

# Young People in the Middle Years: A brief overview of what we know

George Patton

*University of Melbourne*

ARACY/ACWP Forum Feb 2016



**High Level Event to Launch the**

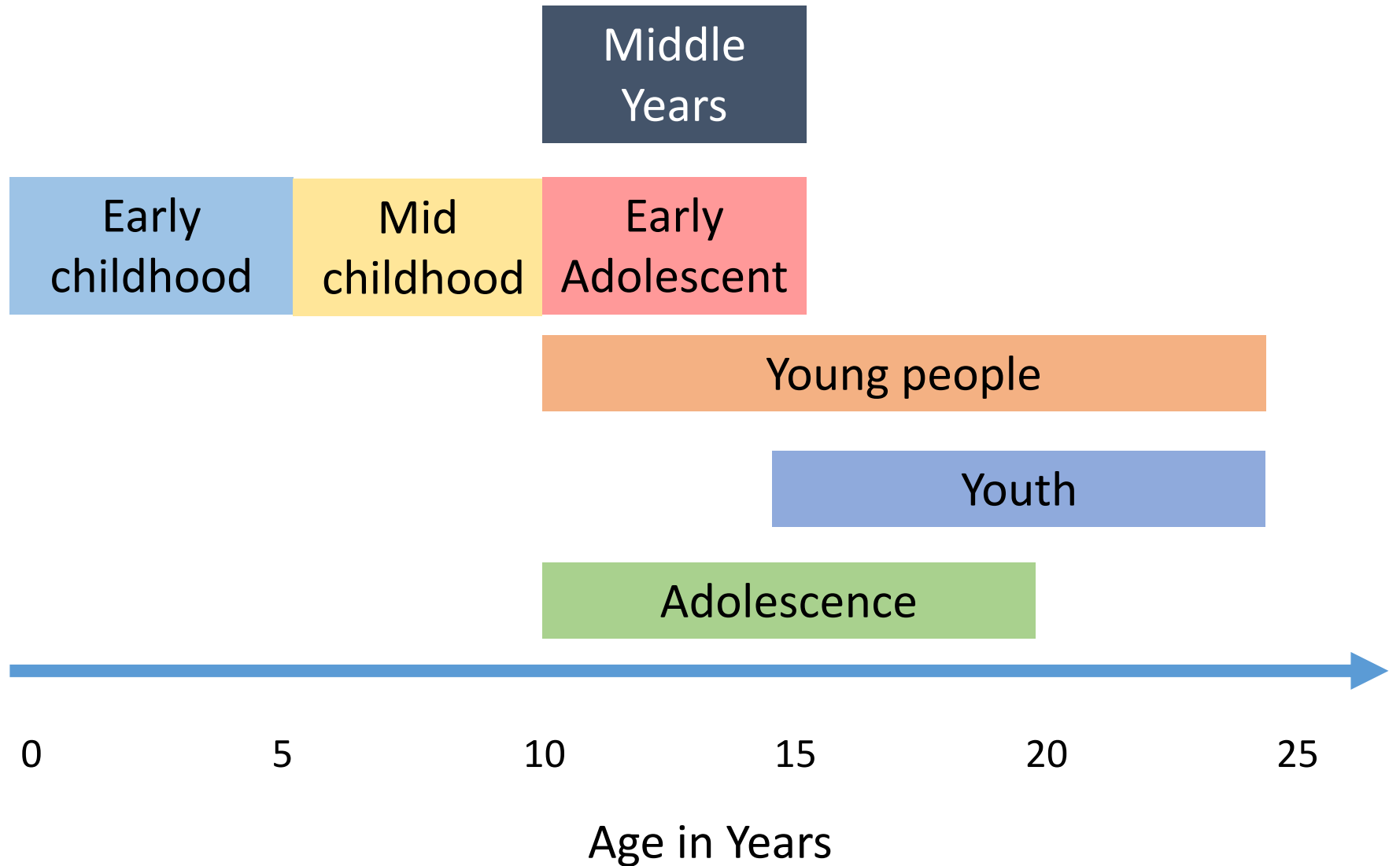
# **GLOBAL STRATEGY**

**For Women's, Children's and Adolescents' Health**

---

