

## About the author

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James Midgley was Dean of the School of Social Welfare and held the Harry and Riva Specht Chair in Public Social Services at the University of California, Berkeley until his retirement in 2016. He is currently Professor of the Graduate School. Originally from South Africa, he studied at the University of Cape Town and the London School of Economics and held academic appointments at both universities before moving to the United States in 1985 where he served as Dean of the School of Social Work and Associate Vice Chancellor for Research at Louisiana State University. He joined the University of California, Berkeley in 1997.

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Midgley has published extensively on issues of social development, social policy and international social welfare. His major books include *Professional Imperialism: Social Work in the Third World*, Heinemann, 1981; *Social Security, Inequality and the Third World*, Wiley, 1984; *Comparative Social Policy and the Third World*, Harvester, 1987 (with Stewart MacPherson); *The Social Dimensions of Development: Social Policy and Planning in the Third World*, Gower, 1989 (with Margaret Hardiman); *Social Development: The Developmental Perspective in Social Welfare*, Sage, 1995; *Social Welfare in Global Context*, Sage, 1997; *Social Policy for Development*, Sage, 2004 (with Anthony Hall); *Social Development: Theory and Practice*, Sage, 2014. His latest book, *Social Welfare for a Global Era* was published by Sage in 2017.

He has also edited many books on social policy, international social welfare and social development. Among the most recent are *Grassroots Social Security in Asia*, Routledge, 2011 (with Mitsuhiro Hosaka); *Colonialism and Welfare: Social Policy and the British Imperial Legacy*, Edward Elgar, 2011 (with David Piachaud); *Poverty, Incomes and Social Protection: International Policy Perspectives*, Routledge, 2013 (with Richard Hoefler); *Social Policy*

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