

The Human Right to be free from Poverty. Limitations and Possibilities

We are studying the “human right to be free from poverty” linked particularly to the ethical fundament of dignity, as basis of all human rights.

This human right will be defined, and the policy consequences of the explicit recognition will be spelled out.

On the other hand, the “human rights technique” (that is, to make human rights “positive rights”) will also be put under a critical analysis, considering the actual limitations that it encounters.

The approach is to be interdisciplinary, combining legal analysis (international human rights law) with international relations theory, sociological theory and discourse analysis (in particular, from critical studies).

We advocate for a more comprehensive human rights paradigm (interdisciplinary, not only legal), as to favour the fight against poverty. Only “real rights” (not only “declared” rights) should be the objective to achieve.

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