Contents

General Introduction 1

I Some cautions about our moral judgments 2
II Four easy reasons to ignore world poverty 6
III Defending our acquiescence in world poverty 11
IV Does our new global economic order really not harm the poor? 15
V Responsibilities and reforms 20

1 Human Flourishing and Universal Justice 27

1.0 Introduction 27
1.1 Social justice 31
1.2 Paternalism 34
1.3 Justice in first approximation 37
1.4 Essential refinements 39
1.5 Human rights 44
1.6 Specification of human rights and responsibilities for their realization 48
1.7 Conclusion 50

2 How Should Human Rights be Conceived? 52

2.0 Introduction 52
2.1 From natural law to rights 54
2.2 From natural rights to human rights 56
2.3 Official disrespect 59
2.4 The libertarian critique of social and economic rights 64

2.5 The critique of social and economic rights as "manifesto rights" 67
2.6 Disputes about kinds of human rights 69

3 Loopholes in Moralities 71

3.0 Introduction 71
3.1 Types of incentives 73
3.2 Loopholes 75
3.3 Social arrangements 76
3.4 Case 1: the converted apartment building 77
3.5 Case 2: the homelands policy of white South Africa 80
3.6 An objection 82
3.7 Strengthening 83
3.8 Fictional histories 85
3.9 Puzzles of equivalence 87
3.10 Conclusion 89

4 Moral Universalism and Global Economic Justice 91

4.0 Introduction 91
4.1 Moral universalism 92
4.2 Our moral assessments of national and global economic orders 94
4.3 Some factual background about the global economic order 96
4.4 Conceptions of national and global economic justice contrasted 100
4.5 Moral universalism and David Miller's contextualism 102
4.6 Contextualist moral universalism and John Rawls's moral conception 104
4.7 Rationalizing divergent moral assessments through a double standard 108
4.8 Rationalizing divergent moral assessments without a double standard 110
4.9 The causal role of global institutions in the persistence of severe poverty 112
4.10 Conclusion 116

5 The Bounds of Nationalism 118

5.0 Introduction 118
5.1 Common nationalism: priority for the interests of compatriots 120

5.2 Lofty nationalism: the justice-for-compatriots priority 129
5.3 Explanatory nationalism: the deep significance of national borders 139
5.4 Conclusion 144

6 Achieving Democracy 146

6.0 Introduction 146
6.1 The structure of the problem faced by fledgling democracies 148
6.2 Reducing the expected rewards of coups d'état 152
6.3 Undermining the borrowing privilege of authoritarian predators 153
6.4 Undermining the resource privilege of authoritarian predators 162
6.5 Conclusion 167

7 Cosmopolitanism and Sovereignty 168

7.0 Introduction 168
7.1 Institutional cosmopolitanism based on human rights 169
7.2 The idea of state sovereignty 177
7.3 Some main reasons for a vertical dispersal of sovereignty 181
7.4 The shaping and reshaping of political units 190
7.5 Conclusion 195

8 Eradicating Systemic Poverty: Brief for a Global Resources Dividend 196

8.0 Introduction 196
8.1 Radical inequality and our responsibility 197
8.2 Three grounds of injustice 199
8.3 A moderate proposal 204
8.4 The moral argument for the proposed reform 208
8.5 Is the reform proposal realistic? 210
8.6 Conclusion 214

Notes 216

Bibliography 256

Index 267