

# Conceptual Challenges in Poverty and Inequality

## Cornell University, April 16-17

**Tuesday, April 16**

### A. Preliminaries

8:30am Coffee and pastries  
9:00am Welcoming comments

Biddy Martin, *Provost, Cornell University; Professor, Dept. of German Studies, Cornell University*

Ravi Kanbur, *Director, Poverty, Inequality and Development Initiative; T.H. Lee Professor of World Affairs and Professor of Economics, Department of Applied Economics and Management and Department of Economics, Cornell University*

David Grusky, *Director, Center for the Study of Inequality; Professor, Dept. of Sociology*

**B. Session I** (Chair: Mary Brinton, *Co-Director, Center for the Study of Economy and Society; Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Cornell University*)

#### *Featured Presentation*

9:30am Francois Bourguignon, *World Bank*

#### *Discussion*

10:00am Victor Nee, *Director, Center for the Study of Economy and Society; Goldwin Smith Professor and Chair, Dept. of Sociology, Cornell University*

10:15am Henry Shue, *Professor of Ethics and Public Life, Dept. of Government; Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Cornell University*

10:30am Open discussion

11:00am Coffee and pastries

**C. Session II** (Chair: Erik Thorbecke, *H.E. Babcock Professor of Economics and Food Economics (Emeritus), Dept. of Economics and Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University*)

#### *Featured Presentation*

11:30am William Julius Wilson, *Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor and Director of the Joblessness and Urban Poverty Research Program, Harvard University*

#### *Discussion*

12 noon Richard Burkhauser, *Sara Gibson Blanding Professor of Policy Analysis and Chair, Dept. of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University*

12:15pm Michele Moody-Adams, *Director, Cornell Program on Ethics and Public Life; Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Cornell University*

**C. Session II (cont.)**

12:30pm Open discussion

**D. Session III** (Chair: Hunter Rawlings, III, *President, Cornell University; Professor, Classics Department, Cornell University*)

*Featured Presentation*

2:30pm Martha Nussbaum, *Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics, University of Chicago*

*Discussion*

3:00pm Kaushik Basu, *Director, Cornell Program on Comparative Economic Development; C. Marks Professor of International Studies and Professor of Economics, Cornell University*

3:15pm Shelley Feldman, *Associate Professor, Dept. of Rural Sociology*

3:30pm Open discussion

## **Wednesday, April 17**

### **A. Preliminaries**

10am Meetings with graduate students (rooms to be announced)

11:30am Lunch (location to be announced)

**B. Session IV** (Chair: Biddy Martin, *Provost, Cornell University; Professor, Dept. of German Studies, Cornell University*)

*Featured Presentation*

1:00pm Douglas S. Massey, *Dorothy Swaine Thomas Professor of Sociology and Chair, Dept. of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania*

*Discussion*

1:30pm Gary Fields, *Professor, School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Dept. of Labor Economics, Cornell University*

1:45pm Richard Miller, *Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Cornell University*

2:00pm Open discussion

2:30pm Coffee and pastries

**C. Session V** (Chair: Walter Cohen, *Vice Provost, Cornell University; Professor of Comparative Literature, Cornell University*)

*Featured Presentation*

3:00pm Amartya Sen, *Master, Trinity College, Cambridge University*

*Discussion*

3:30pm Robert Frank, *Goldwin Smith Professor of Economics, Ethics, and Public Policy, Johnson Graduate School of Management and Dept. of Economics, Cornell University*

3:45pm Martha Fineman, *Dorothea S. Clarke Professor of Feminist Jurisprudence, Cornell University*

4:00pm Open discussion