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**“Reducing Inequality in Latin America: Accomplishments in The Last
Decade and The Challenges Ahead”**

Speaker : Dr. Héctor Salazar, M.A, Ph.D.

Social Sector Manager, Inter-American Development Bank

to be held on

Tuesday, March 31st 2015

10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

**At Ruang Diklat Gedung Diklat LPEM FEUI,
Salemba, Jakarta.**

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Dr. Héctor Salazar

Is the Manager of the Social Sector (SCL) at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). In this role, he oversees the Bank's portfolio of gender, education, social protection, health, and science and technology programs and initiatives.

Dr. Salazar joined the IADB in 1990. He has served as Principal Advisor of Social Sectors since the creation of the department in 2007. He has extensive operational and technical experience in the fields of social sectors and urban development. Previously he occupied the position of Division Chief of social programs of the former regional operations department for Central America, Mexico, Haiti and Dominican Republic; Advisor to the Executive Vice President (EVP); and Principal Economist and Specialist in the divisions of social programs and modernization of the state of the former regional operations department for the Southern Cone.

Prior to joining the Bank, Dr. Salazar worked as a full time faculty member of the Center of Demographic and Economic Studies of El Colegio de México.

Dr. Salazar holds Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania, and an M.A. degree in Urban Development from El Colegio de México.

Seminar Summary

Latin America has achieved dramatic declines in income inequality over the past decade: the Gini coefficient for the region as a whole fell from .56 to .51 from 2003 to 2013, and there have been declines in inequality in various measures of human capital, including school enrollment and infant mortality.

Investment in social protection programs (in particular, conditional cash transfers and non-contributory pensions) and wage increases for poor households have been key factors in this achievement. However, there are substantial challenges ahead particularly given lower economic growth rates, which will limit the ability of governments to increase social expenditures, as well as persistent problems in the quality of education and health services in the region.

The seminar will discuss these key factors and challenges, as well as lessons Indonesia can learn from Latin America as it too focuses on inequality reduction.