

Progress and Poverty

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Progress should be for everyone.
So why are not most of us getting ahead?

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Book launch and panel discussion about contemporary income inequality, social injustices, and ideas for economic reform.

Saturday, June 10th 10 am – 12 pm
Northern District Public Library
Room 224 ABC
40 Orchard View Boulevard, Toronto, ON

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proposing structural economic change

Henry George wrote *Progress and Poverty* in order to identify and resolve the great paradox of modern industrial life. How was it possible for abject poverty, financial instability, and extreme economic inequality to co-exist with rising productivity and technological progress? He analyzed and rejected the widely held beliefs that poverty inevitably followed from the laws of economics or from a Darwinian struggle for survival of the fittest.

George concluded that at the heart of this dilemma was how society treated natural resources, especially urban land. He did not succumb to the panacea of arbitrarily confiscating property or taking from the rich to give to the poor.

George argued that taxes on productive labour should be drastically reduced. The activities of society as a whole give natural resources, such as urban land or the E-M spectrum, their value. It is both equitable and efficient for society to recapture these community-created values to support healthcare, education or public transit.