

PAUL COLLIER

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Collier writes a monthly column for the Independent, and his commentary also appears regularly in the New York Times, the Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, and the Washington Post. His bestselling book, The Bottom Billion, which has been compared to Jeffrey Sachs’s The End of Poverty and William Easterly’s The White Man’s Burden in its scope and impact, identifies the four traps that keep such countries mired in poverty, and outlines ways to help them escape. He is also the author of Wars, Guns and Votes: Democracy in Dangerous Places. His most recent book, entitled The Plundered Planet: How to reconcile prosperity with nature, was published in May of 2010.

Plenty of people have wrung their hands over the fate of the world's poorest, but few have thought more deeply and systematically than Paul Collier about how they got that way. In the 2007 book that first brought his ideas to wide attention, The Bottom Billion, the Oxford University professor offered a powerful antidote to the fatalism that often permeates discussions of global poverty: It's all about attacking bad governance.

In The Plundered Planet, Collier writes a new work that takes apart the dichotomy between environmentalism and development aid and explains why the two must work in harmony. Offering tough love for both preservation-minded environmentalists ("romantics") and free market economists ("ostriches"), Collier argues provocatively that natural resources offer the single best route out of misery for the global poor -- provided they are used responsibly rather than plundered by crooked officials and their accomplices in the international business community.

Collier is not just a theorist; he has worked to put his ideas into practice with new and struggling governments from Africa to the Caribbean. Collier's 2009 report for the United Nations has practically been the line-by-line blueprint for Haiti's rebuilding post-earthquake -- even though he wrote it a year before the disaster happened. Collier was credited with prescience, but as he has said for years, the problems of countries like Haiti are hiding in plain sight -- and the longer we pretend they aren't, the worse they'll get.

"The problem of the bottom billion will not be fixed automatically by global growth," Collier has written, "and … neglect now will become a security nightmare for the world of our children. We can crack this problem; indeed, we must."

He has twice been presented as a TED Speaker, a testimony to his unique importance in the global economy and his skill as a speaker.

Paul Collier is the ideal speaker for:

- Global finance and investment conferences seeking uniquely valuable insights into emerging markets.
- Companies and organizations with an emphasis on bettering our planet while maintaining profitability.
- Organizations interested in global poverty, and what they can do about it.
- Any group who requests an engaging and mentally stimulating speech.

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Paul tailors each presentation to the needs of his audience and is not limited to the topics listed below. Please ask us about any subject that interests you:

- Bottom of the Pyramid
- Economic Development
- Emerging Markets

PROGRAMAS

How to conduct Peace Settlements in bitterly divided societies

I have long had a line of work on how to heal conflicts; the event below reflects it. Many other societies around Latin America face similar problems.

How Devolution can work in highly centralised countries: the new British Example

I have long advocated devolution of powers and resources to enable poorer places to catch up. After years of being ignored by Whitehall, Andy Burnham, Britain's new Prime Minister, is putting into practice much of what I have been proposing.
This is hugely promising, and I am suddenly in demand to speak to Members of Parliament, Mayors, and on major Podcasts.
I have a series of articles coming out in The New Statesman, Britain's main left-leaning magazine:

- In June: 'To save Britain, Burnham must take on the Treasury.
- In July: How to Solve the NEET Crisis.
    - NEETs are young people not in Education, Employment, or Training, which is a severe problem in Britain and many other countries.

Many Latin American countries face similar issues of regional inequalities.

Opportunities from Critical Minerals

A distinct line of my work has been on how to manage Critical Minerals, balancing local and national, and diplomatic concerns and interests.

I have taught an annual Executive Education course on it for the past 14 years, cumulatively with around 600 officials from Emerging Market Economies.

Arising from this, in November 2025, a gave a keynote at a French University on: The Scramble for Africa's Critical Minerals.
This is now forthcoming in The Oxford Review of Economic Policy.

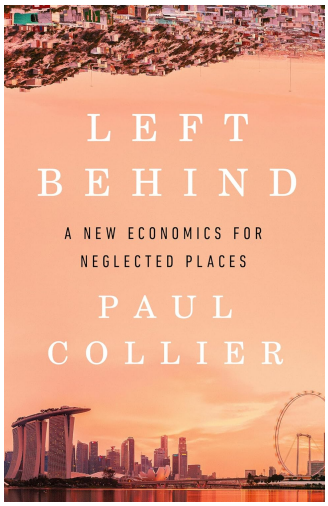
Many countries around Latin America are also wrestling with these issues.

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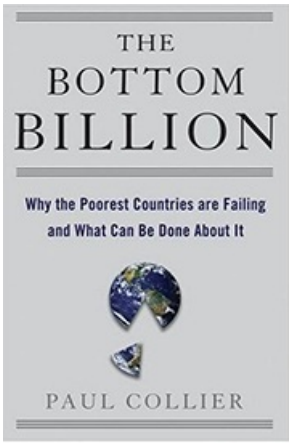
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THE BOTTOM BILLION



THE PLUNDERED PLANET

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