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**EXTREME POVERTY, HUMAN RIGHTS &  
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**The Chapel, Tabaret Hall Rm. 112  
University of Ottawa  
Friday, January 23, 2009, 9:00 am-1:00 pm  
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# EXTREME POVERTY, HUMAN RIGHTS & HEALTH

9:00-9:05

**Joanne St. Lewis**, Director, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa

*Welcome and introduction*

## Session A: Perspectives on extreme poverty

Chair: **Ronald Labonté**, Canada Research Chair, Globalization and Health Equity, Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa

9:05-9:45

**Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona**, United Nations Independent Expert on human rights and extreme poverty

*The UN mandate on extreme poverty: Main concerns and potential for future developments*

Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona has been UN Independent Expert on the question of human rights and extreme poverty since May 2008. Dr. Sepulveda is a Chilean lawyer and is currently working as Research Director at the International Council on Human Rights Policy. She holds a Ph.D. in International Human Rights Law from Utrecht University in the Netherlands and an LL.M in human rights law from the University of Essex in the United Kingdom. She lectures at several universities in Latin America and has provided technical assistance and training on human rights to NGOs, IGOs and governments.

Dr. Sepulveda has worked as a researcher at the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, as a staff attorney at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and as the Co-Director of the Department of International Law and Human Rights of the United Nations affiliated University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica. She also served as a consultant to the Department of International Protection of UNHCR and more recently to the Norwegian Refugee Council in Colombia.

9:45-10:20

**Manfred Bienefeld**, Professor, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University

*The poverty of neoliberal approaches to poverty – and development*

Economist, Ph.D. (LSE, 1969). Professor Bienefeld was previously a Fellow of the Institute of Development Studies in Sussex (UK) 1972-86. He has been a consultant to the Asian Development Bank, OECD, ILO, CIDA, EEC, UNIDO, IDRC, the EU and numerous governments, trade unions and other civil society organizations. His work focuses on structural adjustment, trade and industrial policy, the East Asian newly-industrialised

countries, financial liberalisation, and the link between economic policy and national sovereignty.

10:20-10:45

***Open discussion***

10:45-11:00

***Refreshment break***

## **Session B: Poverty, human rights and health**

Chair: **Corinne Packer**, Executive Director, Human Rights Internet

11:00-11:40

**Audrey Chapman**, Professor of Medical Humanities, Law and Ethics, University of Connecticut

***Human rights and the report of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health***

Audrey Chapman is Professor of Community Medicine and Healthcare and holds the Healey Memorial Chair in Medical Humanities and Ethics at the University of Connecticut Health Center. Previously, she directed the Science and Human Rights Program at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). She received a Ph.D. in public law and government from Columbia University and graduate degrees in theology and ethics from New York Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary. Prof. Chapman has worked on a wide range of ethical, theological, human rights, and intellectual property issues related to health equity, genetic developments, and transitional justice. She is the author, coauthor, or editor of sixteen books and numerous articles and reports.

11:40-12:20

**Dennis Howlett**, Coordinator, Make Poverty History (Canada)

***How we can reduce poverty, improve population health and revive the global economy all at the same time?***

Dennis Howlett is currently the Coordinator of Make Poverty History Canada which is campaigning for more and better aid, trade justice, cancelling the debt and ending child poverty in Canada. Prior to assuming this position in August 2006 he was the Executive Director of the National Anti-Poverty Organization for two and a half years. While at NAPO he initiated a national campaign for making the minimum wage a living wage and for action on youth poverty. For over 30 years he worked for a number of ecumenical social justice coalitions including Ten Days for Global Justice and KAIROS where he led successful campaigns for cancellation of Third World debt, fair trade coffee, and ratification of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change. Mr. Howlett is a graduate of the University of Toronto with degrees in Masters of Education and Bachelor of Arts. He is

the author of several books including *From Resistance to Transformation: Social Movement Coalitions in Canada, Philippines, South Africa and Mexico*.

12:20-12:45

***Open discussion***

12:45-1:00

**Geneviève Dubois-Flynn**, Acting Director, Ethics Office, Canadian Institutes of Health Research

***Concluding Comments***

Presentations will be given in English.



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