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# **The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Poverty**

**Inviting contributions for  
Volume II**

## **Researching Poverty**

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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 both volumes in 2026.

Volume 2 provides an in-depth thematic analysis of key topical areas pertaining to poverty research across the globe. We invite scholars, practitioners, educators and thinkers at all levels of their career across the globe to examine various concepts related to poverty research, its status, key methodologies, approaches and challenges in conducting research related to poverty and inequality. 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 II Researching Poverty**

### **Section 1: Defining Research terms related to Poverty and Inequality**

1. Research on Reducing Poverty
2. Research on Inequality and shared prosperity
3. Research on National poverty lines (in various countries across the globe)
4. Research on International poverty lines
5. Defining poverty, extreme poverty and inequality
6. The relationship between poverty and inequality
7. Research on Absolute poverty
8. Research on Quality of Life
9. Research on Relative poverty
10. Intersectional Perspective and Rural Poverty Research
11. Status of Poverty Research in Different Regions (individual Chapters)
12. Status of Poverty Research in Different Countries (individual Chapters)

### **Section 2: Measuring Poverty**

13. Squared Poverty Gap Index
14. Extreme poverty
15. Indicators
16. Non-monetary indicators
17. Measures of Household Welfare
18. Headcount index
19. Poverty gap index
20. Sen index
21. Sen-Shorrocks-Thon Index
22. Asset-based measures
23. High-frequency poverty measures
24. Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI)
25. Inequality and poverty measurement
26. Subjective poverty lines
27. Objective poverty lines
28. Relative poverty lines
29. Absolute poverty lines

30. The Cost of Basic Needs (CBN) method
31. The food poverty line (FPL)
32. The non-food allowance (NFA)
33. Lower and Upper Bound CBN Poverty Lines
34. The headcount poverty ratio (H)
35. The Poverty Gap (PG) index
36. The Poverty Gap Squared
37. Monitoring Global Poverty
38. Aggregate Poverty Measures

### **Section 3: Ethics in Conducting Poverty Research**

39. Conducting Ethical Research with those in Deep Poverty
40. Voluntary Participation
41. Informed Consent
42. Respect for Privacy and Confidentiality
43. Anonymity
44. Maximizing Benefits
45. Minimizing Harm
46. Risk-Benefit Ratio
47. Fair Subject Selection
48. Avoiding Exploitation
49. Fair Distribution of Benefits and Burdens
50. Involving Communities
51. Communicating Results
52. Addressing Inequality
53. Poverty Research with Children
54. Poverty Research with Individuals with Disabilities
55. Poverty Research with Other Vulnerable Populations
56. Global Code of Conduct for Research in resource-poor Settings

### **Section 4: Methods and Approaches of Conducting Poverty Research**

57. Contributions to Action Research for Transformation
58. Bibliometric Analysis of Income Inequality Research
59. The action research
60. Listening to the voices of the poor
61. Mixed methods approach to equity and justice research

62. Best practices in conceptualizing and measuring Poverty
63. Systematic Literature Reviews (SLRs)
64. Scoping Reviews
65. Rapid Reviews
66. Meta-Analyses
67. Umbrella Reviews
68. Narrative Reviews
69. Qualitative Reviews
70. Mixed Methods Reviews
71. Participatory research
72. Community Research

### **Section 5: innovations in Poverty Research**

73. Randomized Controlled Trials (RCTs)
74. Digital Technologies for Data Collection and Analysis
75. Social Innovation
76. Poverty Currency Exchange
77. Bibliometric Methods
78. Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence
79. Data-Driven Approaches
80. Policy-relevant research
81. Transforming lives through education
82. Fostering local partnership
83. Adopting new technologies
84. Actionable evidence to policymakers
85. Training researchers from underrepresented backgrounds
86. Mentorship for researchers from underrepresented backgrounds

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 for volume I & II. All invited manuscripts to be submitted via Springer Nature editorial system [Meteor](#).

Interested Authors are requested to submit the attached title and author details form filled in all respect. Kindly email the completed form to [rajendra.baikady@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:rajendra.baikady@mail.huji.ac.il) on or before **30.11.2025**. Editorial office will send out the invitations to submit full chapter along with

online submission link (Meteor) once the chapter proposals are accepted by the Editor in Chief.

**Chapter Guidelines:**

- 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**
- Expected publication of Volume I & II (print): **December 2026**

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