



## **Poverty and Social Exclusion in the UK**

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Aya has been part of the Japanese research team for the UNRISD project on Political and Social Economy of Care. Her main field of research is poverty, social security and public assistance. She is one of the leading researchers on poverty and inequality in Japan, especially with regard to children, and her recent book, *Child Poverty: Rethinking Fairness in Japan* (Iwanami Shoten, 2008), has prompted political debate.

She was awarded the Avon Award for Women in 2009, and the Nikkei Economic Literature Award in 2008 for her co-authored book *Seikatu Hogo no Keizai Bunseki* (Economics of Public Assistance, Tokyo University Press, 2008). She serves on numerous government committees. She studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and received an MA and a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

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Petra Böhnke works as a senior research fellow at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Germany. She is head of the Schumpeter Junior Research Group 'Social capital during the life course' and investigates how civic engagement and social networks develop in reaction to unstable and uncertain employment biographies and economic risks in different welfare states.

She received her PhD at Free University Berlin in 2004 with an empirical study on the risks of social exclusion and perceived marginalisation. Dr Böhnke's research interests include social inequality and stratification issues and their outcomes for social integration and individual quality of life.

## **Professor Julio Boltvinik**

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Julio Boltvinik has been Professor at El Colegio de México since 1992. Member of the national System of Researchers (level III), member of the Scientific Committee of CROP (Critical Research on Poverty); member of the Citizen Board of the Council for the Evaluation of Social Development on Mexico City. He has dedicated 30 years to studying and fighting against poverty.

He has published many books, articles and chapters, most of them on poverty. He received the National Journalistic Prize (2001) and the prize for the best PhD thesis in Social Anthropology (2006).

## **Madior Fall**

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Madior Fall has been based in the Social Statistics team at AFRISTAT since January 2010, and actively contributes to EUROSTAT Unit 2 on Poverty and Social Exclusion. He has previously worked with the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) at the Paris School of Economics, and with the Laboratoire d'Economie Appliquée (LEA). Prior to this, he was Policy Officer at the Social Statistics department of the French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE), where he worked closely with Eastern European countries on poverty and living conditions.

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## **Professor Björn Halleröd**

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Björn Halleröd is Professor in Sociology at the University of Gothenburg. His research has mainly concerned living conditions, distribution of economic resources and poverty.

Halleröd is currently leading one research programme funded by the Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (Welfare and Work in an Ageing Society) and another funded by the Swedish Research Council (Work, Labour Market and Poverty). He is participating as a partner in the FP7-financed project Workable – Making Capabilities Work and in the Marie Curie International Training Network – EduWell, also funded by the FP7. He is also a member of the MOD – Multidisciplinary Opinion and Democracy Research Group's steering committee at the University of Gothenburg.

### **Dr Daniel He-chiun Liou**

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Dr Liou has studied public finance at National Chengchi University before doing his Masters at the Department of Economic and Related Studies, University of York, and his PhD at the School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol.

His primary research interests are poverty, social exclusion and social policy for the Taiwanese indigenous people. He is now conducting a National Science Council research project on the development of indicators of poverty and social exclusion in Taiwan.

### **Professor Brian Nolan**

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Brian Nolan is Professor of Public Policy in the School of Applied Social Science. He previously worked in the Economic and Social Research Institute, where he was Head of the Social Policy Research Division, and in the Central Bank of Ireland. He is a UCD graduate and has a doctorate in economics from the London School of Economics.

Dr Nolan's research interests are poverty; income inequality; the economics of social policy; the Welfare State; health economics and health inequalities; social indicators; and the EU's social inclusion process. He recently co-edited *The Handbook of Economic Inequality* for Oxford University Press. He is research coordinator of the GINI Project funded under the EU Commission's FP7 programme, investigating the social and political impact of growing inequalities (see <http://www.gini-research.org/articles/home>).

### **Bryan Perry**

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Bryan Perry is a Principal Advisor in the policy and research section of New Zealand's Ministry of Social Development, with responsibility for research and advice on a wide range of matters relating to poverty measurement and trends, and on material living conditions more generally. He was previously the Ministry's research manager.