**During the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit  
September 26, 2015**

# Some terms

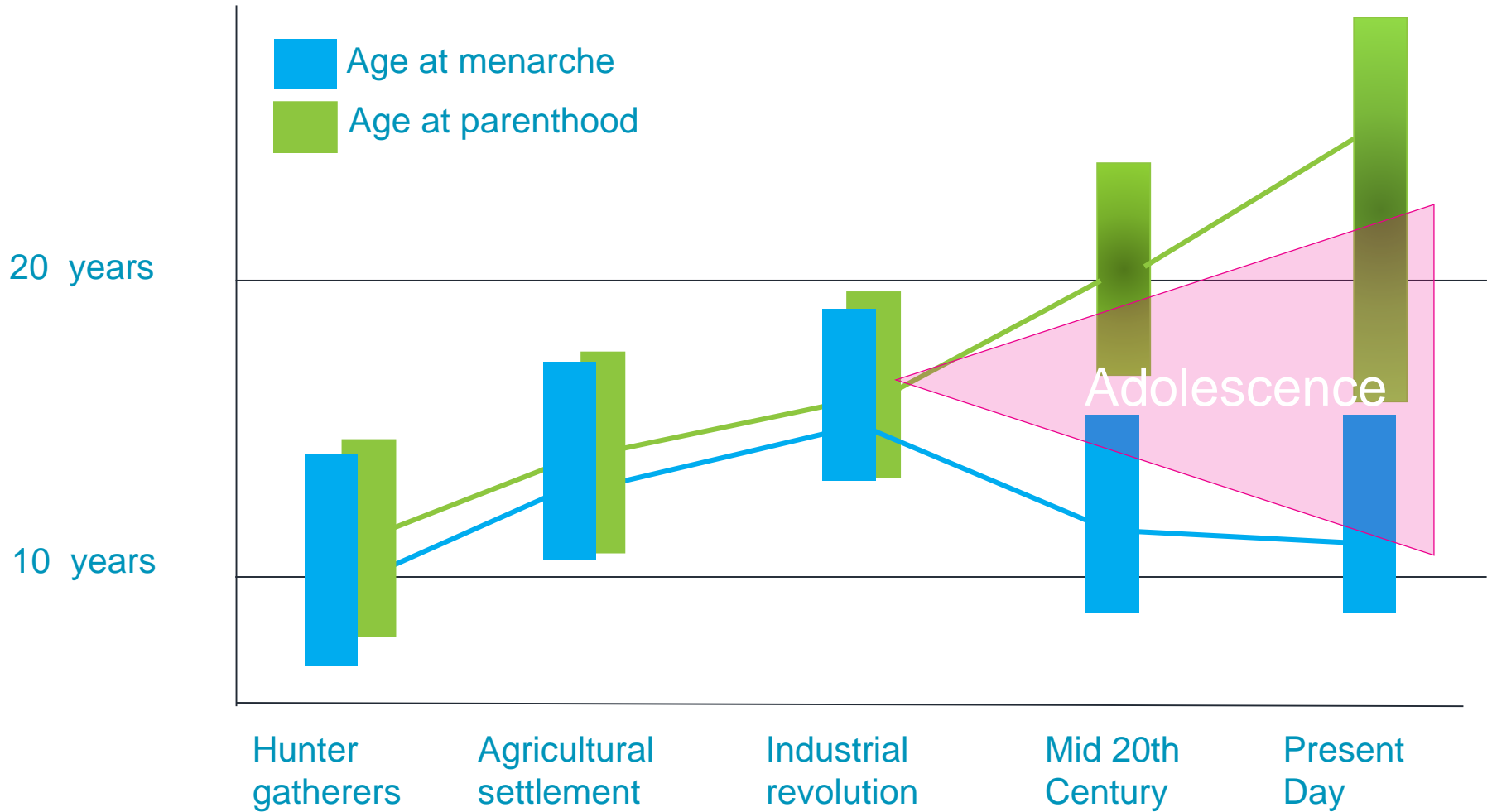


# Three questions

1. How have the middle years changed?
2. What do we know about them?
3. Why do they matter in policy?

