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## Organize

The First Edition of the International Conference on  
Development Economics and Public Policy Analysis

(DEPPA 2022)

December 08, 2022 at the FSJES – Ain Chock, Casablanca

Under the theme:

Poverty and inequality: dynamics and perspectives in  
developing countries

**Keynote Speaker : Jean-Louis ARCAND**

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## **Economics at the service of development**

Although they are longstanding, the questions of development remain among the most fundamental of economic science. They are based on several of its branches (microeconomics, macroeconomics, international economics, economic empiricism, etc.) and are in fact at the heart of the discipline.

Concretely, these questions relate to the research and determination of strategies and economic policies to be enacted in order to help poor and/or middle-income countries catch up with advanced ones (in terms of education, health, production, reduction of poverty and inequalities, etc.). Their contribution is not limited to copying the best practices of these countries, but goes well beyond, since the definition of strategies is based as much on the understanding /analysis of the development processes and the constraints to development, as on the understanding of the national, regional and local specificities of the countries.

The DEPPA conference aims to support and help nurture this permanent quest for *new strategies* and concern for *evaluation and measurement* through academic research, confrontation of ideas and debate among researchers and with practitioners. It will be an annual forum for discussing advances in research and the results of the latest studies on the development and analysis of public policies in Morocco and elsewhere. Its ambition is to serve as a bridge between the academic and political worlds by bringing together the concerns of researchers, professionals/specialists in these issues and those of decision-makers.

## **About the first edition**

This year, particular attention will be paid to contributions dealing with **inequalities** and/or **poverty**.

In fact, poverty and inequality are the primary obstacles to development (Stiglitz, 2012) and are therefore major challenges that States, particularly low- and middle-income ones, must face. These are complex phenomena with various manifestations that involve all actors of society, taking on a multidimensional character. Indeed, beyond the monetary aspect, involving income, poverty and inequalities, are first and foremost about access to health, education, financial services, housing and decent jobs (A. Sen 1999). Moreover, problems in these areas have increased since the start of the Covid-19 health crisis, and are likely to worsen further with inflation and shortages caused by current global geopolitical tensions.

Thus, through their consequences, forms and social dimensions, poverty and inequality have imposed themselves on the attention of decision-makers and researchers and are now part of the main Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved by the horizon 2030.

Issues of interest within this framework include the following (but are not limited to):

- The dynamics of poverty and/or inequality in Morocco or in Africa
- Approaches to measuring poverty and/or inequality (all forms)
- The socio-economic determinants of poverty and/or inequality and mechanisms of relief:

lessons from international experiences

- The socio-economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on poverty and inequality, analysis of transmission channels
- The social and/or territorial dimensions of inequality
- Structural transformation, factor remuneration and wealth distribution
- Appreciation of the differences and conditions for convergence of the levels of regional development
- The impact of social programs on poverty and inequality
- The targeting of public policies towards reducing poverty and/or inequality.

## **Inaugural conference**

The inaugural lecture will be given by Jean-Louis Arcand, PhD in economics from MIT, Professor of international economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, head of the PhD program in development economics and Senior Fellow at the FERDI.

## **Proposals for free communications**

In addition to works on poverty and/or inequality, this call for papers is also open to contributions related to development economics and the analysis of public policies<sup>1</sup>(questions relating to human capital (education and health), the labor market (and decent work), structure of the productive apparatus (and the informal economy), specialization and insertion in international trade<sup>2</sup>...). The articles, written in French or in English, should ideally have an “applied” dimension although based on theories.

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<sup>1</sup> Micro, meso or macroeconomic issues

<sup>2</sup> Non-exhaustive list

## The selection of papers

The selection of papers will be on the basis of extended summaries (**3 to 5 pages**). These must clearly explain the **questions addressed**, the **methodology adopted** and the **main findings**, while highlighting their **originality**. At the end of the conference, the authors of the best papers will be invited to submit an improved version of their article for publication in one of the event's partner journals:

- Revue Réflexions Economiques ([www.refeco.org/](http://www.refeco.org/))
- Revue Région et Développement
- e-journal of economics and complexity
- others (in progress)

## Important dates

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<b>18 November 2022</b>	Submission deadline
<b>24 - 25 November 2022</b>	Authors' notification
<b>01 December 2022</b>	Conference program
<b>08 December 2022</b>	Conférence date

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*Proposals are to be submitted via the link:*

<https://forms.gle/qdAotVHqsfogorqh6>

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