



## Affirming Human Dignity: A Human Rights Approach to Poverty

*Peter Townsend*  
MEMORIAL LECTURE  
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VENUE: Mrs. Padma Harilela Lecture Theatre WLB104,  
The Wing Lung Bank Building for Business Study,  
Shaw Campus, Hong Kong Baptist University

Time : 4:30pm Tea Reception  
5:00pm Lecture

### Guest of Honour

Professor Ruth Lister, *CBE, FBA, AcSS*,  
Baroness Lister of Burtersett  
Emeritus Professor of Social Policy  
University of Loughborough  
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Professor Ruth Lister is a world renowned scholar and campaigner in social policy and social justice. She is currently emeritus professor of social policy at the University of Loughborough, UK and a member of the House of Lords. Before joining Loughborough University, she was professor and Head of Department of Applied Social Studies at the University of Bradford, UK. Prof. Lister's main research areas are in poverty, social security and feminist approach to citizenship. She has published a number of important books, numerous journal articles and book chapters including, amongst others, *Citizenship: Feminist Perspectives* (2003), *Poverty* (2004), *Gendering Citizenship in Western Europe* (2007), and *Understanding Theories and Concepts in Social Policy* (2010). Prof. Lister was elected a founding academician of the British Academy of Social Sciences (1999), Fellow of British Academy (2009), and received the Life-time Achievement Award from the British Social Policy Association in 2010.

Professor Peter Townsend (1928-2009) was one of the most renowned scholars in the study of poverty and social policy in the world. Before he passed away in 2009, he was Centennial Professor of International Social Policy at the LSE and Emeritus Professor of Social Policy at the University of Bristol. He was a founder Academician of the Academy of Learned Societies for the Social Sciences (AcSS) and a Senior Fellow of the British Academy (FRA). Professor Townsend was awarded an honorary doctorate in social sciences by the HKBU in 2005.

"...if that overdone phrase 'a classless society' means anything, it is a society where differences in reward are much narrower than in Britain today and where people of different background and accomplishment can mix easily and without guilt; and also a society where a respect for people is valued most of all. For that brings a real equality".