

Lourdes Benería



Lourdes Benería i Farré (Bohí, 1937). She received her Ph.D in Economics from Columbia University (New York) in 1975. In the late 1970s, she was coordinator of the *International Labour Organization's Programme on Rural Women* in Geneva. She has served as professor in several U.S. Universities and was former president (and one of the founders) of the *International Association for Feminist Economics* (IAFFE). She is currently Professor Emerita at Cornell University (New York).

She is one of the great thinkers in Gender Economics and Development (mainly focused on Latin American countries). Her publications deal with formal and informal work, the effects of globalization on women and men's wellbeing and, more recently, feminization of international migration and care crisis in Europe.

Lourdes was one of the first feminist economists who denounced the harmful consequences of the structural adjustment policies of the 1980s and 1990s in Latin America. She is a tenacious advocate of an Economic Science based on people.

*"Majorities everywhere have to engage in activism to bring about political and long-term economic reforms, to tackle inequality in its various forms, and launch economies on sustainable paths. [...] high levels of income inequality and insecurity are the product of political choices, not the inexorable workings of economic forces over which we have no control"**

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