

# Science and Social Responsibility: The Challenge of Poverty Eradication

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# Science and Society

- Moral justification and practical records
- Political, economic and cultural constraints and opportunities
- Re-thinking progress

# Science, Inequality and Poverty

(Stephen Hawking, The Guardian, Dec. 2016)

- Social inequality is the major danger the world currently faces
- Given the fruits of science and technology, scientists must engage in the fight for less inequality
- The defense of “non-contaminated” knowledge is conformism and opportunism.

# The International Panel on Social Progress

[www.ipsp.org](http://www.ipsp.org)

- More than 300 scholars
  - All disciplines (social sciences and humanities)
  - All continents



- First report (Cambridge University Press, 2018) on current perspectives for social progress
- Website: downloadable drafts, comments, teaching material, and video interviews

# Objectives

- Comprehensive coverage of the multiple dimensions of social progress
- Make up-to-date social science more accessible and relevant
- Feed social actors and citizens with ideas about possible futures, influence public debates
- Raise interest in social justice and long-term prospective among thinkers and actors

# Topics of the Report

- Trends and compass → what is social progress?
- Socio-economic transformations
  - inequalities, sustainability, cities, labor, capitalism and beyond
- Governance and politics
  - global governance, democracy, rule of law, media
- Values and cultures
  - modernities, religion, families, health, belonging
- Transformative ideas to be tested

# Who?

- 300+ scholars
- Advisory Committee
  - Amartya Sen
- Scientific Council
  - Nancy Fraser
  - Ravi Kanbur
  - Helga Nowotny
- Steering Committee
  - Olivier Bouin
  - Marc Fleurbaey
- Collège d'Etudes Mondiales (FMSH) and Princeton
- Dozen of Scientific and Institutional Partners
- Sponsors
  - Gulbenkian, RJ, WS, RSP, Manz

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# Chapter 1:

## Social Trends and New Geographies

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# 1.1. On a Peak of Possibilities – Facing an Abyss

- An ambivalent human grasp of the world: a few snapshots
- Gains in material resources, literacy, health, life expectancy, etc.
- Poverty, increasing inequality, terrorism, spatial dislocation, etc.

## 1.2. Recent Social Transformations

- History matters
- Enhancing capabilities
- Durable Inequalities
- The increasing power of transnational corporations

## 1.3. New Spatial Configurations

- Time-space configurations
- The Changing role of the nation-state
- New spatialities of development
- New geographical mobilities

# 1.4. Democracy and Capitalism

- The paradox of the present
- A short look at the historical experience
- Rethinking the relation between democracy and capitalism

# 1.5. Production and Reproduction

- De-industrialization and the “new” economy
- Industrialization in the South and the new international division of labor
- Global work and gender
- Global value chains and the gender division of labor
- Global care chains and migration
- Global social policy

## 1.6. Demographic Change, Consumption and Sustainability

- Population growth and consumption
- Sustainability
- Mobility

## 1.7. Looking Ahead: Actors for Social Progress

- Protest on the rise
- Movements in decline
- Movements in the rise
- Supra-national public authorities



# IPSP Current and Future Developments

- Since 2016:
  - blog, twitter, films, press releases in the big media, seminars and roundtables in several countries, and two meetings of the whole group of authors: one in Istanbul mid 2015 and another in Lisbon in early 2017.
- Planned activities:
  - events on specific topics go on while the major report will published in three volumes in mid-2018 by Cambridge University Press.
- The future: exploring possible ways to assure the continuity of the IPSP

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Thanks!