



Wage Inequality in Latin America

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Opening Remarks

Dr. Cynthia Arnson is director of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center. She is a widely-recognized expert on Latin American politics, political economy, and international relations, including U.S. policy in the Western Hemisphere. Arnson is co-editor (with Carlos de la Torre) of *Latin American Populism in the Twenty-First Century* (Johns Hopkins 2013); editor of *In the Wake of War: Democratization and Internal Armed Conflict in Latin America* (Stanford, 2012); and author of *Crossroads: Congress, the President, and Central America, 1976-1993* (Penn State, 2d edition, 1993), among other publications. She is a member of the editorial advisory board of *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*, the Spanish-language edition of the distinguished journal *Foreign Affairs*. Arnson is also a member of the advisory boards of the Social Science Research Council's Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum, the Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES), and Human Rights Watch/Americas. She graduated magna cum laude from Wesleyan University, and has a Master's degree and Ph.D. from the Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies.

Daniel Lederman is Lead Economist and Deputy Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean at the World Bank. During 2011 and 2012, he led the World Bank's work program on Trade Policy and Integration in the International Trade Department (PRMTR). From 2005 to 2011, Lederman was Senior Economist in the World Bank's Development Research Group (DECRG), and he has been part of the Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean since 1995. Lederman has written extensively on a broad set of issues related to economic development, including financial crises, violent crime, the political economy of policy reforms, economic growth, international trade, and labor markets. His research has been published in the *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *European Economic Review*, and *Journal of Development Economics*, among others. He has authored or coauthored several books, including *The Political Economy of Protection*, *From Natural Resources to the Knowledge Economy*, and *Does What You Export Matter?* Lederman holds a B.A. from Yale University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in International Relations from the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

Speakers

Joana Silva is senior economist at the Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean of the World Bank. She has expertise in labor economics, international trade, economics of education, poverty and inequality, firm productivity, and policy evaluation. Her research has been published in leading academic journals, including the *American Economic Review*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Economics Letters*, *Review of International Economics*, and *Review of World Economics*. She has authored four books. Silva is currently leading the research program on labor market adjustment in Latin America, as well as a number of impact evaluations and research on globalization and its impacts on growth and inequality. She has extensive experience advising governments in Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, and the Middle East and North Africa. Before joining the World Bank, Silva worked for the Globalization and Economic Policy Research Center and taught at the University of Nottingham. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Nottingham.

Barbara Stallings is William R. Rhodes research professor at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University. She is also editor of *Studies in Comparative International Development*. Stallings was director of the Watson Institute and of its Political Economy and Development Program. Prior to joining the Institute, she was director of the Economic Development Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in Santiago, Chile. Stallings was also a professor of Political Science, director of the Latin American Studies Program, and associate dean of the graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is author or editor of sixteen books and numerous articles and book chapters on international finance and political economy of Latin America and East Asia. For the past several years, Stallings has been a visiting professor and scholar at several Chinese institutions. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Cambridge and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Stanford University.

Miguel Székely is director of the Center for Education and Social Studies in Mexico. He was director of the Institute for Innovation in Education at the Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico from 2010 to 2013. Prior to that, Székely served as undersecretary for Middle Education of the Government of Mexico from 2006 to 2010 and as undersecretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Ministry of Social Development from 2002 to 2006. He also served as chief of the Office of Regional Development at the Office of the President of Mexico, as research economist at the Inter-American Development Bank, and as researcher in the Economics Department at El Colegio de México. Székely has lectured on development economics for Latin America at El Colegio de México, ITAM, and the University of Oxford. He is a specialist in education, social policy, and public policy evaluation. Székely has authored academic publications, including books, refereed articles in academic journals, and chapters in edited volumes. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from ITAM, Mexico, a Master's in Economics for Development, and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Oxford, as well as a Master's in Public Policy.

Moderator

Claudia Trevisan is Washington D.C. correspondent of *O Estado de São Paulo*, one of the leading and most influential media outlets in Brazil. She has been a journalist for 28 years, and has worked as a correspondent in New York, Buenos Aires, and Beijing. Trevisan is the author of two books on China, *Os Chineses* and *China: O Renascimento do Império*. She was elected Best Brazilian Correspondent for Print Media by Prêmio Comunique-se, a kind of Academy Awards of Brazilian press, in 2010 and 2012. Trevisan also won the Troféu Mulher Imprensa as the best Brazilian female reporter for print media in 2014. She holds a degree in Law at the University of São Paulo and Journalism at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo.