Join the Master's in Development Practice open classroom for a discussion with Helena Ribe and MDP students. Dr. Ribe will offer her perspective on the evolution of the World Bank’s approach to development and poverty reduction over four decades, using examples from her experience and those cited in her book on the role of social protection to promote equity.

Dr. Ribe is an international development economist, recently retired from the World Bank. She has worked with policy-makers, academics and civil society organizations all over the world and has held a number of senior managerial positions. Her last assignment was as manager of the social protection program in Latin America and the Caribbean. The program aimed to expand health coverage and pensions, provide employment services, fight malnutrition, and strengthen social safety nets for vulnerable populations impacted by economic shocks and natural disasters.

Previously, she managed the World Bank’s program of studies, technical assistance and financing in human development in Southern and West Africa. Her recent book (co-authored): “From Right to Reality: Incentives, Labor Markets and the Challenge of Universal Social Protection in Latin America and the Caribbean” has been widely cited including in The Economist and in the World Development Reports published by the World Bank. She holds a Masters and a Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University.