

Global Ethics Lectures Series

# Global Poverty: What Is (To Be) Done?

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The number of chronically malnourished people has broken above 1 billion for the first time in human history. 18 million people die annually from poverty-related causes. The poorer half of the world's population has less than 3 percent of global household income. The persistence of these deprivations is driven not only by local factors, but also by an increasingly dense and influential network of global rules.

This global institutional order structures and constrains the option space of the world's significant actors and thereby affects profoundly the lives of all human beings and the ecology of our planet. Massive poverty and oppression can be abolished only if we can muster the political will to realize more justice at the global level through a better understanding and intelligent reforms of global institutional arrangements.

In his Peace Palace Lecture, Professor Pogge will contribute to this aim by informing about the magnitude of the global poverty problem and the inadequacy of the world's response to it, by analyzing the ways in which global institutions and policies aggravate the problem, and by introducing feasible institutional design solutions that could greatly reduce poverty and its effects without imposing large opportunity costs on the affluent.

## Agenda

14.30 Registration

15.00 Introduction: Global Ethics for Global Justice?

*Professor Jeroen van den Hoven,  
Scientific Director, 3TU.Centre for  
Ethics and Technology*

15.15 Lecture: Global Poverty. What Is (To Be) Done?

*Professor Thomas Pogge*

16.15 Plenary Discussion

17.00 Conclusion and reception

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