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ACEIR is a research centre of the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA). With country partners in eastern, western and southern Africa, ACEIR aims to contribute to deep, multidimensional and interdisciplinary understandings of inequality in each country context, and a continental and global understanding of how inequalities can be overcome.



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WELCOME TO ACEIR'S SECOND NEWS BULLETIN

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A key objective of the African Centre of Excellence for Inequality Research (ACEIR) is to build capacity for frontier African data scholarship and the interpretation of analyses for policy.

In 2018, with the establishment of the Centre, researchers from the country nodes – Ghana, Kenya and South Africa – and affiliate scholars in Côte d'Ivoire embarked on textured analyses of inequality in their respective countries. To build capacity for this undertaking, a *Handbook on Inequality Measurement for Country Studies* was developed by researchers at the University of Cape Town, where ACEIR's hub and the South African node are located.

While the handbook was developed specifically as an intermediate guide for the ACEIR members, it may also be useful for researchers who are planning an inequality study within a particular country. In addition, the handbook has also been written with a meta objective in mind; namely to facilitate the comparability of results and findings across countries. This externality represents one of the major motivations for a multi-country collaboration such as ACEIR.

With this news bulletin, we wish to introduce this research tool to the broader research community and their partners.

On the upcoming events front, we are announcing the first ACEIR seminar, which will be co-hosted with the African Centre for Cities and the Poverty & Inequality Initiative, both at the University of Cape Town. The seminar will reflect on the South Africa's first phase of voluntary reporting on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals – one of the international measurements that ACEIR researchers in the participating countries will link their inequality research and analyses to.

And, finally, we are inviting all readers to share this bulletin with their networks and/or encourage those with an interest in African inequalities to sign up to receive future communication from ACEIR.

Handbook on Inequality Measurement for Country Studies

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NEW PUBLICATION | A research resource for inequality studies

Undertaking a country-level study on inequality can be a challenging task. Researchers are faced by questions on how to conceptualise such a study; what needs to be included; and what sorts of analyses are required. With these challenges in mind, this handbook was written primarily as a reference document to guide researchers who are embarking on

a research report that summarises inequality within a given country-level context. While the handbook will help researchers with limited experience of undertaking such a study, they will need some understanding of data management and the ability to work with the statistical analysis software Stata. They also need some awareness of the general socio-economic environment that their study is located in; and be knowledgeable about the various surveys and alternative data sources that can be used for their study. The handbook was written by Muna Shifa and Vimal Ranchhod, Southern African Labour and Development Research Unit, University of Cape Town.

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NEWS | Data analyses



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ACEIR researcher Rocco Zizzamia recently presented joint work with ACEIR's director, Prof. Murray Leibbrandt, and Prof. David Lam at the Poverty, Population and Inequality Research Conference hosted by the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population at the University of Michigan. The presentation focused on: "The role of demographic and income events in poverty dynamics: Evidence on the impact of births using South African panel data". The paper attempts to understand the relationship between fertility and poverty changes in South Africa using the National Income Dynamics Study (NIDS), the first national panel study in South Africa.

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Photo: David Lam, University of Michigan, via Twitter

Nkechi S. Owoo also presented joint work with the director of the Ghanaian ACEIR node, Prof. Robert Osei, at the Poverty, Population and Inequality Research Conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. The presentation focused on: "Exploring the dynamics of micro-level consumption inequality in Ghana". The paper also attempts to understand if there are any common correlates of poverty and inequality in Ghana by using two waves (2009 and 2014) of the Ghana Socioeconomic Panel Survey.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

SEMINAR, 21 August 2019 | The SDGs in South Africa: why transitions are always the hardest part

This talk reflects on South Africa's first phase of voluntary reporting for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The speaker, Dr Alexis Schäffler-Thomson, is a consultant at the advisory firm Pegasys, which was part of the voluntary national review process led by Statistics South Africa in preparation for the United Nations' High-Level Political Forum 2019 held in New York recently. Using South Africa's experience in reporting on SDGs 6 (water and sanitation), 14 (life below water) and 15 (life on land), her presentation shows the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to SDG reporting depends as much on developing reporting capacity as on the nature of partnerships and stakeholder clarity in the next reporting cycle. The seminar will be hosted jointly with the [African Centre for Cities](#) and the [Poverty & Inequality Initiative](#), University of Cape Town.

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