



## ***“Challenging Inequalities – Pathways to a Just World”***

### **World Social Science Report 2016 Launch, Transformations to Sustainability Programme Seminar & Stein Rokkan Prize Ceremony**

**7 November 2016**

**Jawaharlal Nehru University Convention Centre, New Delhi**

The *World Social Science Report 2016* highlights the latest social science knowledge on the state of inequalities today and examines the effects of inequalities across multiple dimensions, including gender, environment, access to knowledge, wealth and political power. Looking to the future, the Report proposes transformative responses to inequality at all levels, from the grassroots to global governance.

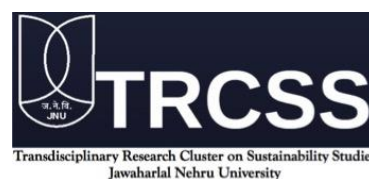
The report has over 100 authors from some 40 countries worldwide. It concludes with a clarion call to the research community to address the global challenges presented by inequality, proposing a framework for integrated, global research that can make a difference.

The *World Social Science Report 2016* is prepared by the International Social Science Council (ISSC) in collaboration with the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and co-published with UNESCO. It is published online as an open access publication at: <http://en.unesco.org/wssr2016>.

The **launch of the Report** will be followed by a **seminar** in the framework of the **Transformations to Sustainability Programme**, examining the intersection of various dimensions of inequality in the context of the challenges of global environmental change and the need for transformative change to sustainability and social justice.

The day will conclude with the presentation of the **Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research** to the 2015 laureate, Marius R. Busemeyer, for his book *Skills and Inequality: Partisan Politics and the Political Economy of Education Reforms in Western Welfare States* (2014, Cambridge University Press). The Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research is presented by the International Social Science Council (ISSC). It is managed by the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), and sponsored by the University of Bergen.

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## Programme

<b>9:00</b>	<p><b>WSSR 2016 launch: <i>Challenging inequalities: Pathways to a just world</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Official welcome from <b>Sukhadeo Thorat</b> (ICSSR Chairman), <b>Shigeru Aoyagi</b> (Director, UNESCO New Delhi Office) and <b>Mathieu Denis</b> (Executive Director, ISSC)</li> <li>• ISSC – <i>Introduction to the Report</i></li> <li>• John Gaventa, Report Co-Director – <i>Key Messages and priorities for research</i></li> <li>• Jayati Ghosh, Report author – <i>Inequalities in India: drivers and consequences</i></li> <li>• Anuradha Chenoy, Report author – <i>BRICS and global inequality</i></li> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
<b>10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:15</b>	<p><b>Seminar: Addressing the Many Intersecting Dimensions of Inequality</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator Susi Moser, Senior ISSC Consultant – <i>Introduction</i></li> <li>• Short talks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- John Gaventa</li> <li>- Jayati Ghosh</li> <li>- Anabel Marin</li> <li>- Heila Lotz-Sisitka</li> <li>- Leah Temper</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Facilitated panel discussion</li> </ul>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>14:00</b>	<p><b>Parallel seminar B: Learning from Indian social movements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitator Dinesh Abrol, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, JNU – <i>Introduction</i></li> <li>• Panel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jubilee Vinod</li> <li>- Vimlendu Jha</li> <li>- Elango R</li> <li>- Martha Chaves</li> <li>- Rania Masri</li> <li>- Ritu Priya Mehrotra</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>What can we learn about transformative change from the goals, strategies, challenges and achievements of social movements and NGOs in India? Panel discussion and questions and answers with audience</p>
<b>15:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>16:15</b>	<p><b>Stein Rokkan Prize 2015 Ceremony</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISSC laudation and prize presentation</li> <li>• Marius Busemeyer, Professor of Political Science, University of Konstanz – Keynote talk on his prize-winning book <i>Skills and Inequality: Partisan Politics and the Political Economy of Education Reforms in Western Welfare States</i> (2014, Cambridge University Press)</li> </ul>
<b>17:15</b>	<b>Meeting adjourns</b>
<b>18:30</b>	<b>Dinner</b> (ICSSR Campus, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU Institutional Area, New Delhi-67)

## Speakers

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#### Shigeru Aoyagi



Shigeru Aoyagi was appointed Director of the UNESCO Office in New Delhi in January 2012. Prior to that, he served as Director of the UNESCO Office in Kabul and as UNESCO Representative to Afghanistan from 2006 - 2011. Shigeru joined UNESCO in July 2002 as Chief of the Literacy and Non-Formal Education (NFE) section within the Education Sector at Headquarters in Paris. In this capacity, he has supervised, managed and coordinated the section's work within the framework of Education for All (EFA), as well as its work on literacy and NFE for the four regional programmes for universalization of primary education and the eradication of illiteracy. He has also contributed to the adoption of the UN resolutions on the United Nations Literacy Decade (UNLD) International Plan of Action, coordinated the EFA Flagship programmes on UNLD and the UNESCO-FAO joint programme on Rural People, and has worked on the launch of the Literacy Initiative for Empowerment at the international level and in the 11 first-round implementation countries.

