

# Invitation to seminar with Dr. Betsy Hartmann:

## Reproductive Health and Climate Change: The Resurgence of the Over-population Problem

Photo by Lisa Ann Richey

**18 June 2009, 15:00 - 17:00**

**Venue:** Center for Health & Society, Building 9, 2nd floor, Øster Farimagsgade 5, Copenhagen

Today we are witnessing a resurgence of population fears, many associated with climate change and security. This talk will address the neo-Malthusian underpinnings of climate conflict/climate refugee scenarios and how they threaten to further securitize development assistance and legitimize population control interventions. What are the possible implications for international reproductive health policies and programs? How can we mount an effective challenge to these developments?

**Dr. Betsy Hartmann** is the director of the Population and Development Program and a professor of Development Studies at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA, USA. A longstanding activist in the international women's health movement, she writes and speaks frequently on the intersections between reproductive rights, population, immigration, environment and security concerns in activist, policy and scholarly venues. Her non-fiction books include *Reproductive Rights and Wrongs: The Global Politics of Population Control*, *A Quiet Violence: View from a Bangladesh Village* (co-authored with James Boyce), and the co-edited anthology *Making Threats: Biofears and Environmental Anxieties*. She is also the author of two political thrillers, *The Truth about Fire* and *Deadly Election*.

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**Discussant:** Lisa Ann Richey, Ph.D. Associate Professor of International Development Studies, Dept. of Society and Globalisation, Roskilde University.

Lisa is a political scientist with public health training. Her book is called *Population Politics and Development: From the Policies to the Clinics* (2008). She has published on reproductive health and population policy, gender issues in international development and HIV/AIDS and treatment. Currently, she works on Brand Aid, therapeutic citizenship, and the politics of access to ARVs in Uganda and South Africa.

**Chair:** Siri Tellier, external lecturer, University of Copenhagen.

Siri has a Master's from Harvard School of Public Health, 1970, with specialization in public health demography; 38 years of experience in international health, including Director of International Department of Danish Red Cross 1992-2001, long term field postings in Afghanistan, China, DPR of Korea (UNFPA and UNDP); retired since 1 March 2009.

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