



How do we achieve the Sustainable Development Goals? Lessons from the Social Progress Index

The Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” and the Association for Social Research and Applied Research Practices cordially invites you to an open Kapuscinski Development Lecture with **Michael Green, CEO of the Social Progress Imperative**

When: 21st May 2018 at 15:00 EEST / 14:00 CET

Where: Magna Aula, Sofia University

You can **join** the lecture by:

- coming to the event in Sofia. [Registration required.](#)
- following livestreaming from the event at kapuscinskilectures.eu
- asking your questions to Michael Green via Twitter using #KAPTalks hashtag.

Opening remarks by:



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Michael Green

An economist by training, he is co-author (with Matthew Bishop of ‘The Economist’) of *Philanthrocapitalism: How Giving Can Save the World and The Road from Ruin: A New Capitalism for a Big Society*. Previously Michael served as a senior official in the U.K. Government’s Department for International Development, where he managed British aid programs to Russia and Ukraine and headed the communications department. He taught Economics at Warsaw University in Poland in the early 1990s. His TED Talks have been viewed more than two million times, and his 2014 Talk was chosen by the TED organization as one of the ‘most powerful ideas’ of 2014 and by The Telegraph as one of the 10 best ever. In 2016, he was named one of “The 100 Most Connected Men in Britain” by GQ Magazine and one of the NonProfit Times’s “Power & Influence Top 50.”



Development is much more than GDP per capita. If we want to achieve ambitious global goals we need to look at development from many different angles, not just the money in the pocket. Otherwise they will not be achieved fully and effectively.

The Social Progress Index... What can we learn from this model that will help the world achieve the SDGs?

The Sustainable Development Goals have set an ambitious agenda for our world. But how do we get there? Michael Green, CEO of the Social Progress Imperative will share insights from the Social Progress Index to show how far we must go and what we have to do to get there.

WHAT TOP THINKERS THINK ABOUT DEVELOPMENT



TOP GLOBAL THINKERS DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT IN THE EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES. THE SERIES “KAPUSCINSKI DEVELOPMENT LECTURES”, NAMED FOR RYSZARD KAPUSCINSKI, A POLISH REPORTER AND WRITER WHO COVERED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IS ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND PARTNER UNIVERSITIES AND DEVELOPMENT THINK-TANKS. **OVER 100 LECTURES GATHERED SINCE 2009 OVER 30,000 PARTICIPANTS.**

The lecture series offers students from the European Union member states an unprecedented opportunity to learn and discuss about development issues such as climate change, human rights, aid effectiveness, Europe-Africa relations, Sustainable Development Goals among other. The high-level events contribute to the debate and formulation of the European development policy. The lectures are livestreamed at <http://www.kapuscinskilectures.eu> and their content is shared on this website.

Ryszard Kapuscinski (1932-2007) was a Polish journalist and writer who covered developing countries. Kapuscinski, whose books were translated into many languages, was often named the “Third World Chronicler” or the “Voice of the Poor” for his famous reportages and books describing developing countries on all continents. Among other books, he was famous for: “The Emperor” on Ethiopia, “Shah of Shahs” about Iran, “The Shadow of the Sun” about Africa, “Another Day of Life” about Angola, and “Imperium” about the Soviet Union.

Kapuscinski was born in 1932 in Pinsk (Polesie, modern-day Belarus), where he experienced his first “clash of civilizations” with the Soviet occupation of Poland. After the Second World War, he studied History at the University of Warsaw. As a junior reporter, he covered stories on Poland, and after the fall of the Stalinist regime in October 1956 and the subsequent “thaw” that followed, he started covering revolutions and national liberation struggles in the Third World as a correspondent for the Polish Press Agency as well as the journals *Polityka* and *Kultura*. He spent 50 years (1956-2006) travelling the world as a reporter and visited more than 100 countries.

In Poland, his *The Emperor*, a book of literary reportage from Ethiopia, and *Shah of Shahs*, an account of the Islamic revolution in Iran, were interpreted as a great metaphor on the collapse of autocratic regimes and the changes that follow. Kapuscinski’s knowledge of the Third World gave him an excellent grasp of the essence of the Solidarity revolt in Poland. He became one of the world’s most prominent Polish writers and commentators on great transformations. His books have been translated into 36 languages.

Titles of Ryszard Kapuściński’s books:

- Busz po polsku, 1962 [Bush in Polish]
- Czarne gwiazdy, 1963 [Black Stars]
- Kirgiz schodzi z konia, 1968 [The Kyrgyz Dismounts]
- Gdyby cała Afryka, 1969 [If All Africa...]
- Dziennik z Boliwii Che Guevary (przekład i przypisy – Ryszard Kapuściński), 1969
- Dlaczego zginął Karl von Spreiti, 1970
- Chrystus z karabinem na ramieniu, 1975 [Christ with a Rifle on His Shoulder]
- Another Day of Life, (Jeszcze dzień życia, 1976)
- The Soccer War (Wojna futbolowa, 1978)
- The Emperor (Cesarz, 1978)
- Shah of Shahs (Szachinszach, 1982)
- Notes, 1986 (poems), [Notebook]
- Lapidarium, 1990
- Imperium (Imperium, 1993)
- Lapidarium II, 1995
- Lapidarium III, 1997
- The Shadow of the Sun. My African Life (Heban, 1998)
- Lapidarium IV, 2000
- Z Afryki, 2000 (photographic album), [From Africa]
- Lapidarium V, 2001
- Autoportret reportera, 2003 [Self-Portrait of a Reporter]
- Travels with Herodotus (Podróże z Herodotem, 2004)
- Prawa natury, 2006 (poems), [Laws of Nature]
- The Other (essays), (Ten Inny, 2006)