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Horizontal Inequality:
A Neglected Dimension of Development
by
Professor Frances Stewart

This lecture will focus on horizontal inequality, i.e. inequality among culturally defined groups (e.g. the Malays and Chinese in Malaysia, Hutus and Tutsis in Rwanda, or Catholic and Protestants in N.Ireland), and the implications this has for social stability, conflict and economic development. In recent years, increasing attention has been paid to the relationship between inequality and development. Although some attempts have been made to widen the dimensions in which this inequality is measured beyond monetary income to encompass other aspects of human well-being, inequality has continued to be assessed vertically, as between individuals and households. What will be termed horizontal inequality has been neglected. Yet inequality among groups in many dimensions - political and social as well as economic - has profound implications for social stability and the incidence of conflict, as well as for human well-being. The lecture will consider these implications, as well as ways of measuring horizontal inequality, some empirical evidence on its extent in different countries, and suggestions for policy and future data collection.

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Frances Stewart is a leading development economist. She has made major contributions to analysis of appropriate technology, basic needs, adjustment and poverty. Recently she has been working on the role of groups in development, and on economies in conflict. Publications include *Technology and Underdevelopment*, *Adjustment with a Human Face* (with Andrea Cornia and Richard Jolly), and *War and Underdevelopment* (with Valpy Fitzgerald and others).

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