

NORA LUSTIG

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Professor, Office of the President, El Colegio de México
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EDUCATION

- **Ph.D. in Economics**, University of California, Berkeley, May 1979
Dissertation: “Distribution of Income, Structure of Consumption and Economic Growth: The Case of Mexico”
- **M.A. in Economics**, University of California, Berkeley, December 1974
- **B.A. in Economics**, University of California, Berkeley, December 1972 (Distinction in General Scholarship)

Fields: Development Economics; Inequality and Poverty; Social Policy; Latin America

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Current Positions

2026 – *Professor, Office of the President* (Profesor-Investigador Asociada a la Presidencia), El Colegio de México

2025 – *Professor Emerita*, Department of Economics, and *Founding Director*, Commitment to Equity (CEQ) Institute, Tulane University

Other Current Affiliations

Nonresident Fellow at: Brookings Institution (Global Economy and Development Program); Center for Global Development; Georgetown Americas Institute; Inter-American Dialogue; Paris School of Economics (WID.world); and Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY).

Previous Positions

2009 – 2025 *Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics*, Department of Economics, and *Founding Director*, Commitment to Equity (CEQ) Institute, Tulane University

2007 – 2009 *J. B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Visiting Professor of International Affairs*, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University

2006 – 2007 *Director of the Poverty Group*, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), New York

2001 – 2005 *President*, Universidad de las Américas, Puebla, Mexico

1997 – 2001 *Senior Advisor and Chief of the Poverty and Inequality Unit*, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Washington, DC

1989 – 1997 *Senior Fellow*, Foreign Policy Studies Program, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

1975 – 1991 *Professor*, Center for Economic Studies, El Colegio de México, Mexico City

Selected Visiting Positions

2023 Resident Fellow, Georgetown Americas Institute, Georgetown University

2017, 2018 Visiting Researcher, Paris School of Economics

2017	Guest Scholar, Brookings Institution
2016	Visiting Professor, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires
2011	Visiting Scientist, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata
1984	Visiting Professor, Department of Natural Resources and Agricultural Economics, University of California, Berkeley
1982	Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

SCHOLARLY RECOGNITION

- President Emerita, LACEA (Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association)
- President, ECINEQ (2023-2025)
- Ranked in the top 5 percent of most-cited economists among more than 70,000 registered in RePEc.
- Approximately 19,000 citations in Google Scholar.

RECENT LEADERSHIP ROLES

- **Co-chair**, United Nations High-Level Expert Group (HLEG) on “Beyond GDP,” 2025-2026.
- **Co-chair**, Independent Commission for Equality with Fiscal Justice (CIJUF), Mexico, 2024 -.
- **Co-coordinator**, Handbook on Social Policy in Latin America, El Colegio de México, 2025 -.
- **Founding Director**, Commitment to Equity Institute, Tulane University, 2015 -. Founder of the CEQ Data Center on Fiscal Redistribution—the most comprehensive database on the redistributive impact of fiscal policy. Methodology applied in more than 60 countries; over \$8 million raised in research funding. CEQ fiscal redistribution indicator adopted by the United Nations as SDG Indicator 10.4.2.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Tulane University Innovation Award, 2021.
- President, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ), 2023–2025
- President Emerita, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), since November 2017.
- Lawrence M v D Schloss Prize for Excellence in Research, Department of Economics, Tulane University, 2016.
- Tulane University School of Liberal Arts Outstanding Research Award, 2012.
- Simón Rodríguez Award for undergraduate teaching in Latin American Economics, 2010.
- Outstanding Academic Book of the Year, *Mexico: The Remaking of an Economy*, Choice Magazine, 1994.
- Member, Mexican Academy of Sciences, since 1987.

