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Call for Papers

Symposium on Inequality in the 21st Century

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The editors of [Review of Development Economics](#) invite scholars to submit long abstracts for a symposium on inequality in the 21st century in the developing world.

The 2008 financial crisis, the Covid-19 pandemic, political conflict and the climate crisis have resulted in far-reaching negative effects for inequality and social mobility in developing countries. These effects have manifested themselves in all sectors of the economy, in households, as well as in social and public life and there is not enough empirical evidence that document these effects in developing countries. In this special issue we have an interest in empirical studies (but not exclusively) that document the effects of such economic and political shocks on different dimensions and measures of inequality (e.g. intergenerational, wages, regional, gender, health and education, top incomes) as well as different channels of transmission (e.g. globalization and environment). We are also interested in papers that use novel methods (but not exclusively, such as machine learning, artificial intelligence or phone surveys) to overcome data problems for developing countries, in exploring the effects of the crises on inequality. We encourage authors to emphasize policy conclusions from their analysis that will assist developing countries to devise policy instruments that mitigate the effects of these crises on inequality.

Scholars are invited to submit long abstracts (1000 words maximum) or complete papers if available, by 30th September 2022. Authors selected for the symposium will present their paper ideas (or full papers, if available) in a workshop on 9th to 11th November 2022. Full papers should be submitted by 31st January 2023. The keynote speaker for the workshop will be Professor Francisco Ferreira, Amartya Sen Chair in Inequality Studies of the International Inequalities Institute at the London School of Economics.

The timetable for the Symposium is as follows:

- Submission of long abstracts: **30th September 2022**
- Announcement of selected authors: **7th October 2022**
- Workshop: **9th to 11th November 2022**
- Full manuscripts due: **31st January 2023**
- Peer review: Complete by **Summer 2023**
- Publication: By **December 2023**.

Online submission at: <https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/rde>. Submission prior to deadline (30th September 2022) is encouraged.

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