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## Call for Papers:

### World Bank / IAE Workshop

## “Socio-Economic Mobility and the Middle Class in Latin America”

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- Place:** IAE, Bellaterra Campus, Barcelona
- Date:** September 12-13, 2011
- Deadline:** May 15, 2011

### About the Conference

The Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean at the World Bank is launching a research initiative on “Mobility and the Middle Class”, which will result in the publication of a flagship report in the Spring of 2012. This research initiative includes the organization of a mid-term workshop, where new research findings will be discussed with academics and policy-makers. The workshop is organized in partnership with the Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica – CSIC and will take place in Barcelona, on September 12-13, 2011. Leading scholars in the field, including Nancy Birdsall, Francois Bourguignon, Gary Fields, James Foster and Markus Jantti are planning to participate.

The first day of the conference will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of background papers and draft chapters of the flagship report. On the second day, selected papers from this open call will be presented and discussed. We welcome

submissions in all fields of economics related to the overarching topic of “Socio-Economic Mobility and the Middle Class”. In particular, we welcome papers analyzing:

- The measurement of both, inter and intra generational income mobility
- The effect of educational, labor market and social policies in enhancing / obstructing social mobility
- Political economy aspects of an emerging middle class: Do the poor face the risk of being left behind? What is the link between middle class size and quality of public service provision? How do attitudes toward redistribution vary along the distribution of income? Is the middle class more willing to contribute to the financing of public goods?
- Fiscal impacts of a growing middle class

The workshop is open to all researchers. We particularly encourage the participation of researchers based in developing countries.

### **Submission**

We invite submissions of draft papers by **May 15, 2011**. Submissions should be sent to Dr. Julian Messina, at the World Bank ([jmessina@worldbank.org](mailto:jmessina@worldbank.org)). The Scientific Committee will review all papers and make a decision by **June 15, 2011**. Detailed abstracts will also be considered, but full papers will be favored.

### **Funding**

There are no conference fees. Travel and accommodation costs for successful papers will be covered by the organizers.