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals (Selected; since 2000)

- Measuring the Effectiveness of Fiscal Policy in Multidimensional Poverty Reduction. *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*, 2026. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.seps.2026.102489>. (with M. E. Santos and M. Miranda-Zanetti)
- Inequality Bands: Seventy-five years of measuring income inequality in Latin America. *Oxford Open Economics*, Vol. 4, Suppl. 1, 2025, i9–i35. (with F. Alvaredo, F. Bourguignon, and F. H. G. Ferreira)

- Fiscal policy, income redistribution, and poverty reduction in Latin America. *Oxford Open Economics*, Vol. 4, Suppl. 1, 2025, i426–i446. (with V. Martinez Pabon and C. Pessino)
- Nowcasting the impact of COVID-19 on education, intergenerational mobility and earnings inequality in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, October 2024. (with G. Neidhöfer (lead) and P. Larroulet)
- Short and Long-Run Distributional Impacts of COVID-19 in Latin America. *Economía LACEA Journal* 22(1): 96–116, 2023. (with V. Martinez Pabon, G. Neidhöfer, and M. Tommasi)
- Universal Basic Income Programs: How Much Would Taxes Need to Rise? Evidence for Brazil, Chile, India, Russia, and South Africa. *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 59(9), 1443–1463, 2023. (with A. Enami, U. Gentilini, P. Larroulet, E. Monsalve, S. Quan, and J. Rigolini)
- The Pink Tide and Inequality in Latin America. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 65(2), 110–144, May 2023. (with G. Feierherd, P. Larroulet, and W. Long)
- The Impact of COVID-19 on Living Standards: Addressing the Challenges of Nowcasting Unprecedented Macroeconomic Shocks with Scant Data and Uncharted Economic Behavior. *International Journal of Microsimulation*, 16(1), 1–27, 2023. (with V. Martinez Pabon, F. Sanz, and S. D. Younger)
- Are Budget Neutral Income Floors Fiscally Viable in Sub-Saharan Africa? *Journal of African Economies*, Vol. 32, Suppl. 2, ii202–ii227, April 2023. (lead author, with J. Jellema and V. Martinez Pabon)
- The Rich Underreport their Income: Assessing Bias in Inequality Estimates and Correction Methods using Linked Survey and Tax Data. *Review of Income and Wealth*, Vol. 69(4), 1033–1059, 2023 (online October 2022). (with E. Flachaire and A. Vigorito)
- Wage Inequality in the Developing World: Evidence from Latin America. *Review of Development Economics*, 26(4), 1944–1970, November 2022. (with C. Rodriguez-Castelán (lead), L. F. López-Calva, and D. Valderrama)
- Universal Basic Income, Taxes, and the Poor. *LSE Public Policy Review*, Vol. 2(4), November 2022. (with V. Martinez Pabon)
- How Accurate is the Kakwani Index in Predicting Whether a Tax or a Transfer is Equalizing? An Empirical Analysis. *Journal of Income Distribution*, Vol. 31(3-4), September–December 2022. (with A. Enami and P. Larroulet)
- Intergenerational Transmission of Lockdown Consequences: Prognosis of the Longer-run Persistence of COVID-19 in Latin America. *Journal of Economic Inequality*, July 2021. (with G. Neidhöfer (lead) and M. Tommasi)
- Measuring Directional Mobility: The Bartholomew and Prais-Bibby Indices Reconsidered. *Research on Economic Inequality*, 28, 75–96, 2021. (with S. Chakravarty, N. Chattopadhyay, and R. Aranda)
- The Impact of COVID-19 Economic Shock on Inequality and Poverty in Mexico. *Estudios Económicos*, 36-1, January–June 2021, 7–25. (with V. Martinez Pabon)
- The Impact of COVID-19 Lockdowns and Expanded Social Assistance on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico. Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Covid Economics: Vetted and Real-Time Papers, Issue 46. July 2020. (With Valentina Martinez Pabon, Federico Sanz & Stephen D. Younger)
- Labour Income Inequality in Mexico: Puzzles Solved and Unsolved. *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, 44(4), 203–219, May 2020. (with R. Campos-Vázquez)
- Measuring the Distributional Impact of Taxation and Public Spending: The Practice of Fiscal Incidence Analysis. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance*, April 2020.
- Fiscal Policy, Inequality, and Poverty in Iran: Assessing the Impact and Effectiveness of Taxes and Transfers. *Middle East Development Journal*, 11(1), 49–74, March 2019. (with A. Enami and A. Taqdiri)

