You are cordially invited to the 2017 WIDER Annual Lecture by Professor Sabina Alkire in which she will discuss implications of using the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) and other poverty measures for achieving the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly Sustainable Development Goal 1 — to end poverty in all its forms everywhere.

**WHAT IS THE GLOBAL MULTIDIMENSIONAL POVERTY INDEX AND WHY IS IT BETTER THAN OTHER MEASURES?**

The Global MPI goes beyond the traditional focus on income and growth in measuring poverty to capture multiple deprivations experienced by poor people around the world. It is unique in its ability to show not only who is poor but how they are poor, in terms of living standards, education, and health.

With her colleague James Foster (OPHI Research Associate and Professor of Economics at George Washington University), she devised this new method for measuring multidimensional poverty, which has distinct advantages over existing poverty measures. The approach has been adopted by the Mexican government, the Bhutanese government in their Gross National Happiness Index, and the United Nations Development Programme.

Professor Alkire’s broad research interests include multidimensional poverty measurement and analysis, welfare economics, Amartya Sen’s capability approach, the measurement of freedoms, and human development.

**PROGRAMME**

15:00 – 15:30  
Registration and coffee 

15:30 – 17:30  
Welcome & introduction  
Finn Tarp, Director of UNU-WIDER Annual Lecture  
Sabina Alkire, Director of Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative  
Questions & answers  
17:30 – 18:30  
Reception 

The event will be webcast live.