# Middle years in a changing adolescence

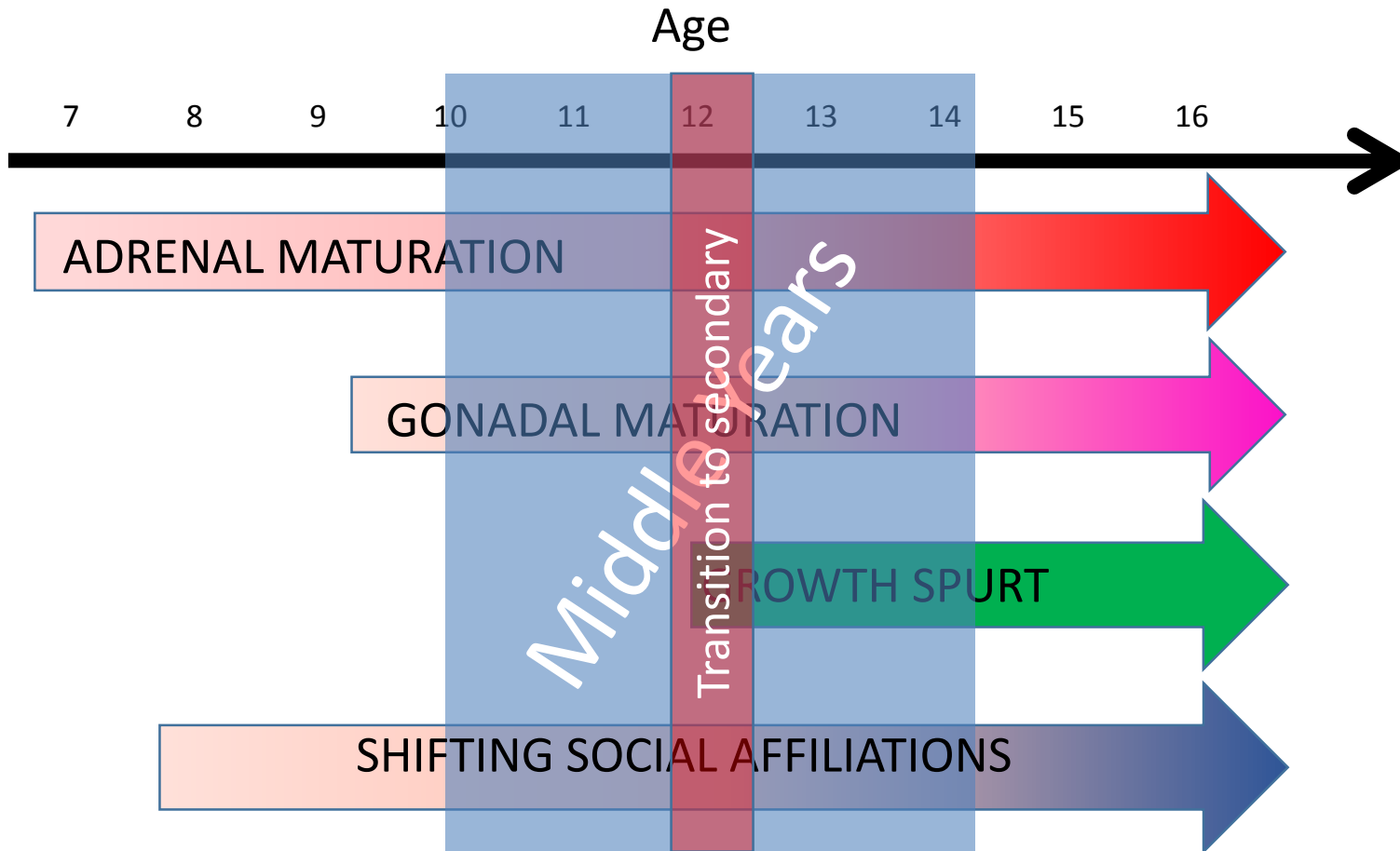
## High Income Countries



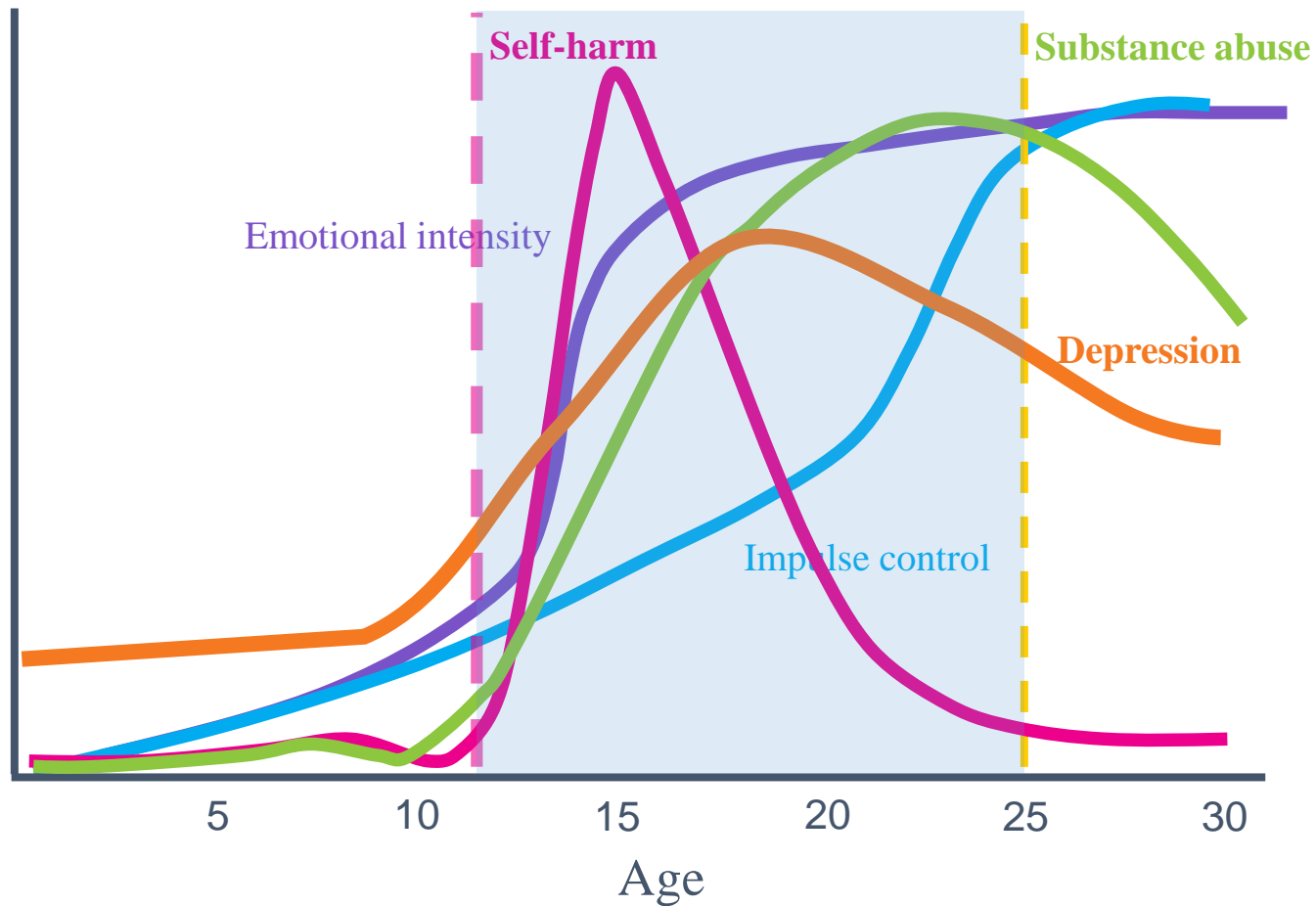
# Three questions

1. How have the middle years changed?
2. What do we know about them?
3. Why do they matter in policy?

