

**New insights on inequality and economic transformation –  
Revisiting the Kuznets Curve at 70  
Helsinki, 12-13 September 2024**

**PROGRAMME**

**12 September 2024**

09:00 – 09:15	<b>Registration (Coffee)</b> <i>WIDER 1F Sustainability (Library), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, UNU-WIDER's premises</i>
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome, background and introductions
09:30 – 10:30	Nancy Birdsall – Plutocrats and populism: Limits to Kuznets' transformation in a global economy <b>Chair:</b> Kunal Sen
10:30 – 12:30	<b>Panel I: The national Kuznets curve in light of new data</b> <b>Chair:</b> Andrew Summer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Warr and Arief Yusuf – Drivers of structural change and inequality: An analysis for Thailand</li> <li>• Karthikeya Naraparaju – Inequality, urbanization, and the Kuznets process: Evidence from India's Annual Periodic Labour Force Surveys</li> <li>• Marc Morgan – Distribution in Late Development: From Kuznets Curve to Kuznets Curse in Brazil</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Inclusion Lobby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, UNU-WIDER's premises</i>
13:30 – 14:50	<b>Panel II: Structural transformation, globalization, and the Kuznets curve</b> <b>Chair:</b> Ravi Kanbur <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew Fisher-Post – Inequality and agricultural structural change: Evidence from macro and microdata, 1950–present</li> <li>• Saumik Paul and Kunal Sen – Beyond manufacturing: Services and Kuznets in Mexico and the US</li> </ul>
14:50 – 15:20	Tea
15:20 – 16:40	<b>Panel III: Political economy, spatial inequality and Kuznets</b> <b>Chair:</b> Kunal Sen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shaohua Chen – The pathway of income inequality and urban-rural gaps in post-reform China</li> <li>• Catherine Boone – Spatial inequality and the political economy of redistribution in African countries</li> </ul>

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08:45 – 09:00	Coffee <i>WIDER 1F Sustainability (Library), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, UNU-WIDER's premises</i>
09:00 – 11:00	<b>Panel IV: The global evolution of inequality in a Kuznetsian perspective</b> <b>Chair:</b> Pia Rattenhuber <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ravi Kanbur, Eduardo Ortiz-Juarez, Andy Sumner – Global inequality and global poverty in a Kuznetsian world</li><li>• Vito Peragine, Bari, Chico Ferreira – Economic development and inherited inequality: Kuznets meets the Great Gatsby?</li><li>• Timothy Kohler – World prehistory of wealth inequality</li></ul>
11:00 – 12:10	<b>Panel V: The Kuznets metaphor beyond national inequality, in environment, education, and beyond</b> <b>Chair:</b> Rodrigo Oliveira <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Davide Furceri – Environmental Kuznets Curve and green regulation</li><li>• Arief Yusuf – Education expansion, the Kuznetsian tension and inequality: Does schooling cause structural transformation In Indonesia?</li></ul>
12:10 – 12:30	Closing remarks
12:30 – 13:30	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Inclusion Lobby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, UNU-WIDER's premises</i>