

Problems of Inequality in the Developing World

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The issue of inequality is a pressing one across the developing world. In some parts of the developing world economic inequalities along a variety of dimensions (class, households, regional, urban-rural) have actually worsened. In others, they remain stubborn to policy interventions. Rare are cases where inequalities have actually been mitigated. What are the patterns of inequalities in the developing world and how do we best understand them? What are the political implications of persisting (or worsening) economic inequalities, especially for democracies? And, what are the prospects for mitigating such inequalities?

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- 10:00 – 10:30 Welcoming Remarks, Aaron Burr Hall Room 219
- Deborah Yashar, Democracy & Development Project Director
- 10:30 – 12:00 Panel I: **Patterns of Inequality in the Developing World**
Chair: Barbara Stallings, Brown University
- Gary Fields, Cornell University
 - Nora Lustig, George Washington University
 - Shubham Chaudhuri, World Bank
- 12:00-1:30 Lunch, Aaron Burr Hall, 2nd Floor Atrium
- 1:30 – 3:00 Panel II: **Political Implications of Inequalities**
Chair: Peter Evans, University of California, Berkeley
- Richard Sandbrook, University of Toronto
 - Robert Kaufman, Rutgers University
 - Patrick Heller, Brown University
- 3:00 – 3:30 Coffee Break, Aaron Burr Hall, 2nd Floor Atrium
- 3:30 – 5:00 Panel III: **Public Policy Options for Mitigating Inequalities**
Chair: Atul Kohli, Democracy & Development Project Director
- Samuel Morley, International Food Policy Research Institute
 - Nancy Birdsall, Center for Global Development
 - Michael Carter, University of Wisconsin, Madison