# Developmental biology of the middle years



# Adolescence: opportunity & vulnerability



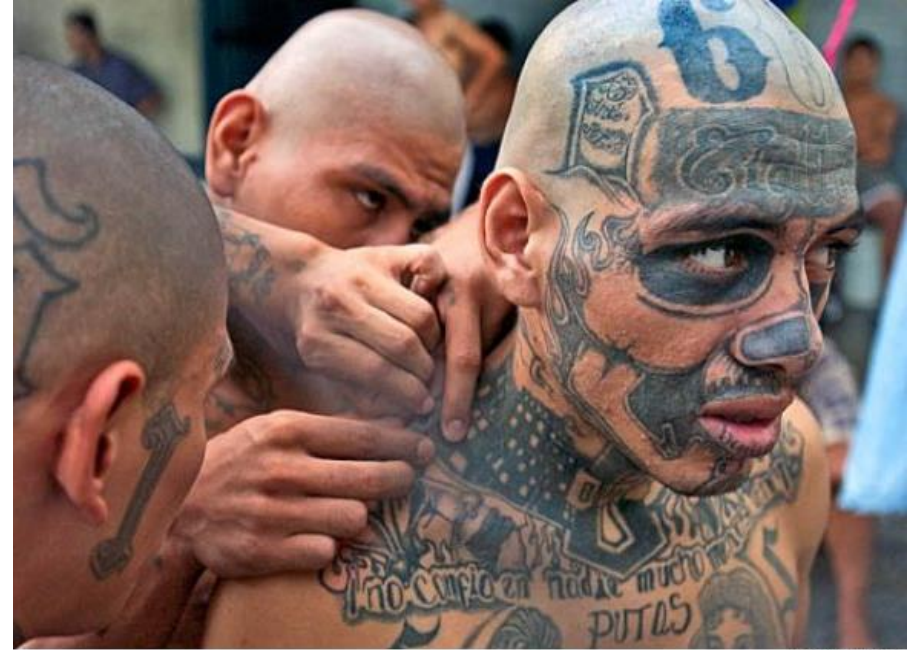


# A shifting social context across adolescence

# Three questions

1. How have the middle years changed?
2. What do we know about them?
3. Why do they matter in policy?

