



Basic Human Needs and the Globalisation of the Economy

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ABSTRACT Development has to do with the well-being of all people. Therefore, human rights are a necessary tool to achieve this global objective. The international community doesn't accept these ideas and the Millennium Declaration has clear limits. The process of globalisation is economically exclusive and involves the neo-liberal construction of rules, such as those of the World Trade Organisation, which respond to the interests of the multinationals companies. As a consequence, inequalities in income distribution have increased and poverty and hunger remain persistent problems, while basic medical care is beyond the reach of most of humanity. This is due to market logic, which revolves around business profits rather than the satisfaction of human needs. For this reason technological advances, particularly those in the field of biotechnology, are not a solution in themselves, but rather require a reconsideration of the role of the public sector in order to change their orientation.

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