- Fiscal Incidence and Poverty Reduction: Evidence from Tunisia. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 64, S225–S248, October 2018. (with N. Jouini, A. Moumami, and A. Shimeles)
- Fiscal Redistribution and Ethno-racial Inequality in Bolivia, Brazil and Guatemala. *Latin American Research Review*, 52(2), 108–220, August 2017.
- Inequality and Fiscal Redistribution in Middle Income Countries: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru and South Africa. *Journal of Globalization and Development*, 7(1), June 2016.
- Can a Poverty-Reducing and Progressive Tax and Transfer System Hurt the Poor? *Journal of Development Economics*, 122, 63–75, August 2016. (with S. Higgins)
- Comparing the Incidence of Taxes and Social Spending in Brazil and the United States. *Review of Income and Wealth*, 62, S22–S46, May 2015. (with S. Higgins, W. Ruble, and T. Smeeding)
- Fiscal Policy, Inequality and the Ethnic Divide in Guatemala. *World Development*, 76, 263–279, August 2015. (with M. Cabrera and H. Morán)
- The Strugglers: The New Poor in Latin America? *World Development*, 60, 132–146, August 2014. (with N. Birdsall and C. Meyer)
- Declining Inequality in Latin America in the 2000s: The Cases of Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. *World Development*, 44, 129–141, 2013. (lead author with L. F. López-Calva and E. Ortiz-Juárez)
- Life is Not Easy: Mexico's Quest for Stability and Growth. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 15(1), 85–106, Winter 2001.
- Crises and the Poor: Socially Responsible Macroeconomics. *Economía: The Journal of LACEA*, 1(1), 1–45, Fall 2000. (LACEA Presidential Address)
- Why Is Inequality Back on the Agenda? In Boris Pleskovic and Joseph E. Stiglitz ((Eds.)), Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics 1999. 1999. (With Ravi Kanbur)

Books, Edited Volumes, and Special Issues

- *Economic Development, Economic Growth and Income Distribution*. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2025. (co-edited with A. K. Dutt, J. C. Moreno-Brid, and J. A. Ocampo)
- *Commitment to Equity Handbook: Estimating the Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty*, Second Edition (Volumes 1 and 2). Brookings Institution Press, 2022. (Editor)
- *Finding the Upper Tail*, Special Issue, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 20(1), March 2022. (with F. Cowell and D. Waldenström)
- *Commitment to Equity Handbook: Estimating the Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty*. Brookings Institution Press and CEQ Institute, Tulane University, 2018. (Editor)
- *The Distributional Impact of Taxes and Transfers: Evidence from Eight Low- and Middle-Income Countries*. World Bank, 2017. (co-edited with G. Inchauste)
- *Inequality and Human Development in Latin America: A Long-Run Perspective*, Special Issue, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, September 2015. (co-edited with L. F. López-Calva and E. Ortiz-Juárez)
- *Appraising Cross-National Income Inequality Databases*, Special Issue, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, 13(4). December 2015. (co-edited with Francisco H. G. Ferreira)
- *The Redistributive Impact of Taxes and Social Spending in Latin America*, Special Issue, *Public Finance Review*, 42(3), May 2014. (co-edited with C. Pessino and J. Scott)
- *Declining Inequality in Latin America: A Decade of Progress?* Brookings Institution Press and UNDP, 2010. (co-edited with L. F. López-Calva)
 - Spanish edition: *La disminución de la desigualdad en América Latina: ¿Un decenio de progreso?* Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2012.

