The largest antipoverty social program in the world: Effects of a conditional cash transfer program on its participants in Brazil

The lecture will focus on the main ideas of Prof. Alessandro Pinzani’s new book "Money, Autonomy and Citizenship" (Springer 2018) which he wrote together with a Brazilian sociologist Prof. Walquiria Leao Rego. The book analyzes the impacts of the largest antipoverty social program in the world on peoples’ lives: the Brazilian Bolsa Familia Program. Created by the government of former Brazilian president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, this program of civic inclusion has been the largest conditional cash transfer program in the world during that time period, serving more than 50 million Brazilians who had a monthly per capita income of less than USD 50. The program is regarded as one of the key factors behind the significant poverty reduction in Brazil experienced during the first decade of the 21st century.

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