

# Book launch: How Change Happens by Duncan Green

April 26, 18.00–19.30

ETH Zurich, Rämistrasse 101, main building HG E 1.2



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## Programme

- 18:00 Book launch by Dr. Duncan Green
- 18:30 Panel discussion  
Duncan Green (Oxfam)  
Rupa Mukerji (HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation)
- 19:30 Apéro

## Book Summary

Human society is full of would-be «change agents», a restless mix of campaigners, lobbyists, and officials, both individuals and organizations, set on transforming the world. They want to improve public services, reform laws and regulations, guarantee human rights, get a fairer deal for those on the sharp end, achieve greater recognition for any number of issues, or simply be treated with respect.

This book bridges the gap between academia and practice, bringing together the best research from a range of academic disciplines and the evolving practical understanding of activists to explore the topic of social and political change. Drawing on many first-hand examples from the global experience of Oxfam, one of the world's largest social justice NGOs, as well as the author's insights from studying and working on international development, it tests ideas on how change happens and offers the latest thinking on what works to achieve progressive change.

## Speakers

### **Duncan Green (Keynote)** Oxfam GB

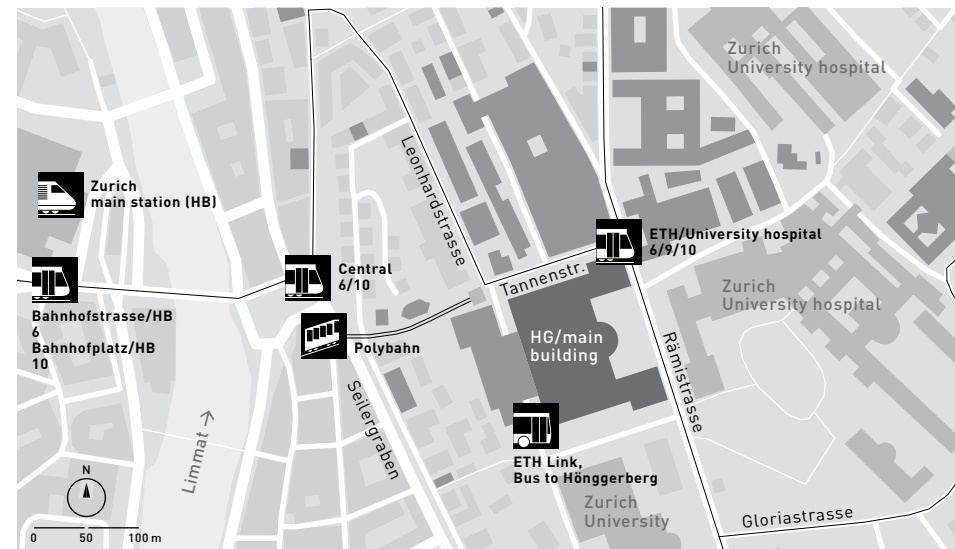
Duncan Green is Head of Research at Oxfam GB and is currently a visiting fellow at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, UK. He was previously Senior Policy Adviser on trade and development at DFID (UK Department for International Development), a Policy Analyst on trade and globalization at CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development), and Head of Research and Engagement at the Just Pensions project on socially responsible investment. Duncan Green is the author of «How Change Happens», «From Poverty to Power: How Active Citizens and Effective States can Change the World», and the «From Poverty to Power» blog. He has also written several books on Latin America including «Silent Revolution: The Rise and Crisis of Market Economics in Latin America», «Faces of Latin America», and «Hidden Lives: Voices of Children in Latin America and the Caribbean».

### **Rupa Mukerji (Panelist)** HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation, CH

Rupa Mukerji is co-head of Advisory Services at HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation and a member of its Management Board. She also advises Helvetas projects on mainstreaming climate change, supporting them to engage with a global issue while remaining locally relevant. Prior to HELVETAS, she worked for Intercooperation as its Country Director in India. Rupa established Taru Leading Edge, a development advisory and think tank for innovative solutions and insights in the development space, soon after her studies and led the organization for 12 years before joining Intercooperation. Rupa's professional experience is in project design, implementation, evaluations, policy support and human resource management. Her work experience spans four continents and diverse institutions in the private sector, NGOs, and consulting firms. Rupa's academic background is in biology and management and the thematic focus of her work is on Adaptation to Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

### **Moderation by Ruedi Küng** InfoAfrica.ch

Swiss Radio SRF Africa correspondent for 12 years, currently owner of InfoAfrica.ch, an institution that imparts unbiased information about African circumstances beyond stereotypes.



## Map and Directions

ETH Zurich, Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zurich

[Main building room HG E1.2](#)

How to get to ETH Zurich by public transport: from Zurich main station by tram 6 or tram 10

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