- *Crecimiento económico y equidad*. El Colegio de México, 2010 (Los grandes problemas de México, Vol. IX). (Coordinator)
- *The Microeconomics of Income Distribution Dynamics in East Asia and Latin America*. Oxford University Press / World Bank, 2005. (co-edited with F. Bourguignon and F. Ferreira)
- *Shielding the Poor: Social Protection in the Developing World*. Brookings Institution and Inter-American Development Bank, 2001. (Editor)
- *Pobreza y desigualdad en América Latina*. Tercer Mundo, Santafé de Bogotá, 1999. (co-edited with M. Cárdenas)
- *Mexico: The Remaking of an Economy*. Brookings Institution Press, 2nd ed. 1998 / 1st ed. 1992. Choice Outstanding Academic Book of the Year.
 - *Spanish edition: México: Hacia la reconstrucción de una economía*. Fondo de Cultura Económica, 1st ed. 1994 / 2nd ed. 2002.
- *Coming Together? Mexico-U.S. Relations*. Brookings Institution Press, 1997. (co-edited with B. Bosworth and S. Collins)
- *Labor Markets in Latin America: Combining Social Protection with Market Flexibility*. Brookings Institution Press, 1997. (co-edited with S. Edwards)
- *Coping with Austerity: Poverty and Inequality in Latin America*. Brookings Institution Press, 1995. (Editor)
 - *Spanish edition: El desafío de la austeridad. Pobreza y desigualdad en la América Latina*. Fondo de Cultura Económica, 1997.
- *North American Free Trade: Assessing the Impact*. Brookings Institution Press, 1992. (co-edited with B. Bosworth and R. Lawrence)
 - *Spanish edition: El impacto del libre comercio en América del Norte*. CIDE, 1993.
- *México: Auge, crisis y ajuste*, Vols. I, II, III. Fondo de Cultura Económica, 1992. (co-edited with C. Bazdresch, N. Bucay, and S. Loaeza)
- *Liberalización Comercial e Integración Regional: De NAFTA a MERCOSUR*. FLACSO / GEL, Buenos Aires, 1992. (co-edited with R. Bouzas)
- *Stabilization and Adjustment Policies and Programs. Country Study 7: Mexico*. WIDER, Helsinki, 1988. (co-author with J. Ros)
- *Distribución del ingreso y crecimiento en México: Un análisis de las ideas estructuralistas*. El Colegio de México, 1981. (Sole author)
- *Panorama y perspectivas de la economía mexicana*. El Colegio de México, 1980. (Coordinator)

Major Reports (As Co-Author and/or Co-Director)

- *Measuring What We Value*. United Nations HLEG on Beyond GDP, May 2026. (Co-author and Co-chair)
- *Beyond GDP. Measuring What Counts for Economic and Social Performance*. High-level Expert Group (Chairs: Stiglitz, Fitoussi, Durand), OECD, 2018. (co-author)
- *Making the Global Financial System Work for All*. Report of the G20 Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance, October 2018. (co-author)
- *Monitoring Global Poverty: Report of the Commission on Global Poverty*, chaired by A. B. Atkinson. World Bank, 2017. (co-author)
- *Social Protection for Food Security*. A Report by the High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition of the Committee on World Food Security, Rome, 2012 (co-author)

- *World Development Report: Attacking Poverty*. Oxford University Press / World Bank, 2001. (Lead author with R. Kanbur)
- *Macroeconomía y salud. Invertir en salud para el desarrollo económico (FCE, 2006)* — Lead author, report of the Comisión Mexicana de Macroeconomía y Salud
- *Macroeconomics and Health: Investing in Health for Economic Development (WHO, 2001)* — Co-author, member of the WHO Commission chaired by Jeffrey Sachs
- *Social Protection for Equity and Growth (IDB, 2000)* — Lead author

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS

- **Principal Investigator** — Measuring Fiscal Equity in the post-COVID-19 World. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. \$1,182,000. May 2021–March 2023. (with L. Feoli, Co-PI)
- **Principal Investigator** — Investments in Growth and Shared Prosperity: The Fiscal Incidence and Welfare Distribution of Eliminating Constraints to Growth. Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). \$449,956. September 2020–March 2023.
- **Principal Investigator** — CEQ Institute Data Center on Fiscal Policy, Poverty, and Inequality. National Science Foundation. \$241,814. May 2018–April 2022. (with S. Higgins, Co-PI)
- **Principal Investigator** — Commitment to Equity Institute: Research and Policy Tools, Data Center and Advisory and Training on Fiscal Policy. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. \$4,933,201. November 2015–October 2020.
- **Principal Investigator** — The Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty in Low-Income Countries: Applying the CEQ Framework to Ghana and Tanzania. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. \$581,162. February 2014–January 2016.

