



WORKSHOP ON “SOCIAL MOBILITY”
XXIII Annual Meetings of the LACEA / IADB / WB/ UNDP Research
Network on Inequality and Poverty (NIP)
Universidad de Chile- Santiago de Chile – June 10th, 2014

The next meeting of the LACEA/IDB/WB/UNDP Network on Inequality and Poverty (NIP) will be held at Universidad de Chile on June 9th, 2014. 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 lacea/nip. The NIP meetings cover all topics related to poverty and inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean. This edition of the conference will cover the broad subject of ‘Socioeconomic Mobility’ in the region. On that regard, on June 10th and as part of the meetings we are programming a workshop on ***Social mobility: Concept, measures, and empirical applications***. The workshop is free of charge and open to the public. Those interested in participating must fill-in the form at this site. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis. Inquiries concerning this Workshop should be sent to isidro.soloaga@ibero.mx and nip@ibero.mx

This workshop will examine the concept of mobility as well as a battery of empirical strategies to measure it. Different aspects of mobility will be considered including income, earnings, socioeconomic status and occupational class, and the challenges of measuring each of these aspects will be discussed.

The strategies to analyze mobility that will be reviewed include classical log-linear regression models, non- and semi-parametric regression models, and log-linear analysis for the mobility table, among others. We will devote time to techniques that address data constraints in the analysis of mobility such as two-sample instrumental variable (when mobility data is not available in a single survey) and data reduction techniques to construct latent measures of economic wellbeing (when measures such as income are not available).

The workshop will include application of these techniques using empirical data from Latin America and the US.

This course will be delivered by Florencia Torche, Associate Professor of Sociology at NYU¹. She is also Faculty Affiliate at the Steinhardt School of Education and at the NYU Global Institute of Public Health. Professor Torche's scholarship examines inequality dynamics -- how inequality persists over the life course and across generations. She has studied inequality of educational opportunity, intergenerational mobility, wealth disparities, assortative mating. Recent projects study the long-term impact of prenatal exposures (<http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/ihdsc/eod/>). Much of Torche's research uses an international comparative perspective. She has conducted several surveys, including the first national surveys of social mobility in Chile and in Mexico.

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