Universities and Social Inequalities in the Global South

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

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Higher education can be a key driver of development and a force for social mobility. It can also be a path to overcome inequalities across gender and race by fostering labour market opportunities. But such outcomes are not automatic. If higher education is not implemented equitably, it has the potential to entrench existing inequalities and create new ones. This problem is not new, but it has taken on renewed importance with the shift to remote learning—for some—during the current Covid-19 pandemic.

Broadly speaking, higher education has expanded globally over the last several decades. This event will explore what this has meant on the ground in several countries in Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa. Who can access these opportunities and at what cost, what disparities exist between such opportunities, and what are the implications for social mobility and inequality?

The empirical research presented will serve as a jumping-off point for a discussion around the potential of higher education to reduce inequalities, and the circumstances necessary for this outcome.

PRESENTATIONS

🌐 Spanish<>English Interpretation will be available

Inequalities in Higher Education Access and Completion in Brazil
Tristan McCowan and Julio Bertolin

Diversity and Liberalization Reforms: Evidence from the University of Nairobi
Rebecca Simson and Andrew Harris (Rebecca Simson presenting)

Higher Education Expansion and Social Inequalities in Sub-Saharan Africa: Conceptual and Empirical Perspectives
Yann Lebeau and Ibrahim Ogachi Oanda

Leaving No One Behind Through University Education: Actors, Prospects, Challenges, and Contradictions in Ghana
Jasper Ayelazuno and Maxwell A. Aziabah

Social Mobility and Higher Education in Chile and Peru
Anja Gaentzsch and Gabriela Zapata Román

WELCOME
Katja Hujo, UNRISD
Ananya Mukherjee Reed, University of British Columbia
Yvonne Bartmann, FES Geneva

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