

Violence as a dimension of poverty. The case of Colombia

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Latin America, despite being a middle-income region and the fact that pink-tide era brought new socio-economic models and the region experienced alternative forms of development, continues to face a number of socioeconomic challenges. The current increasing phenomena of poverty and inequality, harmful effects of economic production on environment and traditional rural communities, violence appear in a new situation both in national and regional levels. The concept of multidimensional of poverty is an increasingly accepted approach to better understanding the characteristics and living conditions of vulnerable social groups. Violence is one of the dimensions that has received little attention so far. The article seeks to answer the following questions: How do poverty and inequality relate to different forms of violence? What kind of institutional and economic mechanisms sustain these complex relations? Analysis of the case of Colombia, based on data and documents, reveals links between shortcomings in the institutional system and deficiencies in measuring poverty in persistence of deprivations of marginalized social groups.

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