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Affluence and International Human Rights Law

International human rights law articulates the principal ethical discourse of our time with poverty and the exercise of human rights recognized as intertwined phenomenon. Why then hasn't this area of international law provided more of a counterweight to the ills that plague the world's poor? We might point to doctrinal weaknesses within international human rights law that are serving inadequately to mitigate globalization's most harmful tendencies and practices. This talk will consider several of these doctrines and question how they might be reconceived were they to focus some attention on affluence in order to address better the rights of the poor.

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