#### Anuradha Chenoy

Anuradha M. Chenoy is a Professor at the Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies and Dean of the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

She has written many books, monographs and articles, served as consultant to the International Committee of the Red Cross, UNESCO, Action Aid International, UN Women and UN Peace keepers and engaged with social movements and civil society organisations. Professor Chenoy was a contributing author to the *World Social Science Report 2016*.



#### John Gaventa



Professor John Gaventa, currently Director of Research at the Institute of Development Studies, is a political sociologist, educator and civil society practitioner with over 30 years of experience in research, teaching and facilitation, and organisational leadership in North and South.

Linking research and practice, he has written and worked extensively on issues of citizenship and citizen engagement, power and participation, governance and accountability, and leadership for social change in a number of countries around the world. In 2012, he was awarded an OBE for his service to Oxfam Great Britain, where he was chair from 2006 to 2011. He holds a DPhil degree from Oxford University. Professor Gaventa was Co-Director of the *World Social Science Report 2016*.

### **Jayati Ghosh**

Jayati Ghosh is Professor of Economics at the Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Since 2002 she has been the Executive Secretary of International Development Economics Associates (IDEAS), an international network of heterodox development economists. She is Founding Trustee of the Economic Research Foundation. She received the NordSud Prize for Social Sciences 2010 of the Fondazione Pescarabruzzo, Italy, and was awarded the ILO Decent Work Research Prize for 2010. Professor Ghosh was a contributing author to the *World Social Science Report 2016*.



### **Sukhadeo Thorat**



Professor Sukhadeo Thorat was born in the village of Mahimapur, Amravati District (Maharashtra), India. He obtained his B.A. from Milind College of Arts, Aurangabad (Maharashtra), his M.A. in Economics from Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar at Marathwada University, Aurangabad Maharashtra, and his M.Phil/Ph.D. in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He has a Diploma in Economic Planning from the Main School of Planning Warsaw, Poland. His research touches on agricultural development, rural poverty, economic growth, problems of marginalized groups, the economics of the caste system, caste discrimination and poverty, human development, human rights issues, the thinking of Ambedkar, slums and education. Professor Thorat has been Chairman of the Indian Council for Social Science Research since 2011.

## Seminar

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### Dinesh Abrol



Professor Dinesh Kuman Abrol is a Professor at the Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, ICSSR, New Delhi. He is a former Principle Scientist, CSIR-NISTADS, New Delhi, and is currently visiting Professor at the Centre for Studies in Science Policy (CSSP), School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University (2013-2016).

### Martha Chaves

Colombian researcher and activist member of the Council of Sustainable Settlements of the Americas and the Ecovillage movement. She is a biologist with a Masters in Forest and Nature Conservation, with a specialization in Community-Based Conservation from Wageningen University, the Netherlands. She is currently finishing her PhD studies at the same university in the topic of networks of change as emergent New Social Movements in Colombia, undertaken at the Faculty of Sociology of Development and Change. Her main interests lie in the fields of transformative learning, community-based conservation, transition movements and other new social movements.



### Vimlendu Jha



Vimlendu founded Swechha, one of India's most influential organisations on youth matters, in 2000. In 2007, Vimlendu was selected as one of six worldwide change makers by CNN International to be part of the Be the Change programme, which followed his work for over a year and was viewed by more than 100 million people worldwide. Vimlendu also anchored the International Year of Volunteers 2001 initiative in India through UNV, heading the Volunteer Promotion Unit in New Delhi. Vimlendu's international experience spans over a decade

and includes associations with Civicus World Assembly, The British Council, IVLP (State Department of the USA), UNV, UNDP, Inoue Public Relations Inc. (Tokyo), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Japan Bank for International Cooperation, GIZ (Germany), Volunteer Service Overseas (VSO), Sarvodaya Sri Lanka and several Heads of State.

