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# IPC NEWS

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IPC is a global centre for applied research and training on poverty and development

IPC has 9 different publication series

IPC has already produced 190 innovative research publications

IPC's Research Projects are supported by UNDP, IPEA and development agencies

IPC's knowledge-sharing network reaches 189 countries

IPC hosts Study Tours for representatives of developing countries

IPC promotes extensive training in poverty and inequality reduction policies

IPC provides research support through Advisory Missions to developing countries

IPC hosts an online Directory of Research Centres in the developing world

IPC fosters cooperation between Brazil and Africa on Social Protection

IPC has a strategic partnership with the United Nations Volunteers

## Highlights

### August 11<sup>th</sup> 2008

What if Gender Inequalities were Overcome?

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/PressRoom.do>>

### August 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

Poverty Networks: Sharing Information on Development

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### August 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

Government Transfers in Honduras – Their Current Effectiveness and Alternatives

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### July 30<sup>th</sup> 2008

Deep Recession in the U.S. and Steady Growth of Emerging Economies: Two IPC Publications Project a Realignment of World Economy by 2020

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### July 25<sup>th</sup> 2008

Where Are the Jobs that Take People Out of Poverty in Brazil?

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## New IPC Online Resource

IPC is organizing an online catalogue of Poverty Networks as a means to facilitate access to knowledge and to share this to a wider audience in 189 countries. Poverty Networks are web-based platforms that provide space for sharing and disseminating development-related information and initiatives. Below you will find information on IPC's collaborating networks, which help foster dialogue between researchers, policymakers, civil society and multilateral organisations. Access the Poverty Networks website: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/povnet/>>

## Recent Publications

### Research Programme on Social Protection and Cash Transfers

**Title:** The Recent Impact of Government Transfers on Poverty in Honduras and Alternatives to Enhance their Effects

**Author:** Rafael Osorio

**Series:** Working Paper # 47

The author argues that the CCT programme in Honduras can further reduce poverty with improved targeting mechanisms.

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCWorkingPaper47.pdf>>

**Title:** New York's Brand-new Conditional Cash Transfer Programme: What if it Succeeds?

**Author:** Michelle Morais de Sa e Silva

**Series:** One Pager # 60

The author argues that Opportunity New York City, the new cash transfer programme, overlooks supply-side issues and quality of education. The programme's undue focus is on demand-driven and cash-based incentives.

Click : <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager60.pdf>>

## Research Programme on the State of the World Economy

**Title:** A Global Realignment by 2020: U.S. Decline, Emerging Economies Rise

**Authors:** Francis Cripps and Terry McKinley

**Series:** One Pager # 63

**Title:** The Global Benefits and Losses from the U.S. Recession and Recovery Package

**Authors:** Francis Cripps and Terry McKinley

**Series:** One Pager # 62

In these two papers, the authors analyse the impact on the global economy of rising oil prices, a falling dollar and a U.S. economic downturn. By 2020 there will be a major realignment of the global economy. The U.S. will experience further economic decline. China, India and Brazil will continue to grow. Non-energy producing countries in sub-Saharan Africa would fare the worst. Income per capita would fall by 1.2 per cent per annum.

Click One Pager # 63: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager63.pdf>>

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## Research Programme on Economic Policies, MDGs and Poverty

**Title:** Where Are the Jobs that Take People Out of Poverty in Brazil?

**Author:** Ana Flávia Machado and Rafael Perez Ribas

**Series:** One Pager # 61

The authors argue that informal sector jobs are lifting people out of poverty faster than employment in the formal sector.

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCOnePager61.pdf>>



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**Title:** An Empirical Test of the Poverty Traps Hypothesis

**Author:** Francisco Rodríguez

**Series:** Technical Paper # 4

In this Technical Paper, the author challenges the view that increasing returns in manufacturing generate poverty traps.

Click: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/pub/IPCTechnicalPaper4.pdf>>

## Study Tours

**August, 18 - 22**

### Participatory Budgeting and Planning

The International Poverty Centre is going to host representatives of People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Study Tour on Participatory Budgeting and Planning. The mission will be formed by five high-profile Bangladeshi government officials, led by Mr. Shaikh Khurshid Alam, Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operatives. The purpose of this Study Tour is to provide the Bangladeshi government officials with training sessions and knowledge-sharing opportunities on Brazilian experiences with local governments and participatory budgeting. The focus of the discussions will be on the impact of increased popular participation in the decision making process and its impacts into sustainable development and poverty reduction. Meetings will take place in Brasilia and Belo Horizonte and will involve the academia, representatives from the Brazilian government, international organizations, and several other stakeholders involved in participatory planning processes.

Further info: <<http://www.undp-povertycentre.org/Training.do>>

**August, 25- 30**

### Brazil-Africa Cooperation Programme on Social Protection

Representatives of six African countries will take part in a Study Tour to Brazil sponsored by the Brazil-Africa Cooperation Programme on Social Protection, a joint initiative by the Department for International Development (DfID), Brazilian Ministry of Social Development and Fight against Hunger and the IPC. The African delegates will participate in a series of lectures and presentations by Brazilian government representatives and IPC specialists. Discussion rounds will also be held in order to foster the exchange of policy experiences among the participants and help design innovative social protection schemes. Meetings will take place in Brasilia and Recife, where the participants will have direct contact with the beneficiaries of social programmes and learn from the implementation of social policies in the field.

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## Recent Events

**August, 14** – IPC/IPEA Seminar: The Role of Gender Inequalities in Explaining Income Growth, Poverty and Inequality  
Speakers: Joana Costa (IPC), Elydia Silva (IPC) and Fábio Vaz (IPEA/ DISOC) - IPEA meeting room.

**July, 31** – IPC/IPEA Seminar: Solidarity, Economic Development and Social Policies: An Essay to Contribute to an Economic Anthropology of Africa. Speaker: François Xavier Merrien (Comparative Social Policies and Social Development, University of Lausanne, Switzerland) – IPEA meeting room. ■

