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What we owe each other: A new social contract for a better society

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Whether we realize it or not, all of us participate in the social contract every day through mutual obligations among our family, community, place of work, and fellow citizens. Caring for others, paying taxes, and benefiting from public services define the social contract that supports and binds us together as a society. Today, however, our social contract has been broken by changing gender roles, technology, new models of work, ageing, and the perils of climate change.

Minouche Shafik will discuss the urgent need to rethink the social contract as laid out in her new book *What we owe each other: A new social contract for a better society*, in an upcoming DESA webinar. Drawing on evidence and examples from around the world, she shows how every country can provide citizens with the basics to have a decent life and be able to contribute to society.



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Baroness Shafik is the author of a new book *What we owe each other: A new social contract for a better society*.