His research interests include poverty and income distribution; income inequality; the development of non-income measures of material wellbeing and hardship; social indicators; social inclusion; and social security policy. His current research is focused on the further development of the Ministry's Economic Living Standards Index (ELSI) and associated deprivation indices.

## **Professor Veli-Matti Ritakallio**

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Professor Ritakallio is the Professor of Social Policy at the Department of Social Policy, University of Turku, Finland. His research interests are poverty (concept, measurement issues, trends and cross-national comparisons); income redistribution; income transfers (effects and efficiency); welfare state models; cross-national comparisons; accumulation of welfare deprivation; well-being; social exclusion; social assistance; social work; marginalisation; methodology of empirical social research; work incentives; Luxembourg Income Study (LIS); and the European Community Household Panel Survey (ECHP).

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## **Pedro Sáinz**

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Pedro Sáinz was the Director of the Economic Projection Center and of the Statistical Division of the UN Economic Commission for Latin America from 1984 to 2000. Since he retired from ECLAC in 2000, he has acted as a consultant to international organisations and Latin American countries on topics related to poverty and public information. Recently he has given advice to the Brazilian institutions in the preparation of an official poverty measurement (2007–2008) and to the MERCOSUR countries in the harmonisation process for poverty measurement (2008–2009). He was also one of the three experts called on by the Colombian Government to evaluate the quality and usefulness of the 2005 population census (2007–2008).

At present he is the international member of the Management Committee of the IDB–Venezuelan Government Project for the strengthening of the public information system. He acted as technical Secretary of the UN Río group of experts in poverty statistics that prepared the ‘Compendium of best practices in poverty measurement’. During the last few years he has written articles and books relating to the economic and social transformation of Latin America. He is one of the authors of the ECLAC book *A Decade of Social Development* (ECLAC, 2004), *Equity in Latin America since the 1990s*, DESA Working Paper No. 22 ST/ESA/2006/DWP/22 June 2006, *The Chilean Experience with Mining Foreign Direct Investment 1985–2005*, March 2007, report prepared for UNCTAD, and *Relative Prices in Latin America in Periods of Low Inflation and Structural Changes*, Pedro Sáinz and Sandra Manuelito, ECLAC Review 89, August 2006.

## **Professor Peter Saunders**

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Peter Saunders was the Director of the Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC) at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) from February 1987 until July 2007, and now holds a Research Chair in Social Policy within the Centre.

His research interests include poverty and income distribution; household needs and living standards; social security reform; comparative social policy and ageing; and social protection in China. His recent books include *The Ends and Means of Welfare: Coping with Economic and Social Change in Australia* (Cambridge University Press, 2002), *The Poverty Wars: Reconnecting Research with Reality* and (with James Walter) *Ideas and Influence: Social Science and Public Policy in Australia* (both published by UNSW Press in 2005).

Professor Saunders was elected a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia in 1995. Between 2003 and 2009 he was an Australian Professorial Fellow working on the concepts and measurement of poverty and inequality, and on deprivation and social exclusion in Australia. He has worked as a consultant for a range of national and international organisations, including the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the OECD, the IMF, the Asian Development Bank, the International Social Security Association, and the Royal Commission on Social Policy in New Zealand. He was appointed a Sciential Professor by UNSW in 2006, in recognition of his research contribution and eminence. He was elected President of the Foundation for international Studies on Social Security (FISS) in June 2009. Professor Saunders was elected as the inaugural President of the Australian Social Policy Association.

## **Dr Gemma Wright**

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Gemma Wright is a Senior Research Fellow at the Department of Social Policy and Social Work at the University of Oxford. She is Deputy Director of the Centre for the Analysis of South African Social Policy (CASASP) and a Senior Research Fellow of the Social Disadvantage Research Centre (SDRC), both research centres within the Department. She is a Senior Research Associate of Green Templeton College.

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