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Knut Wicksell is arguably the greatest Swedish social scientist of all time and poverty was a theme that occupied him all his life. Indeed, it was probably this interest that was the main factor in drawing Wicksell away from his studies of mathematics and into economics instead.

Mats Lundahl, a development economist and a specialist on poverty himself, examines Wicksell's thinking in the area and shows that his contribution is a major one.

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To the memory of my teacher Torsten Gårdlund (1911–2003), Wicksell biographer sublime

I consider no place, not even the pulpit itself, to be too exalted for the preaching of these doctrines.

Knut Wicksell 1880

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