WORKSHOP ON “Social Mobility: Concept, measures, and empirical applications”

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The workshop is free of charge and open to the public (NOTE: the class is full now and no new applications are accepted). Inquiries concerning this Workshop should be sent to isidro.soloaga@ibero.mx and nip@ibero.mx

First part: 9:00-10:45
The concept of mobility. Empirical strategies to the measuring of mobility: income, earnings, socioeconomic status and occupational class
The analysis of mobility, including classical log-linear regression models, non- and semi-parametric regression models, and log-linear analysis for the mobility table, among others.
Data constraints in the analysis of mobility: 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).

Coffee break: 10:45-11:00

Second part: 11:00-13:00
Applications using empirical data from Latin America and the US.

Instructor
This course will be delivered by Florencia Torche, Associate Professor of Sociology at NYU. 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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