Vimlendu set up the Green the Map, Swechha's fair trade initiative, which produces innovative products from waste material. He has made award-winning documentaries on environmental and youth issues that have been broadcast by national and international news channels. His films include *Disposable* and *Wasted*, which deal with solid waste management; *Jjivisha*, which deals with water issues and the plight of the river Yamuna; and *Tatva*, which deals with climate, water and energy issues.

## Heila Lotz-Sisitka



Heila Lotz-Sisitka holds a South African Research Chair in Transformative Social Learning and Green Skills Learning Pathways, at Rhodes University, South Africa, where she has also served as Director of the Environmental Learning Research Centre for over 15 years. Her doctoral research focussed on socially critical approaches to environmental education in the context of post-apartheid participatory teacher education and learning materials development. This study initiated a long term interest in transformative participation in education, critical research traditions, and unravelling the complex relationship that exists between human learning, agency and social change.

She has contributed to national and international policy development for environmental education, including service on a number of committees developing South Africa's post-apartheid education and training system and curriculum; the UNESCO International Reference Group for the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014); the United Nations Environment Programme's Global Universities Programme for Environment and Sustainability (2008-present); and Scientific Chair of the 2007 World Environmental Education Congress.

## Anabel Marin

Anabel Marin is a researcher on innovation, science, technology and development. She studied economics at the University of Cordoba, then did a Master in Development in UNGS, and a Doctorate and Post-Doctorate in Science and Technology at SPRU (Science Policy Research Unit) in the UK. She is currently a Research Associate at CONICET, member of the STEPS Centre Latin America - Research Centre for Transformation (CENIT) and Professor at the University of Buenos Aires and the University of Mar del Plata. She is interested in the use of multidisciplinary approaches to address problems of economic and social sustainability and inclusive development and, increasingly, in the development of modes of diffusion of research to the public (<http://nrpathways.wix.com/home#!video/c1wc1>). She is currently working on transitions to sustainability in relation to natural resources, the development of open science, public-private linkages in agricultural biotechnology, opportunities for innovation in manufacturing in Latin America and the future of seeds in Argentina and Brazil.



## Rania Masri



Rania Masri, Associate Director, joined AUB in September 2014 after nine years as professor and Chair of the Department of Environmental Sciences at the University of Balamand (2005-2014). Previously, she served as the Environment and Energy Policy Specialist at the UNDP-Regional Office in Cairo (2012-2013). Prior to her move to Lebanon in 2005, she was the Director of the Southern Peace Research and Education Center at the Institute for Southern Studies in North Carolina, USA (2002-2005).

Dr. Masri holds a PhD in Forestry from North Carolina State University (2001), and a Masters in Environmental Management (MEM) from Duke University (1995). Throughout her career, Dr. Masri has worked to bring a holistic, interdisciplinary lens to the environmental sciences, and a recognition that environmental management must encompass a human rights and social justice practice and is, in itself, a struggle for full citizenship. Her academic research and publications have centered on issues of ecological sustainability, environmental politics, and social movements. She has also written and organized extensively on the sanctions on Iraq, the occupation of Palestine, and civil and environmental rights, and spoken at hundreds of public events and media appearances. (A partial listing of her writings and talks can be found on her personal website: <http://greenresistance.wordpress.com/my-writings/>)

### **Ritu Priya Mehrotra**

Dr. Ritu Priya is Professor at the Centre of Social Medicine & Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. A medical graduate with a Ph.D. in Community Health, her work links epidemiology, political economy, popular culture, health systems research for decentralized planning, policy formulation and analysis. It has been specifically focused on an eco-social epidemiological approach to urban health, health of marginalised groups, problems of nutrition and communicable diseases. She also works on inter-disciplinary research methodologies, health technology assessment, policy and planning and the ethics of public health.



Besides articles in leading journals and books on a wide range of subjects including assessment of health technologies, programmes and system designs for their appropriateness in diverse contexts, she has co-edited a volume titled 'Dialogue on AIDS: Perspectives for the Indian Context'. She was Advisor (Public Health Planning) with the National Health Systems Resource Centre, a technical support institution under the National Rural Health Mission for two years, and has been member of Task Forces of the Planning Commission, the Department of Health and Family Welfare, the Ministry/Department of AYUSH, and the National AIDS Control Organisation. She is a founding member of the Transdisciplinary Research Cluster for Sustainability Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University.

