Questioning Inequality The Geography behind the Issues

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Inequality Statistics



Energy If our reliance on fossil fuels declines, will countries with high levels of 'green technologies' become the new economic leaders? China is the world's largest investor in renewable energy. **Resources** Is it right that countries which control natural resources, such as oil, can have such an influence on

consumes 14 billion litres of oil a day.

the prices of goods? The world

Climate Change

Is the 'polluter pays' principle the right way of addressing a countries' contribution to global carbon emissions? On average an American produces 17.6 tonnes of CO₂ annually,

compared to 0.2 tonnes by a Tanzanian.



Settlement

As the world experiences rapid urbanisation, how can cities provide decent livelihoods, housing and services? In the 1960s 34% of people lived in cities, today it 🔚 🔳 is 54%.



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Can poverty be further reduced by encouraging the spread of wealth through remittance payments from international migrants? In 2013 remittances worth US\$400 billion went to

Data source: World Bank Data / UN Peacekeeping / WHO / WTO / Financial Times / UNISDR/ World Risk Index

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Trade and Industry

How can the impacts of financial investment, industrialisation and trade help support rising standards of living without compromising sustainable development? During 2013 the value of global trade rose to US\$18 trillion.

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Hazards

Since 1960 the number of people living on cyclone exposed coastlines has tripled, doubled for those living in flood-prone river basins and climate change is increasing the impact of other influences on hazard risk. What can be done?



Water

Between 1990 and 2012, 2.3 billion people gained access to improved drinking water sources yet 2.5 billion people in developing countries still lack access to improved sanitation facilities. Is this fair?



Global Representation

As more nations become richer, is it right that only some are at the 'top table'? For example, only China, France, Russia, the UK and the USA are permanent members of the UN Security



Health

As life expectancy rises across almost the entire world how can health services support this positive change? In 1955 life





Conflict

Where country borders do not coincide with ethnic or religious divides, how can a nation find consensus in

leadership to take the country forward?

Tourism

With tourists providing income to poorer nations, how does one balance visitors' needs with protecting the very landscape they come

to see? There were over one billion tourists in 2013 generating US\$1.4 trillion in export earnings.

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