The next meeting of the LACEA/IDB/WB/UNDP Network on Inequality and Poverty (NIP) will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on September 30, 2009 at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.

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 intervention.

The theme of this meeting will be “Household responses to exogenous shocks and policy options: Lessons from crisis episodes” and will prioritize papers on the following (non-exclusive) related topics:

- Crisis impacts on poverty, vulnerability, human capital accumulation or well-being
- Determinants of vulnerability to exogenous shocks
- Determinants of changes in poverty and inequality in LAC
- Evaluation of policy interventions to compensate economic shocks

The meeting program will include a keynote address of Nora Lustig (Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics at Tulane University and a nonresident fellow at the Center for Global Development and the Inter-American Dialogue) entitled “The New Dynamics of Inequality: A Break with the Past?”.

Papers will be 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 31, 2009. Authors of the selected papers will be notified by e-mail on September 4, 2009. 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: Joao Pedro Azevedo (jazevedo@worldbank.org) and Elia Carrasco (elia.carrasco@undp.org).

NOTE: The NIP may partially finance travel expenses of those participants who are not able to obtain complete financial support from their institutions. Authors of the selected papers who will require partial financial support must be registered LACEA Member by the date of the meeting.
Nora Lustig is Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics at Tulane University and a nonresident fellow at the Center for Global Development and the Inter-American Dialogue. Before joining Tulane, Nora Lustig was Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs at George Washington University, director of the Poverty Group at UNDP, president and professor of economics at the Universidad de las Americas-Puebla, Senior Advisor on Poverty at the Inter-American Development Bank, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution and Professor of Economics at El Colegio de Mexico. Lustig’s fields of expertise are Development Economics and Poverty and Income Distribution with a focus on Latin America. A sample of her publications includes: *Thought for Food: the Challenges of Coping with Soaring Food Prices; The Microeconomics of Income Distribution Dynamics; Shielding the Poor: Social Protection in the Developing World; Mexico: The Remaking of an Economy* (received Choice’s Outstanding Academic Book award). Nora Lustig was co-director of the World Development Report 2000/1, *Attacking Poverty* and founding member and president of LACEA (Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association). Lustig has been a member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences since 1987 and is a member of the Inter-American Dialogue, the Board of Directors of the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex and of the Advisory Boards of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and the Center for Global Development. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Lustig has spent most of her adult life in the United States and Mexico. She received her doctorate in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.