Sustainable, Socially Inclusive and Economically Positive Social Security Systems: *Towards Eliminating Extreme Poverty by 2030*

As the most important intergenerational programme globally, Social Security systems implemented in emerging economies offer excellent potential for eliminating extreme poverty by the year 2030 and reducing global poverty overall.

**DATE:** Tuesday, 19 February, 2019

**TIME:** 3:00 – 4:15 PM

**LOCATION:** Conference Room 12, United Nations HQ, New York

**Invited presenters:**
- **Jose Pinera**, *the architect of the modern social security system in Chile*
- **Nuriel Rubini, Ph.D.**, (*a white paper presentation*), *internationally renowned economist at New York University*
- **Susanne Bleiberg Seperson, Ph.D.**, *United Nations Representative, Generations United*
  *Former Chair, Department of Sociology, Dowling College*

**Moderator:**
- **Rosa Perla Resnick, Ph.D.**, *Chair, Transitional Leadership, NGO Committee on Intergenerational Solidarity*

**Representative to the United Nations, INPEA International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse**

**Convener:**
- **Kevin Brabazon**, *United Nations Representative, Generations United*
  *Associate Professor, Stern School of Business, New York University*
Description:
Social security systems are the most important intergenerational policy initiatives that have been implemented programmatically around the world. They have had a major impact on poverty in countries that have successfully implemented them, though poorly informed programmes are now showing signs of inadequate sustainability and beginning signs of intergenerational discord [note the “Greedy Geezer” syndrome in the USA]. This symposium will discuss the primary competing models - the pay-as-you-go and the mandated savings models – from the viewpoints of intergenerational social integration, sustainability and impact on economic and social development. Suggestions for improvement by building on existing intergenerational social commitments and thoughtful economic policies will be made.

Purposes:
- familiarize participants with the various models of social security systems that are available currently
- contrast these systems in terms of sustainability and impact on poverty levels, especially amongst the young and the old
- examine the contribution that appropriate systems can make towards economic as well as social development
- consider the contribution to social integration that carefully planned systems can make when the inherent intergenerational engagement is fully recognized
- address concerns of governments of emerging economies that contributions to a social security system could undermine their economic growth

This event is scheduled during the
57th Annual Meeting of the Commission for Social Development
and is intended to contribute to the priority theme “Addressing inequalities and challenges to social inclusion through fiscal, wage and social protection policies”