The Laboratoire d’Economie Appliquée au Développement (LEAD) as member of the GDRI-IED organizes a conference on “Poverty and Inclusive development: New Approaches and Challenges”. The conference will be held at the University of Toulon, Faculté des Sciences Economiques et de Gestion, on the 26th and 27th April 2016.

**Call for papers**

**Background:**
For almost two decades, the fight against poverty has been the primary goal of multilateral development institutions. Following the adoption of the post-2015 MDG, the assessment of progress shows mixed results. While global (worldwide) absolute poverty declined and significant progress has been achieved as far as the other Goals are concerned, national achievements are undermined by the existence of deep disparities and increasing inequalities both between and within countries. Moreover, progress remains fragile given the current international environment of low economic growth, the rise in income inequalities, the persistence of employment issues, the acceleration of urbanization and migration flows, not to mention the growing environmental degradation and the important impacts of climate change.

Poverty and development remain hence a serious challenge as evidenced by the post-2015 development agenda and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). These new guidelines focus on the importance of fostering inclusive growth, achieving shared prosperity and sustainable living. They acknowledge the fact that the development process includes multiple and interlocking facets, whether economic, social, environmental or institutional, which justify the need for an integrated approach to development and poverty in its many dimensions.

**Objectives:**
The aim of the conference is to investigate the linkages and interactions between poverty and the multiple facets of development. It will also provide the opportunity to discuss the state of the art of the ongoing research on poverty and development and to exchange information on regional experiences of poverty reduction and on development strategies. Particular emphasis will be put on the South Mediterranean countries where social uprisings brought into focus economic challenges, social inequalities, territorial disparities and the shortcomings of their development model.

The organizers of the conference are interested in stressing the following topics:

- The many dimensions of poverty and its measurement
- Exploring the causes of poverty and the interactions between its main dimensions
- Exploring the relationship between social and spatial inequalities
- Socio-economic and environmental impacts of poverty
- The concept of inclusive growth and its measurement
- Identifying the components of an inclusive and sustainable development:
  - Which kind of growth should be prioritized?
  - What should be the contribution of social transfers?
  - What are the contributions of territorial policies to horizontal, vertical and spatial inclusion?
  - What is the impact of institutions, governance, corruption and civil liberties on poverty?
  - The notion of circular economy and its role as a source of growth and sustainable development

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Timetable for the submission of papers:
The organizers invite those interested in participating to the conference to submit papers or at least a 4 pages abstract. Priority will be given to complete papers of good quality. The papers accepted for presentation should represent original work, not previously published.

Proposals for submission should be sent by 20 December 2015 to colloque-lead-gdri@univ-tln.fr. Those submitting papers or abstracts will be informed of the decision of the scientific committee on 30 January 2016. The deadline for registration and submission of papers is 20 March 2016.
**Expected Output:**
Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in a special issue of Région et Développement.

**Registration fee:** EUR 100, Students: EUR 50.

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**Submission form**

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