



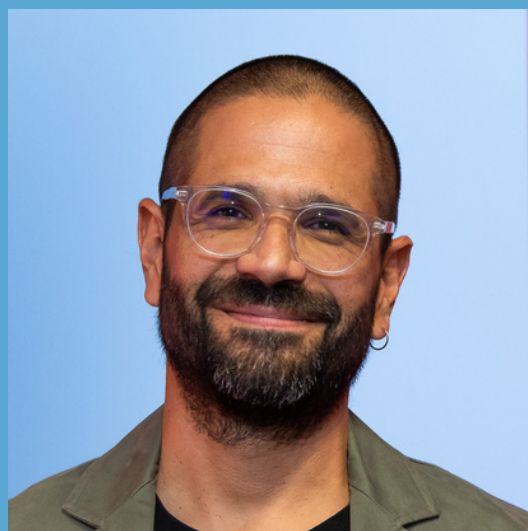
HKU CCPL TALK

# Done and Undone While Resisting: Global Poverty and the 21st Century

12 April 2024 (Friday) 12:30 – 1:30 PM  
Room 723, 7/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower, HKU (in-person only)

Although significant progress has been made on the reduction of 'extreme' poverty over the past decades, most of the world's population live just above the so-called international poverty line today – currently defined as living with less than \$2.15 per day. With traditional developmental avenues no longer available to governments, particularly in the Global South, and the global environment unable to cope with more dirty development, the nature and experience of today's global 'new poverty', as we could call it, should be re-evaluated. This talk will trace the shifts and turns in the international legal order that has generated current levels of global poverty, as well as alternative avenues to approach those who have easily been understood as 'the poor'.

## SPEAKER



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Luis Eslava is Professor of International Law at La Trobe Law School, La Trobe University, and at Kent Law School, University of Kent. He also holds visiting positions at the Geneva Graduate Institute, Melbourne Law School, and Universidad Externado de Colombia. Bringing together insights from anthropology, history and legal and social theory, his work focuses on the multiple ways in which international norms, aspirations and institutional practices, both old and new, come to shape and become part of our everyday life. He is the author of *Local Space, Global Life: The Everyday Operation of International Law and Development* (2015), and co-editor of *Bandung, Global History, and International Law: Critical Pasts, Pending Futures* (2017) and the *Oxford Handbook on International Law and Development* (2023). His work has been recognised by several awards, including the 2016 SLSA Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize and the 2016 SLSA Prize for Early Career Academics. He currently directs the IEL Collective's international socio-legal action research initiative Ruptures21, and coordinates the International Law and Politics Collaborative Research Network at the Law and Society Association.



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