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**Inviting contributions for
Volume I**

Concepts and Theories

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The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Poverty considers poverty in many unexplored regions and countries across the world, bringing together the best international reflective and innovative scholarship by emerging and seasoned scholars on different aspects of poverty at micro-, meso- and macro-levels. In the year 2000, the United Nations formulated the Millennium Development Goals and set poverty alleviation as one of the major targets to be achieved before 2015. However, the advancements in technology, industrial development and innovations in science and economy in the post-Millennium development period neither eradicated nor reduced this phenomenon. Instead, many people in the Global South were pushed even further towards poverty. Determined to achieve a world free of poverty and hunger by 2030, the United National formulated the post-2015 agenda - the Sustainable Development Goals. The agenda sets the target for making the world a better place for living by eliminating poverty in all its forms. Poverty has since moved to the forefront of the policy discussion and 'Leaving no one behind' has become the tagline of many programmes and debates. Further uncontrolled income gaps, wealth concentration and growing inequality across the regions and regimes jeopardizes the achievements so far made by internationally agreed goals. The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Poverty aims to cover each aspect of poverty, from each corner of the world. This Major Reference Work planned for publication in 13 volumes is the first attempt to strategically document the tertiary literature on global poverty across different regions. Each volume will contain a minimum of 200 chapters (entries). Each entry will be 5000-8000 words (entries with 2000 words are also encouraged). It is intended to start publishing the first entries in these volumes in 2026.

Volume 1 establishes and critically examines the concepts and theories related to poverty in the global context against the backdrop of globalization, neoliberalism, inequality. We invite scholars, practitioners, educators and thinkers at all levels of their career across the globe to examine various key concepts and theories related to poverty. Topics provided below are indicative and we are open to new topics and suggestions. Kindly get in touch with Editor-in-Chief if you wish to propose an entry other than the topic listed below.

Tentative Content of the Volume I

Concepts and Theories

Section 1: Key concepts

1. Defining poverty
2. Theorizing poverty in different societies
3. Fundamental ideological foundations
4. Cultural belief systems and poverty
5. Relative deprivation
6. Collective poverty
7. Absolute poverty
8. Poverty and unemployment
9. Poverty and health
10. Measurement of poverty in developing countries
11. Measurement of poverty in developed countries
12. Causes of poverty
13. Poverty index and Poverty line
14. Poverty and inequality
15. Poverty and social mobility
16. Poverty and education
17. Multidimensional poverty (this is essential)
18. Subjective poverty (maybe instead of collective poverty)
19. Societal or weakly relative poverty
20. Poverty and environment
21. Poverty and migrations
22. Transient poverty
23. Persistent/Chronic poverty
24. Fuzzy definitions of poverty
25. National definitions of poverty
26. National poverty measurement
27. Hybrid poverty (i.e. both absolute and relative)
28. Poverty from a global perspective
29. Participatory definitions of poverty

30. Basic needs and basic needs around the world

31. Migration and poverty

32. Long run poverty

33. Poverty trap

34. Urban poverty

35. Rural poverty

36. Objective poverty

37. Vulnerability to poverty

38. Episodic poverty

39. Cyclical poverty

40. Child poverty

41. Contextual poverty

42. Feminizations of poverty

43. New poor

44. Poverty myths, biases and blind spots

45. Complexity of poverty

Section 2: Globalization and Poverty

46. Globalization, growth and poverty

47. Globalization, poverty and corruption

48. KOF Index of Globalization

49. Globalization, poverty and inequality

50. FDI

51. Economic globalization

52. Globalization and poverty- Evidence

53. North-South Divide

54. Globalization and poverty research

55. Globalization index

56. Globalization and environment

57. Transnational solidarity

58. Global justice

59. Financial globalization

60. Modern financial instruments

61. Global poverty governance

Section 3: Neoliberalism and Poverty

- 62. Neoliberalism and poverty
- 63. Neoliberalism and rural poverty
- 64. Neoliberalism and urban poverty
- 65. Neoliberalism and poverty alleviation
- 66. Neoliberalism and the welfare state
- 67. Neoliberalism policy
- 68. Neoliberalism and hunger
- 69. Neoliberalism and poverty in the Global South
- 70. Neoliberalism and poverty in the Global North
- 71. The political economy
- 72. Post-neoliberalism

Section 4: Theories of Poverty

- 73. Cultural theories
- 74. Structural theories
- 75. Behavioral theories
- 76. Political theories
- 77. Geographical disparities
- 78. Cumulative and cyclical interdependencies
- 79. Cultural belief systems that support sub-cultures of poverty
- 80. Economic distortions or discriminations
- 81. Political distortions or discriminations
- 82. Social distortions or discriminations
- 83. Individualistic poverty theory

Section 5: Social prejudice and exclusion

- 84. Hunger
- 85. Malnutrition
- 86. Social position of the poor
- 87. Poverty and deprivation
- 88. Social exclusion
- 89. Social prejudice
- 90. Participation in Decision Making
- 91. Unemployment
- 92. Poor skills
- 93. Low incomes

Section 6: Religions and Poverty

- 94. Faith-Based Organizations and poverty
- 95. Islam and poverty
- 96. Christianity and poverty
- 97. Judaism and poverty
- 98. Hinduism and poverty
- 99. Religion and the lives of the poor
- 100. Religions, poverty reduction and global development institutions
- 101. Religion and poverty in a post-traditional world
- 102. Desecularization of the World and poverty
- 103. Globalization, religion and Poverty
- 104. Culture, Religion and Poverty
- 105. Local development brokers in Africa
- 106. Religion and Poverty in different countries (case Studies)
- 107. Religious NGOs and Poverty Alleviation
- 108. Religion, Morality and Poverty
- 109. Marxism and Poverty

Section 7: Main contributors to poverty analysis

- 110. Charles Booth (1840-1916)
- 111. Benjamin Seebohm Rowntree (1871–1954)
- 112. Frederik Engels (1820-1895)
- 113. Karl Marx (1818-1883)
- 114. Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859)
- 115. Paul Spicker (1954-2023)
- 116. Gary Fields (1946-2022)
- 117. Anthony Atkinson (1944-2017)
- 118. Martin Ravallion (1952-2022)
- 119. Amartya Sen (b. 1933)
- 120. Peter Townsend (1919–2009)
- 121. Sabina Alkire (b. 1969)
- 122. The World Bank
- 123. UNDP

The chapters will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis for publication following peer review. Contributors will have until September 2026 to finalize and submit their manuscripts

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- Length: 8,000–10,000 words (including references, chapters with 2000 words are also considered)
- Final submission deadline for Volume I & II: **24 September 2026**
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