Social Mobility in the Americas

The Espinosa Yglesias Research Centre & The Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality

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Friday, April 24

8:00 – 8:45am  Registration and Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00am  Welcome and Introductions (David Grusky & Enrique Cárdenas)

9:00 – 10:15am  Big Comparisons Across Time and Space (Moderator: David Grusky)

Presentations

Gregory Clark, “Surnames and the Nature of Social Mobility”

Florencia Torche, “Intergenerational Mobility in Latin America: What Do We Know and What Do We Still Need to Know?”

Sumaya Ali Brahim and Darryl L. McLeod, “Inequality and Mobility in the Americas: Why the Great Gatsby Curve Works in Latin America but not in North America”

Discussion (approximately 9:45 – 10:15am)

10:15 – 10:30am  Break

10:30am – 11:45am  The Turn to Administrative Data (Moderator: Charles Varner)

Presentations

Fatih Guvenen, “Firming Up Inequality?”

Raymundo Campos and Alvaro Melendez, “Income Mobility: Evidence in a Developing Country Using Tax Return Data”

Pablo Mitnik and David Grusky, “New Evidence on Social Mobility in the U.S. Using Tax Return Data.”

Discussion (approximately 11:15 – 11:45am)

11:45am – 12:45pm  Lunch
12:45pm – 2:00pm  Socioeconomic and Social Class Mobility  
(Moderator: Florencia Torche)  

Presentations  

Enrique Cardenas, Roberto Vélez, Juan Enrique Huerta, “Report on Social Mobility in Mexico”  

Carlos Costa Ribeiro, “Social Mobility, Class Structure, and Top-Incomes in Contemporary Brazil”  

Patricio Solis, “And Yes it Moves: Intergenerational Class Mobility in Latin America”  

Discussion (approximately 1:30 – 2:00pm)  

2:00 – 2:15pm  Break  

2:15pm – 3:30pm  Educational Transitions and Mobility (Moderator: Patricio Solís)  

Presentations  

Kristian Karlson, “Intergenerational Educational Rank Mobility in 20th Century United States”  

Michelle Jackson and Luana Marotta, “Educational Transitions in Brazil”  

Tim Kautz, “Cognitive and Non-Cognitive Skill Disparities and Development in the Americas”  

Discussion (approximately 3:00 – 3:30pm)  

3:30 – 3:45pm  Break  

3:45pm – 5:00pm  Big Picture Commentary and Reflections  
(Moderator: Juan Enrique Huerta)  

Presentations  

Philip Oxhorn, “Democracy and the Threat of Limited Social Mobility in Latin America”  

Chrystia Freeland, “The One Percent”  

Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva, “Closing Reflections”  

Discussion (approximately 4:30 – 5:00pm)
Saturday, April 25

8:00 – 8:45am  Breakfast

8:45 – 9:00am  Welcome (Juan Enrique Huerta)

9:00 – 10:15am  Transitions into and out of Poverty (Moderator: Raymundo Campos)

Presentations

Víctor Pérez, “Intragenerational Poverty Mobility in Mexico: What Can the Combination of Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Information Tell Us?”

Iryna Kyzyma, “Behind a Stable Poverty Rate: Changes in the Duration of Poverty Episodes in the United States since the mid-1980s”

Graciela Teruel, “Mobility Across Poverty Classes in Mexico”

Discussion (approximately 9:45 – 10:15am)

10:15 – 10:30am  Break

10:30am – 11:30am  Social Mobility in Mexico (Moderator: Patricio Solís)

Presentations

Erika Arenas and Luis Rubalcava, “Social Determinants of School Continuation in Mexico: Evidence using Panel Data”

Miguel Calderón Chelius, Miguel Reyes Hernández, Humberto Morales Moreno, “Social Mobility and Mexican Public Policy. An Income Revenue and Wages Approach”

Discussion (approximately 11:00 – 11:30am)

11:30am – 12 noon  Closing Reflections (Luis Felipe Lopez-Calva)