

## Episode 11: Economic and Social Rights, Living Standards and Poverty

- International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CESCR.aspx> (the leading international human rights treaty that sets out economic and social rights and the central framework for these materials)
- UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, 'Statement on Poverty and the International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights', UN Doc. E/C.12/2001/10 (2001), <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/docs/statements/E.C.12.2001.10Poverty-2001.pdf> (key statement on the part of the Committee on the connection between ICESCR and poverty)
- 'Letter from United Nations Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights Chairperson to States Parties on Austerity Measures' (16 May 2012), <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cescr/docs/LetterCESCRtoSP16.05.12.pdf> (specifies the criteria to be applied to assess the ICESCR-compliance of post-crisis austerity measures)
- UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, *General Comment No. 20 on Non-discrimination in economic, social and cultural rights (art. 2, para. 2, of the Covenant)*, UN Doc. E/C.12/GC/20 (2009), [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fGC%2f20&Lang=en](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fGC%2f20&Lang=en) (provides detail on the role of non-discrimination and equality in relation to economic and social rights – discrimination and poverty are strongly related)
- Homepage of the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Poverty/Pages/SRExtremePovertyIndex.aspx> (includes information on the activities and outputs of the UN expert on extreme poverty and human rights, including annual reports on thematic issues related to poverty and human rights (including economic and social rights))
- UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, 'Concluding Observations on Spain' (6 June 2012) UN Doc. E/C.12/ESP/CO/5, para 8, [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E/C.12/ESP/CO/5&Lang=En](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E/C.12/ESP/CO/5&Lang=En) (where the Committee expressed concern that austerity measures taken by Spain in response to the economic crisis did not conform with the Committee's criteria for the Covenant compliance of such measures)
- UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, 'Concluding Observations on the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland' (14 July 2016) UN Doc. E/C.12/GBR/CO/6, para 18-19, [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E/C.12/GBR/CO/6&Lang=En](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E/C.12/GBR/CO/6&Lang=En) (where the Committee expressed concern that austerity measures taken by the United Kingdom since 2010 did not conform with the Committee's criteria for the Covenant compliance of such measures)
- UN Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, 'Statement on Public Debt, Austerity Measures and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights' UN Doc. E/C.12/2016/1 (24 June 2016), [http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno](http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno)

[=E%2fC.12%2f2016%2f1&Lang=en](#) (letter from the Committee focusing on the relationship between ICESCR and fiscal consolidation programmes (including structural adjustment programmes and austerity programmes) as a condition for obtaining loans)

- Equality and Human Rights Commission, 'Being Disabled in Britain: A Journey Less Equal' (2017), <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/being-disabled-britain-journey-less-equal> (a report that links poverty, disability, inequality and human rights in the UK context)

We would be delighted to add further relevant resources to this list. If you would like to recommend some, please contact [aoife.nolan@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:aoife.nolan@nottingham.ac.uk).