



CALL FOR PAPERS
XX Annual Meetings of the LACEA / IADB / WB/ UNDP Research Network on
Inequality and Poverty (NIP)
Washington DC – May 6th and 7th, 2013

The next meeting of the LACEA/IDB/WB/UNDP Network on Inequality and Poverty (NIP) will be held at the World Bank headquarter in Washington DC on May 6th and 7th, 2013. 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 on the whole range of policies, institutions, and social structures that influence their dynamics. For more information on the NIP, go to www.lacea.org.

Submissions on all topics related to poverty and inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean are welcome, although we particularly seek papers on two broad subjects: "Markets and Equity" and "Middle-class, Vulnerability and Poverty Transitions" in the region. For the first broad subject, we especially encourage papers that address issues related to access to factor and product markets for poor and vulnerable groups. Of particular interest is how to measure market power, transactions costs (in a systematic way), and other barriers to access that may limit the participation of the poor in markets and their ability to contribute to growth, the political economy challenges that keep these barriers in place and the policy options to address them. Regarding the second broad subject, we welcome original submissions on the evolution of the middle class and its implications, on the analysis of transitions in and out of poverty, with an emphasis on social spending and distributional aspects of taxation.

Complete papers or advanced drafts in Word or PDF format should be sent to nip@cedlas.org by March 25th, 2013. Strict compliance with this deadline is required. Papers will be selected on the basis of academic merit. Submitted papers will be reviewed by a program committee made of members of the Executive Committee of the Network. Authors of the selected papers will be notified by e-mail. Every accepted paper will be included in the program and will have a discussant. We expect to communicate our decisions by April 5th, 2013.

The NIP may offer partial funding for travel expenses for those participants who are not able to obtain any other financial support from their institutions or other sources. If authors require financial support, they should indicate it at the time of submission of the

paper. In order to receive funding from NIP, authors whose papers were accepted must be members of LACEA and current on their membership dues by the time of the meeting.

Inquiries concerning the meeting should be sent to nip@cedlas.org.

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