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Armenian Economic Association

*Distinguished Speakers' Seminar*

**INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH: THEORY AND EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE IN ARMENIA**

**Thursday, 31 March 2016, 16:00-18:30 Hours**  
**Manoogian Hall, American University of Armenia**  
**Yerevan, Armenia**

**Synopsis**

Inclusive economic growth has become a popular topic of discussion not only among academics but also policymakers, international financial institutions, and the civil society in general. The international experience suggests that policies promoting inclusive growth are a crucial factor to ensure sustainable economic development while enhancing social justice and reducing conflict.

The seminar, which is open to the general public, will feature a public lecture by Professor Ravi Kanbur of Cornell University focused on the theory and practice of inclusive economic growth and an empirical application in the case of Armenia provided by Aleksandr Grigoryan of the American University of Armenia. The event is part of a broader Asian Development Bank's study on: "Good Jobs for Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia". Discussions will cover issues related to inequality in terms of income and opportunities, social protection, as well as development of institutions and human capabilities.

**AGENDA**

15:30–16:00	<i>Registration</i>
	<i>Chair: Vardan Baghdasaryan, Armenian Economic Association</i>
16:00–16:10	<b>Welcome Address</b> <i>Randall Rodes, Provost, American University of Armenia</i>
16:10–17:00	Public Lecture <b>Inclusive Growth: Global Forces and National Policies</b> <i>Guest Speaker: Ravi Kanbur, Professor of Economics, Cornell University</i>
17:00–17:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:15–17:40	<b>Inclusive Growth and Income Distribution: The Case of Armenia</b> <i>Aleksandr Grigoryan, Professor, American University of Armenia</i>
17:40–18:00	<b>Discussants:</b> <i>Guanghua Wan, Director for Research, Asian Development Bank Institute</i> <i>Armenak Antinyan, CRRC-Armenia, American University of Armenia</i>
18:00–18:30	Open floor discussion
18:30	<i>End of Seminar</i>