Additional funding for CEQ-related projects has been received from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF), General Electric Foundation, IFAD, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNDP, and the World Bank. Other projects led by Dr. Lustig have received funding from the Ford Foundation, IDB, MacArthur Foundation, CONACYT (Mexico), USAID, and others.

KEYNOTE AND DISTINGUISHED LECTURES

- *The Joseph Stiglitz Lecture* — Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, April 22, 2026
- *ECINEQ Presidential Address* — World Bank, July 2025
- *ECINEQ-LAC Keynote* — El Colegio de México, December 2024
- *International Microsimulation Association* — University of Essex, October 2019
- *T20 Summit* — Buenos Aires, September 2018
- *King's College* — London, June 2016
- *IEA* — Jordan, June 2014
- *GDN* — Manila, June 2013
- *LACEA NIP* — Buenos Aires, September 2009
- *Shapiro Lecture* — George Washington University, September 2008
- *WIDER Public Lecture* — Helsinki, June 2002
- *LACEA Presidential Address* — Santiago (Chile), 1999

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Current

- Co-chair, United Nations High-Level Expert Group (HLEG) on Beyond GDP.
- Co-chair, Independent Commission for Equality with Fiscal Justice (CIJUF), Mexico.

- Member, Board of Directors, Global Development Network (since 2022).
- Advisory Board, International Inequalities Institute, LSE (since 2024).
- Member, Inter-American Dialogue (since 2003).
- Latin American and Caribbean Inequality Review (LACIR), LSE (since 2020).
- Governing Board, Tax Inspectors Without Borders (since 2020).
- Council, Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ) (since 2009).

Concluded (selected)

- G20 Eminent Persons Group on Global Financial Governance (2017–2018).
- High-Level Expert Group on the Measurement of Economic Performance and Social Progress (HLEG), chaired by Stiglitz, Fitoussi, and Durand (since 2013).
- Atkinson Commission on Global Poverty (2015–2016).
- Millennium Challenge Corporation Economic Advisory Council (2018–2022).
- World Economic Forum, Council on the New Equality and Inclusion Agenda (2019); Global Future Council on Fiscal and Monetary Policy (since 2020).
- Commission on Macroeconomics and Health, World Health Organization (chaired by J. Sachs), 2000.
- Co-director, World Development Report 2000/2001, Attacking Poverty, World Bank, 1999–2000.
- Commission to Assess World Bank Research, chaired by A. Deaton, 2006.
- Center for Global Development, Board of Directors, (2001–2008); Advisory Board (2008–2012).
- UNU/WIDER Board of Directors (1998–2004).

EDITORIAL BOARDS (current)

- Journal of Economic Inequality, since 2001; Editor of Forum Section, since 2010.
- Pensamiento Iberoamericano, since 2016.
- Estudios Económicos, El Colegio de México, México, 1988–89; Distinguished Member of Editorial Board since 2006.
- Sobre México. Revista en economía, Universidad Iberoamericana, since 2015.
- International Journal of Microsimulation, Scientific Committee, since 2020.
- Emirati *Journal of Business, Economics & Social Studies*, since 2026.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member of: Mexican Academy of Sciences (since 1987); American Economic Association (since 1995); Inter-American Dialogue (since 2003); International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (since 2013); Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA); Latin American Studies Association (LASA); Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ, since 2009); Southern Economic Association (since 2015).

MEDIA

Television and radio appearances on ABC, CNBC, CNN, CNN en Español, McNeil-Lehrer Report, NBC, NPR, Reuters TV, Univisión, Telemundo, Eco, and outlets in Latin America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Quoted in Associated Press, Bloomberg, Chicago Tribune, El País, Financial Times, Los Angeles Times, Miami Herald, New York Times, The Economist, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, and other leading international outlets.

CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONIES

- NAFTA: Effects on Workers. Committee on Labor and Human Resources, U.S. Senate, October 1993.
- Capital Flight and Capital Repatriation: The Case of Mexico. Subcommittee on Deficits, Debt Management and International Debt, Committee on Finance, U.S. Senate, June 1991.
- Agreement Signed by Mexico and Its Commercial Banks. Subcommittee on International Development, Finance, Trade and Monetary Policy, U.S. House of Representatives, February 1990.