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Millennium Development Goals, poverty, inequality, economics ...

Millennium Development Goals, poverty, **inequality**, and the World Bank The wealth of persons - About this publication The documents on this **site** are part of a larger project.

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Fundamental problems in the theory of welfare economics

a) lifetime income **inequality**, and b) **inequality** of distribution to people during a period. This point is concerned with one-time measurements, and comparisons of these measurements between countries. In a country where poor people live longer, the measured "**inequality**" is more.

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Inflation and poverty: a theoretical issue in economics

Inflation and poverty the real point is that relative prices of poor and non-poor people's items are important in any measure of income **inequality**, ...

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The Millennium Development Goals, world hunger, poverty ...

Do studies of income **inequality** tell us how well or badly poor people did in economic terms? Does the Millennium Goal statistic on poverty reduction tell us how well or badly poor people did? The answer to these questions is no. This publication explains why.

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Letter to the Economist newspaper, 10 October 2001

Growth rises if **inequality** of life length between rich and poor rises. **Inequality** of life length has varied greatly in poor countries. Among poor people, studies measure consumption [*] rather than income. People who eat less have shorter lives. People at the bottom of the poor group probably last less time.

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one development economist's perspective. April 2002.

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A distinction between "utility" in philosophy and "utility ...

Standard measures of **inequality** do not satisfy the Pigou-Dalton transfer principle. Whether an outcome is Paretian is not knowable from static measures of welfare. The question about the difference between [the change in the average] and [the average gain or loss] is a fundamental theoretical issue, not an empirical one.

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To my astonishment, it became clear that two flaws - the life-length flaw and the inflation flaw (see below) - were hardly ever discussed, were not requirements of the economic method, and applied to all large-scale studies claiming to show trends in poverty, **inequality** and wealth.

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DOC Memorandum from Matt Berkley

Memorandum submitted by the DFID on behalf of the UK Government. Co-Ordination For Aid Effectiveness Inquiry. ... "Cross-country **inequality** data are computed in a ...

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Humanity and social science

b) his co-authorship of an academic paper subsequently influential for the way economic prosperity and **inequality** in the human race are judged by economists, making the same point eight months later.

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Here is an undiscussed but hopefully obvious flaw in World Bank...

New directions in development economics. How to make the Millennium Development Goal on poverty effective. Draft. Matt Berkley. 30 Mar 2003. Official statements about global poverty trends need...

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