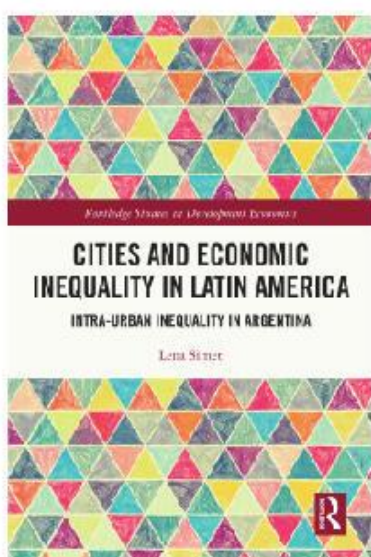


THE NEW SCHOOL

LATIN AMERICA
ON THE MOVE
PROGRAM



BOOK LAUNCH



CITIES AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN LATIN AMERICA INTRA-URBAN INEQUALITY IN ARGENTINA **LENA SIMET**

WELCOMING REMARKS

MARY WATSON

Executive Dean, SPE

DISCUSSANTS

SANJAY REDDY

Chair of the Department of Economics, The New School

MARCELA MELÉNDEZ

Chief Economist for Latin America, UNDP

MARCELO MEDEIROS

Visiting Professor, Columbia University

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (EST)

Dorothy Hirshon Suite
Arnhold Hall, room I203
55 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011

This is an in-person event. Audience members must show proof of a full COVID-19 vaccination series and ID, and they must remain masked at all times



Observation
Latin America

Please join us for

Cities and Economic Inequality in Latin America

This book examines trends and determinants of economic inequality in cities in Latin America, the world's most unequal region. It explores how the gap between the haves and the have nots manifests in every part of urban life – from housing to schooling to employment. It asks

why some cities have higher inequality than others and what we can learn from these differences as we push back against inequality.

The book starts with reviewing the policies and forces that explain the rise and fall of inequality in Latin America since the 1990s and why progress in reducing inequality has stalled. It then focuses on Argentina's cities and applies a set of quantitative tools to identify inequality determinants. It finds that intra-urban inequality generally mirrors national-level trends, but local idiosyncrasies related to a city's labor market, informal employment, and social protection systems matter. The book discusses the pitfalls of privatizing public services that turned access to water in metropolitan Buenos Aires more unequal. It explores the promises and unintended consequences of slum upgrading initiatives in Buenos Aires' Villa 20.

The book presents lessons that can inform policies and practices in the region and beyond. Developing a strategy against inequality that incorporates local features and resists the temptation to rely on the "free market" for solutions to urban problems offers a powerful opportunity. Drawing from the field of economics and social and urban policy, this book shows that the battle against inequality is not only won and lost in cities but also requires a uniquely public and urban response. As such, it will be of interest to advanced students, researchers, and policymakers across development economics, urban studies, and Latin American studies.

Welcoming Remarks

[Mary Watson](#), Executive Dean, Schools of Public
Engagement

Discussants

[Sanjay Reddy](#), Chair of the Department of Economics,
The New School

[Marcela Melendez](#), Chief Economist for Latin America,
UNDP

[Marcelo Medeiros](#), Visiting Professor, Columbia University

Thursday, September 29th, 2022

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm (EST)

Where: Dorothy Hirshon Suite

Arnhold Hall, room I203, 2nd floor
55 West 13th Street, New York NY 10011

Lena Simet is a scholar, writer, and researcher interested in cities, urban poverty, and intra-urban inequality. She is currently a senior researcher and advocate on poverty and inequality at Human Rights Watch. She received her PhD from The New School and lives in New York City.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact
risac646@newschool.edu

Location

Dorothy Hirshon Suite, Arnhold Hall
55 West 13th Street
New York, NY 10011

Date and Time

Thursday, September 29
6:30PM EDT

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

[Get The New School events newsletters](#) | [See upcoming events at The New School](#)

[Facebook](#) | [YouTube](#) | [Twitter](#) | [LinkedIn](#) | [Instagram](#)

The New School, 79 Fifth Avenue, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10003, United States

[RSVP](#)