### **Susi Moser**



Dr. Susanne Moser is Director and Principal Researcher of Susanne Moser Research & Consulting in Santa Cruz, California, and a Social Science Research Fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford University. Susi's work as an independent scholar and consultant focuses on adaptation to climate change, resilience, transformation, science-policy interactions, and effective climate change communication in support of social change. She has served on scientific advisory boards for Future Earth, the International Human Dimensions Program, the US National Research Council, and numerous other organizations. She is a geographer by training (Ph.D. 1997, Clark University), has contributed in

various roles to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and her work has been recognized through fellowships of the Leopold Leadership, Kavli Frontiers of Science, Donella Meadows Leadership, Google Science Communication, and Walton Sustainability Solutions Programs. Dr. Moser is Senior Advisor to the ISSC's Transformations to Sustainability Programme.

### **Elango R.**

Shri. R. Elango was born in Kuthambakkam, a poor village 35km from Chennai. As a boy he witnessed violence in the village, notably against women, but also frequent group clashes following petty disputes. Having become a chemical engineer, he began to invest his own resources in rebuilding the village community and forming groups centred around youth, women, farmers, etc. With support from his family, especially from his wife, Mrs. Sumathi, he eventually resigned his job in 1994 to become more fully involved in the village development process. In 1996 he was elected President for Kuthambakkam Panchayat, and was re-elected in 2001, leading the Panchayat to further levels of development. The village has become self-reliant in many basic needs and is heading for hunger-free status.



Elango founded a trust called "Trust for village self-governance" (TVSG) in 2001 to mobilize further support to the panchayat and to the people. The activities further galvanized the community and he is in the process of networking various panchayats in Tamilnadu and other parts of India. This programme is growing as "Panchayat Academy", through which more than 600 panchayats are networked in Tamilnadu. Since 2007 he has been working for various panchayats in Tamilnadu. He is concentrating on establishing

a village-based “Network Growth Economy” model. In particular, he is putting effort into bringing viable technologies, particularly energy-related technical solutions, to village communities in order to create sustainable employment opportunities.

Elango was named Man of the Year 2013 by *The Week* magazine. At present he is heading a sanitation programme to provide dignified toilets to village families.

### Leah Temper



Leah Temper is a researcher in Environmental History and Ecological Economics at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and a freelance environmental journalist and video artist. Her area of study is Ecological Conflicts and Social Metabolism and she has done fieldwork in Israel, Kenya, Ecuador and India, studying conflicts related to land use, mining and energy. She has a bachelor’s degree in Communications Science and Journalism from Concordia University, Montreal. She teaches Economic History at the UAB and is one of the coordinators of the EU-funded CEECEC project, which focuses on Ecological Economics by and for Civil Society Organizations.

### Jubilee Vinod

Jubilee Vinod is a training group member of Kudumbashree, a community educator and Development Standing Committee Chairperson of the panchayat.

Launched by the Government of Kerala in 1998 to wipe out absolute poverty from the State of Kerala through concerted community action under the leadership of Local Self-Government, Kudumbashree is today one of the largest women-empowering projects in the country. The programme has 39.97 lakh members and covers more than 50% of the households in Kerala. Built around three critical components – micro credit, entrepreneurship and empowerment – the Kudumbashree initiative has today succeeded in addressing the basic needs of less privileged women, providing them a more dignified life and a better future. The literal meaning of Kudumbashree is prosperity (shree) of family (Kudumbam).





## Stein Rokkan Prize

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### Marius Busemeyer

Marius R. Busemeyer is a Full Professor of Political Science at the University of Konstanz, Germany. His research focuses on comparative political economy and welfare state research, education and social policy, public spending, theories of institutional change and, more recently, public opinion on the welfare state. Busemeyer studied political science, economics, public administration and public law at University of Heidelberg and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Heidelberg. He worked as a senior researcher with Wolfgang Streeck and Kathleen Thelen at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne and was a post-doc visiting fellow at



the Center for European Studies at Harvard before coming to Konstanz. He received two major grants from the German Research Foundation (DFG)'s Emmy Noether program and the European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant scheme. His publications include a book on *Skills and Inequality* (Cambridge University Press, Winner of the 2015 Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research), an edited volume (with Christine Trampusch) on *The Political Economy of Collective Skill Formation* (Oxford University Press), a recently edited special issue of the *Socio-Economic Review* on *The political economy of skills and inequality* (with Torben Iversen) and a large number of journal articles in leading outlets of the discipline, such as the *British Journal of Political Science*, the *Socio-Economic Review*, the *European Journal of Political Research*, the *Journal of European Social Policy*, the *Journal of European Public Policy* and the *British Journal of Industrial Relations*. Busemeyer has been appointed member of the Young Academy of Europe.