

CALL FOR PAPERS

SECOND MEETING OF THE COLOMBIAN CHAPTER OF THE NETWORK ON INEQUALITY AND POVERTY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN



With the support of the Economics Department of Universidad de Los Andes and the Economic Studies Institute of the Caribbean in Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla.



The Colombian Chapter of the Network on Inequality and Poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean invites researchers to submit papers for the Second Local Meeting of the Network dedicated to inequality, poverty and related topics. The organizers of this meeting are **Christian Jaramillo** and **Fabio Sánchez**, from the Economics Department of Universidad de Los Andes, and **Daniel Mejía**, from the Research Unit of Banco de la República.

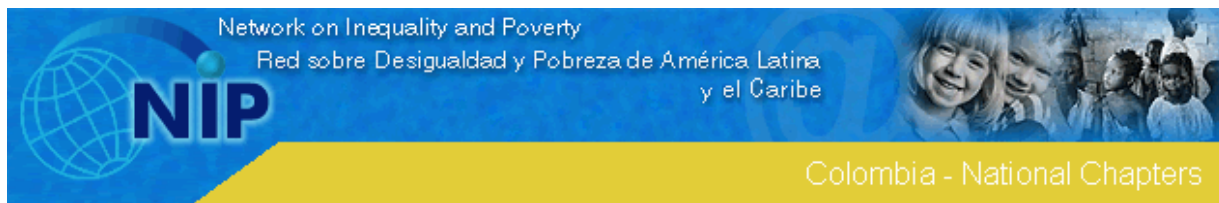
Papers must report research related to Colombia, theoretical or empirical, in one or more of the following topics:

- Poverty
- Inequality and social mobility
- Social protection
- Education and health
- Migration and remittances
- Violence, displacement and poverty

Among the accepted papers, some will be selected to be published, in short versions, in the journal *Desarrollo y Sociedad* of Centro de Estudios sobre Desarrollo Económico (CEDE) of Universidad de los Andes.

The papers can be submitted either in English or Spanish. They must be unpublished and will be selected by anonymous reviewers. Interested authors must send their final drafts electronically, in Word or PDF format, to chjarami@uniandes.edu.co. Papers must not exceed 50 pages including appendices, charts, and tables.

Authors must send their papers by Monday, February 19th, 2007. Editorial decisions and reviewers' comments will be sent during the month of March, 2007. The Local Meeting will take place at the Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla on April 12th and 13th 2007 (Thursday and Friday).



About the *Network on Inequality and Poverty*

While substantial progress has been made in Latin American and the Caribbean to strengthen democratic processes, liberalize the economy, implement responsible macroeconomic policies, and expand basic social services, much is yet to be done to significantly reduce the incidence and depth of poverty. Although the proportion of poor has been falling in the last decade, their absolute number has risen to 180-200 million. Both the series of economic crises experienced by the region and the lack of an overarching poverty reduction strategy have hindered progress in this area. Furthermore, the levels of wage and income inequality have increased in many countries in the region as a result of the processes of economic integration and skill biased technical change. Partly responsible was the lack of a sufficiently fast improvement in the distribution of education and other productive assets. Continued research on poverty and inequality in the region is critical for the development of an effective policy agenda to deepen the impact on poverty reduction and to revert the income inequality trends of recent years. Such an agenda should go beyond social sector policies, and recognize the key contributions of macroeconomic and productive sectors' policies on the poverty reduction objective.

The LACEA/IDB/World Bank Inequality and Poverty Network is a joint initiative that aims to advance the state of knowledge and expertise regarding the causes and consequences of poverty, inequality, and social exclusion, and the whole range of policies, institutions, and social structures that influence their dynamics as well as the impact of public action.

Further information about the Network can be found in:

<http://economia.uniandes.edu.co/share/html/nip/nip-colombia.htm>