

Call for papers

WIDER Development Conference in partnership with UNIANDES

Reducing inequality – the great challenge of our time

5-7 October 2022, Bogotá, Colombia

Background

UNU-WIDER seeks paper submissions for the 2022 WIDER Development Conference on Reducing Inequality, organized in partnership with UNIANDES. There is a growing concern with the negative effects of inequalities all over the world. The idea that rising inequality is only a concern for rich economies, or that it is a toll that poor countries must pay for economic development, no longer holds sway. Instead, the importance of inclusive and sustainable development is now at the centre of the agenda for civil society, governments, and international organizations.

Achieving SDG 10 and reduced inequalities between and within countries is of central importance to all other development goals. It is now time to take stock of where we are, evaluate what progress has been made, and to identify what challenges lay ahead.

All paper submissions on the general topic of inequality and progress on SDG10 are welcome, including but not limited to those which explore trends, drivers, consequences in inequalities, methods, data, or policies, inequalities across various dimensions (earnings, income, education, health, subjective wellbeing, etc.), vertical and horizontal inequalities, global inequalities, and inequalities within countries, mainly in developing countries.

For the 2022 WIDER Development Conference in Bogotá, we are seeking innovative research contributions that speak to the central themes of the conference:

Addressing labour market inequalities in developing countries: the political economy of wage inequality, inclusive employment, or the role of technical change

Addressing group-based inequalities (by gender, ethnicity, race, caste, etc.)

Social, fiscal, or other policies to reduce inequality

Global inequality, the major debates and drivers of within- and between-country inequalities

The links between inequality and other key socioeconomic outcomes (conflict, migration, state capacity, etc.)

Inequality and climate change or COVID-19



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About the conference

The WIDER Development Conference organized in partnership with Universidad de los Andes (UNIANDES) will take place in Bogotá, Colombia, on 5-7 October 2022. The three-day conference will bring together specialists from around the world to discuss the latest research on inequality in a broad sense, including inequalities that affect individuals or population groups across many dimensions of wellbeing (income, labour market outcomes, education, health, etc.). The aim of the conference is to discuss the old persistent inequalities as well as the new challenges produced by the pandemic, climate change, or new advances in technology and economic production.

The conference will provide a forum to discuss innovative, theoretical, and empirical research and its policy take-aways. It will consist of plenary sessions, two keynote speakers (**Raquel Fernández**, New York University, and **Chico Ferreira**, London School of Economics), and the WIDER Annual Lecture 26, delivered by **Daren Acemoğlu**.

It will also feature various parallel sessions organized by key international and regional institutions. A policy event will connect the academic and policy debates to elucidate the synergies needed for inequality research to be a transformative force. The conference will also include several parallel and poster sessions from this open call for papers and will integrate sessions from the **Colombian Economic Congress** arranged by UNIANDES.

Submission procedure

Interested applicants wishing to present **original** research at the conference on the topics discussed above should complete [the online application form](#). We particularly encourage submissions from early-career, female, and developing country researchers.

Each paper submission will require:

- 1 An up-to-date CV
- 2 An abstract not exceeding 300 words in plain text which should summarize the research question, the main methods and data, and key findings of the paper and the larger implications of the research
- 3 A full-length paper (**preferred**) OR an extended abstract
 - the first page of the paper or extended abstract should include all author names and affiliations and the above-mentioned 300-word abstract
 - in PDF format
 - written in English
 - full-length papers should **be no more than 10,000 words**, inclusive of references, footnotes, tables, and figures, whereas the extended abstracts should be 1,500-1,800 words long

Any queries on the call for papers should be sent to callforpapers1@wider.unu.edu

Previously unpublished papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in the WIDER Working Paper Series and **could be invited for submission to a journal special issue**.

Important dates

31 March 2022	Submission deadline 23:59 UTC+3
5 May 2022	Target date for acceptance/rejection notification
1 September 2022	Final papers due
5-7 October 2022	Conference

Conference package and travel support

For **accepted** participants, travel support can be provided for one author per selected paper using the most economical travel route subject to UN guidelines. If required, UNU-WIDER together with UNIANDES can also provide visa support.

Hotel accommodation and most meals during the conference will be provided. There is no conference fee.

Conference language

The conference proceedings will be in English; no simultaneous translation will be available.