which anticipated and analyzed the boom in private equity; and Capitalism and its Troubles, an examination of the impact of problems such as the collapse of Enron. He is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Role of Business. He is on Twitter as @mattbish.

H.E. Mr. Alfonso Navarrete Prida, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare, Mexico

Alfonso Navarrete Prida is a Mexican lawyer and politician, member of the Institutional Revolutionary Party. From 2009 to 2012 he served as Deputy of the LXI Legislature of the Mexican Congress representing the State of Mexico. Since 1 December 2012, he assumed the office of Secretary of Labor of Mexico. He began his political career as the private secretary of Jorge Carpizo McGregor, who was President of the National Commission for Human Rights between 1991 and 1992 and Attorney-General of the Republic between 1993 and 1994. Between 1995 and 1996, he served as Director-General for the Legal Affairs in the Ministry of Health, and in 1996, as Comptroller General. Between 1998 and 2000, he served as Solicitor-General for Criminal Prosecutions in the Attorney-General’s office.

In 2001, he is nominated Under-Secretary of Public Safety of the State of Mexico. Between 2001 and 2006, he served as Attorney-General for Legal Affairs of the State of Mexico. In 2008, he joined the government of Peña Nieto to become Secretary of Urban Development. He renounced to its function on 22 January 2009 to be candidate to the elections of Federal Deputy for the Institutional Revolutionary Party. He is elected Deputy of the XVIII District of the State of Mexico between 2009 and 2012. He also became the President of the Budget and Public Account Commission the same year.
H.E. Mr. Hu Xiaoyi, Vice Minister, Human Resources and Social Security, People’s Republic of China

Mr. Hu Xiaoyi started his career, in 1971, as a staff in Beijing Xinqiao Hotel and the First Service Bureau of Beijing Municipality. After that, he began his public sector service as the officer and director in the State General Administration of Labor and the Ministry of Labor and Personnel. He continued his service as the Deputy Chief of Institute of Labor and Wage Studies and Deputy-Director-General of the Department of Policies, Laws and Regulations in the Ministry of Labor. Then, he was promoted the Director-General of Social Insurance and the Bureau of Social Insurance Administration in the Ministry of Labor. Afterwards, he served as the Chief of Social Insurance Administration Center and Director-General of the General Office of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. Then, he was appointed the Vice Minister of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. In March, 2008, he was appointed Vice Minister of the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security. His areas of responsibility include social security scheme development, including policy design, social security administration and information system construction, supervising 7 departmental agencies including the Department of Old-Age Insurance, the Department of Medical Insurance, the Department of Work Injury Insurance, the Department of Social Insurance for Rural Area, the Department of Social Insurance Fund Supervision, the Information Center and the Social Security Administration Center.

Ms. Sharan Burrow, General Secretary of the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC)

Sharan Burrow was elected General Secretary of the ITUC at its Second World Congress in Vancouver, June 2010. Prior to this, she held the position of ITUC President since its Founding Congress in Vienna (November 2006) and the position of ICFTU President since its 18th World Congress in Miyazaki (November 2004). She is the first woman to have held any of these positions. Sharan was born in 1954 in Warren, a small town in western NSW, into a family with a long history of involvement in unions and the struggle to improve the lives of working people.

Her great, great grandfather participated in the shearsers’ strike of 1891/92, becoming one of the first organisers for the Australian Workers’ Union and standing for the state seat of Cobar for the fledgling Australian Labor Party in 1896. Sharan studied teaching at the University of NSW in 1976 and began her teaching career in high schools around country NSW. She became an organiser for the NSW Teachers’ Federation, based in Bathurst, and was President of the Bathurst Trades and Labour Council during the 1980s. Sharan was elected Senior Vice-President of the NSW Teachers’ Federation and became President of the Australian Education Union (AEU) in 1992. She represented the AEU on the ACTU Executive through the 1990s.

Sharan was previously Vice-President of Education International from 1995 to 2000. Education International is the international organisation of education unions representing 24 million members worldwide. In May 2000, Sharan Burrow became the second woman to be elected President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU). In October 2000, Sharan also became the first woman to be elected President of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions Asia Pacific Region Organisation.
She has also served as a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation and a member of the Stakeholder Council of the Global Reporting Initiative. As part of her ILO responsibilities, Sharan chaired the Workers’ Group of the Sub-Committee on Multinational Enterprises. Sharan Burrow was re-elected General Secretary of the ITUC at its 3rd Congress, in Berlin, May 2014.

**Professor Stephanie Seguino, University of Vermont**

Stephanie Seguino is Professor of Economics at the University of Vermont, USA, and Research Associate at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London. Prior to obtaining a Ph.D. from American University, she served as economist in Haiti in the pre- and post-Baby Doc era. Her current research explores the relationship between inequality, growth, and development. She is an instructor in the African Program for Rethinking Development Economics (APORDE), Associate Editor of Feminist Economics, Journal of Human Development and Capabilities, and Review of Keynesian Economics, and past president of International Association for Feminist Economics.