

# "Global poverty, income inequality, lifestyles and carbon emissions"

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## Lecture Abstract

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change aims to keep warming below 2 °C while recognizing developing countries' right to eradicate extreme poverty.

Poverty eradication is also the first of the Sustainable Development Goals. About half of the global population live on less than 3\$ Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) a day. The top 10% earn more 23\$ (PPP) per day. Clearly lifestyles, consumption



patterns and associated per capita carbon footprints differ enormously between rich and poor and from country to country. But what are the differences in terms of carbon footprint? What is the contribution to total carbon emissions of the global middle class or the global elites? Do we see a convergence of consumption patterns and carbon footprints of rich folks across countries? What are the carbon implications of moving hundreds of millions of people out of poverty as proposed in the sustainable development goals? These are some of the questions that Dr. Hubacek will address in his presentation.