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## How are the World's Poor Faring in the Current Era of Globalisation?

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This lecture is free and open to the public

There are wildly conflicting claims about how much progress is being made against poverty and inequality in the current period of globalization. This lecture will begin with a non-technical overview of the conceptual and methodological issues at stake. It will then present new evidence on the world's progress against poverty since the early 1980s. The results suggest that if the recent rate of progress against poverty is maintained then the Millennium Development Goal of halving the 1990 '\$1 a day' poverty rate by 2015 will be achieved in the aggregate. However, East and South Asia will be the only regions to reach this goal. The lecture will then discuss the policies that will be needed to maintain Asia's progress against poverty in a globalizing world, and to accelerate progress in lagging regions, drawing in part on lessons from Asia.

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Dr Martin Ravallion is visiting Australia as the Keynote Speaker at the International Research Conference *Poverty, Inequality, Labour Market and Welfare Reform in China*, 25–27 August 2004, organised by the Economics Program RSSS, Economics Division RSPAS, and CILDA, ANU, with the support of the World Bank, the Ford Foundation AusAID and the ANU National Institute of Economics and Business (NIEB). This Public Lecture is also the conference Keynote Address. For conference details and registration see <http://econrsss.anu.edu.au/chinaeconreformconf.htm>

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