

EQUALITY AND DEVELOPMENT

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Texts in English of the Essays:

Rising Wealth and Income Inequality: What do we Know?

In this Essay (Vol.16 Issue 4, 2019), the author tries to unveil the essentials of the new development thoughts on inequality and its global consequences. The aim of this essay is two-fold: on the one hand, to give a brief introduction on the concept of inequality from development economics and policy insights; and on the other hand, to illustrate the demand for more distributive equality as emanated from the claim of the greatest welfare economic thinkers of our time (Piketty, Stiglitz, Atkinson, Deaton, and Sen).

Reading 1 - [Rising Wealth and Income Inequality: What do we Know?](#)

Economics and Development Paradigms in Transition

In this Essay (Vol.17 Issue 1, 2020), the author explains what paradigm and paradigm shift mean looking, by way of illustration, at the transition of three magnificent development paradigms in economic science over the last hundred years (Keynes's, Friedman's, and Sen's paradigms). The author also gives a brief

account of their strengths and weaknesses to face crucial development problems, treats and challenges in the twenty-first century, concluding that Sen's paradigm is by far the best equipped to accomplish human development and distributional welfare goals. However, to do that, Sen's paradigm must still reinvent itself and climb a large epistemic path.

Reading 2 - [Economics and Development Paradigms in Transition](#)

Reinventing Amartya Sen's Paradigm of Human Development

In this Essay (Vol.17 Issue 2, 2020), the author makes a brief introduction to the main features of the reinvention process showing at the same time an epistemic path to erect Sen's paradigm of human development as the dominant model to follow in replace of neoliberalism as economics and ideology. The author's focus is on the neoliberal distribution theory known as *Trickle-down Economics* that has driven most market societies to intolerable levels of wealth and income concentration with the repulsive consequences of breaking social cohesion and coexistent everywhere.

Reading 3 - [Reinventing Amartya Sen's Paradigm of Human Development](#)

How to uplift free and equitable market societies in practice?

In this Essay (Vol.17 Issue 4, 2020), the author proposes how to reconcile the ideals of freedom of choice and distributive equality in market societies from the perspective of modern welfare economics and human development illustrated with concrete applications in the real world with real actors and in real-time. To simplify reality, the author constructs a model and a strategy game towards distributive equality in societies with extreme inequality conditions involving key development players and fostering five driving forces to improve overall welfare conditions.

Reading 4 - [How to uplift free and equitable market societies in practice?](#)

Full Employment: the first step towards Economic Equality

In this Essay (Vol.18 Issue 1, 2021), the author emphasizes employment generation as the primary source of wealth and income equality. It is not a fortuity choice. It rests on a positive statistical correlation between the two referred variables that states that if employment increases, economic equality increases. These are not autonomous outcomes away from government intervention. That can happen because of it under some conditionalities established within what the author denominates «*New Enhanced Framework for Policy Action*».

Reading 5 - [Full Employment: the first step towards Economic Equality](#)