



Call for Papers

III Meeting of the Network on Inequality and Poverty (NIP)

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, October 11, 2000

I. DESCRIPTION OF THE SELECTION PROCEDURE USED TO IDENTIFY RESEARCHES:

Grant Proposals

To encourage large-small country collaboration in economic research on the issues of poverty and inequality in the Latin American and Caribbean region, NIP invited submission of project proposals. Projects on macroeconomic, microeconomic and institutional aspects of poverty and inequality were be considered. Topics included but were not limited to:

- Individual and Intergenerational Mobility: transitory and permanent poverty, and effects on inequality
- Measuring the Impact of Social Programs: Partial and general equilibrium impact evaluation of Targeted Human Development Programs (i.e. targeted social programs that aim at developing human capital of the poor such as Progresia in Mexico, PRAF in Honduras, and Bolsa Escola programs in Brazil)
- Social Impact of Crime and Violence
- Political Economy of Reforms
- Redistributive impact of alternative tax systems
- Privatization and access to basic infrastructure for the poor
- Use of credit as a vulnerability reducing mechanism

Research projects were selected through an open competitive bidding process. The top four qualifying research projects were eligible for monetary support. Proposals specified length of the project, participants and outputs. Preference may be given to excellent economic research proposals linking researchers in 2 or more countries.

The papers that will be presented at the LACEA and NIP day sessions were selected by the NIP Selection Committee through a competitive process.

Selection Committee:

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