

## **Call for Papers**

### **IX Meetings of the LACEA / IADB / WB Research Network on Inequality and Poverty at Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia, October 3rd 2007.**

The nine meeting of the LACEA/IDB/WB Network on Inequality and Poverty (NIP) will be held in Bogota, Colombia, at the Universidad de los Andes on October 3rd, 2007.

The NIP is an initiative that aims to advance the state of knowledge and expertise regarding the causes and consequences of poverty, inequality, and social exclusion, as well as the whole range of policies, institutions, and social structures that influence their dynamics, as well as the impact of public action.

Contributions are invited in two broad themes i) "Education and Inequality", especially issues related to education quality, access and supply constraints; ii) "Spatial Disparities, Poverty and Inequality"; particular attention will be given to papers dealing with poverty and welfare and its relation to spatial factors, like urbanization, and the existence of gaps between leading and lagging regions within countries. How do these patterns are shaped by scale economies, agglomeration and factor mobility (including migration)?, How urbanization and territorial development policies may be used to reduce poverty and welfare gaps?. What urbanization patterns can best link the rural poor with urban economic opportunities? How can lagging regions best be helped? by bringing economic activities to these places, or by connecting them to dynamic regions?"

The meeting program will include a keynote address, and papers selected on the basis of academic merit, each with a formal discussant. Submitted papers will be reviewed by a program committee, which includes members of the Executive Committee of the Network. Papers should be sent by August 24, 2007. Authors of the selected papers will be notified through email on August 31st, 2007. Strict compliance with these deadlines is required.

Papers (Word and PDF files) and any inquiries concerning the meeting should be sent by e-mail to:

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The NIP may partially finance travel expenses of those participants who are not able to obtain complete financial support from their institutions.