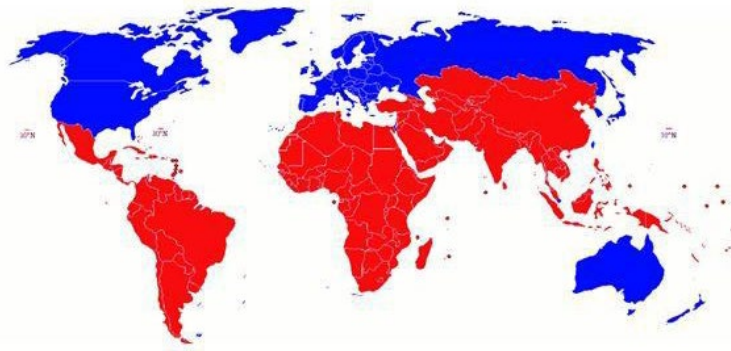


## Keeping up to date with subject knowledge: Rich World, Poor World

(Source: Charles Rawding, Edge Hill University – GA Conference lecture 2012)

The diagram below shows the Brandt line – proposed by German chancellor Brandt in 1980 – dividing the world into rich and poor.



The Gapminder website ([www.gapminder.org](http://www.gapminder.org)) provides graphic examples of how reality is so much more complex than the models of modernity suggested. The graph below shows life expectancy (as a crude indicator of health) mapped against GDP. This is a fairly predictable trend line but look at the colour mix, which represents geographical location.



Indeed, the website has a section entitled 'Stop calling them "developing countries"' which clearly demonstrates that notions of a global north and south are no longer tenable. Investigation of the wide range of variables on the website provides ample evidence of the complexity of the picture. In terms of differences in global levels of development, the only straightforward conclusion that can be drawn is that Africa south of the Sahara is the poorest region on the planet