# Middle years wellbeing, identity & human capital

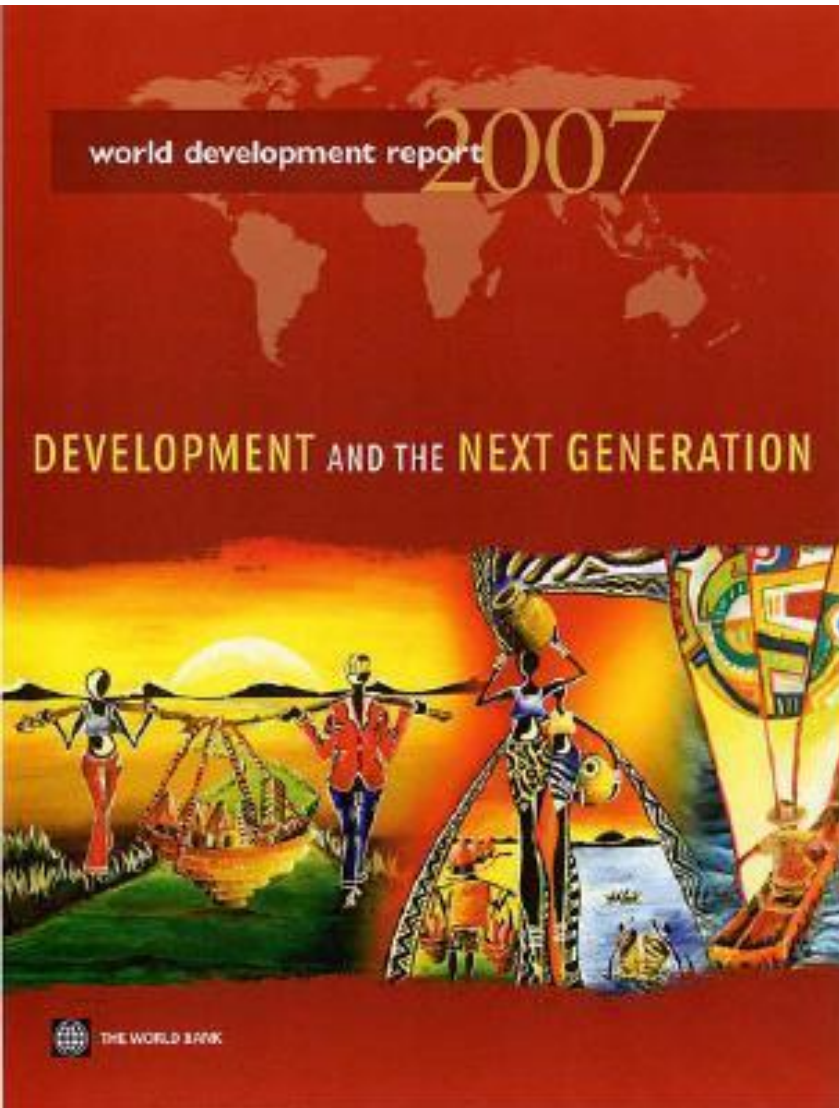


Victor J Blue





# Middle Years, Human Capital & Wellbeing across the Life-course



1. Creating Opportunities
2. Developing capabilities (including agency)
3. Second chances for the most disadvantaged