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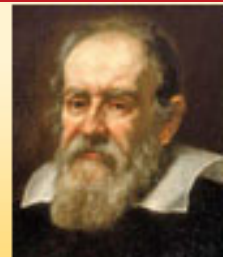
Poverty. Disability. Immigration

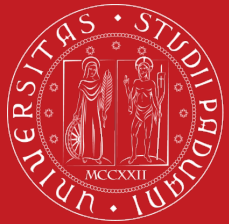
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Poverty

In the Western countries the top 5% of families saw their real incomes increase 81%, whereas the bottom 20% experienced a 1% decline.

(Glenn & Gordon, 2007)

***Globally, today,
the income of the
225 richest people
equals that of the
poorest 40%***



-  **About 800 million people do not have enough food available to lead normal, healthy, and active lives.**
-  **More than 850 million people are illiterate (most them are women).**
-  **More than 1 billion people do not have access to clean water.**
-  **About 2.4 billion people do not enjoy basic health services.**
-  **Almost 325 million children do not attend school.**
-  **About 11 million children under five die every year due to causes that could be avoided.**
-  **About 36 million people are HIV/AIDS infected.**
-  **22% do not live in democratic regimes.**
-  **Conditions of absolute poverty characterize the life of 62% of people in Africa, 35% in Central-Southern America, and 25% in Asia (mostly in the south of the continent).**
-  **In the industrialized countries 100 million people live in poverty.**



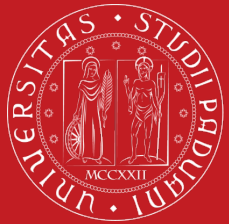
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What is poverty?

World Development Report “Attacking Poverty”

“The now established view of poverty as encompassing not only low income and consumption but also low achievement in education, health, nutrition, and other areas of human development” (World Bank, 2001)





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What is poverty?

Poverty is social exclusion



Poverty is a psychological state



0.5% of research in our field.....



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What is poverty?

AN ECONOMIC PHENOMENON

human capital

A SOCIOLOGICAL PHENOMENON

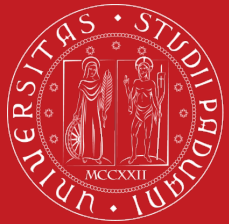
Cultural capital

A PSYCHOLOGICAL PHENOMENON

social capital



(Anand & Lea,
2011; Coleman,
1988; Lin, 2001)



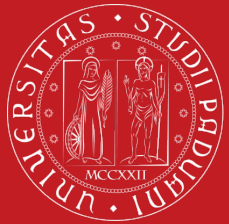
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Poverty

Poverty is a case of 'bad citizenship' and 'bad management'

WE CAN
END
POVERTY
2015
MILLENNIUM
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS





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Disability

15% of the world's population

**Taken all together they would make up
the third most populated nation after
China and India**



(World Health Organization, 2011)



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Disability and work

EMPLOYMENT RATES

**52.8% FOR MEN WITH DISABILITY COMPARED
WITH 64.9% FOR NON-DISABLED MEN**

**19.6% FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITY
COMPARED AND 29.9% FOR NON-DISABLED
WOMEN**

(World Health Organization, 2011)





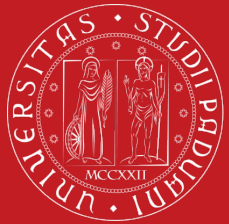
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Disability

Disability is a disease,
a 'negative trait'



(World Health Organization, 2011)



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Disability

special settings

segregating learning experiences

contacts with social personell

low social skills

low problem solving

low decisional competencies

inadequate and irrational beliefs

a poor concept of work



(Szymanski, 1999; Fabian & Liesener, 2005; Alston et al., 2002; Soresi et al., 2008)



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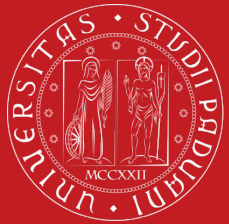
Disability and actions

**Preventive and early vocational
designing intervention in
inclusive contexts**

**Training of practitioners
Involvement of parents, teachers
and employers**



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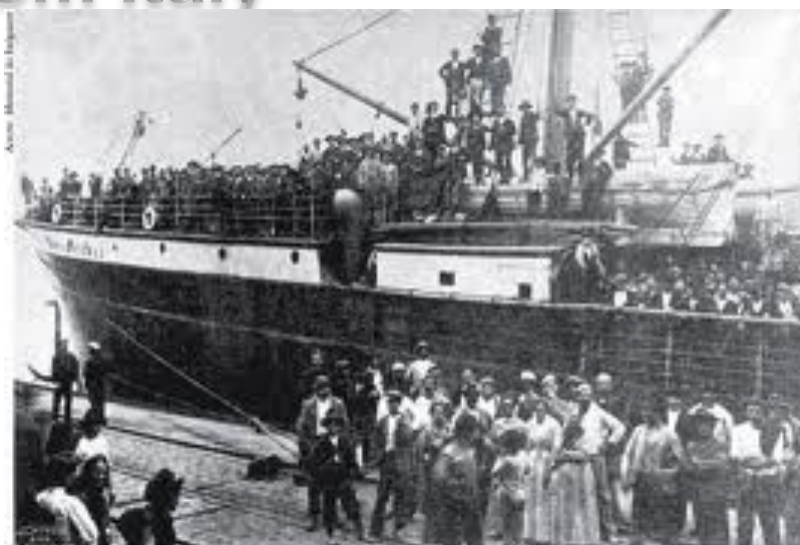


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Immigration

The highest numbers of migrants, about 56%, are concentrated in the developing countries, while the remaining 44% are distributed in the richest countries

From Italy



Descembarque de imigrantes no Porto de Santos (SP), 1907.

to Italy





“**migration** can produce profound **psychological distress** among the most motivated and well prepared individuals and in the most receptive circumstances (p. 56).”





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Immigration

