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# Confronting impoverishment, inequality and exclusion, instead of only dealing with poverty

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## Résumé

In Mexico, poverty is analyzed isolating it from the factors that create it. "The fight against poverty" programs are established, but this programs displace the approaches that seek to bring about justice. The analysis of poverty should help us understand how economic and social inequalities are constructed; the measurement of poverty must be useful as a tool for achieving comprehensive policies that confront the injustice of the structural conditions that generate poverty. The fight against poverty, even if it acknowledge the multidimensional nature of the phenomenon, and the multilevel nature of inequality, has not managed to reduce it in any considerable manner. We suggest a change of direction concerning the policies for the reduction of poverty, using approaches that consider the territory to be a social construct having economic, social, cultural and environmental dimensions, where the poor are subjects of actions and not only objects of interest. By using said approaches, we will move away from developmentalism oriented policies and get closer to a social change that will bring territorial development, equity, and cohesion demanded by the social groups. Also, inequality will not be naturalized.

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