



Social Protection

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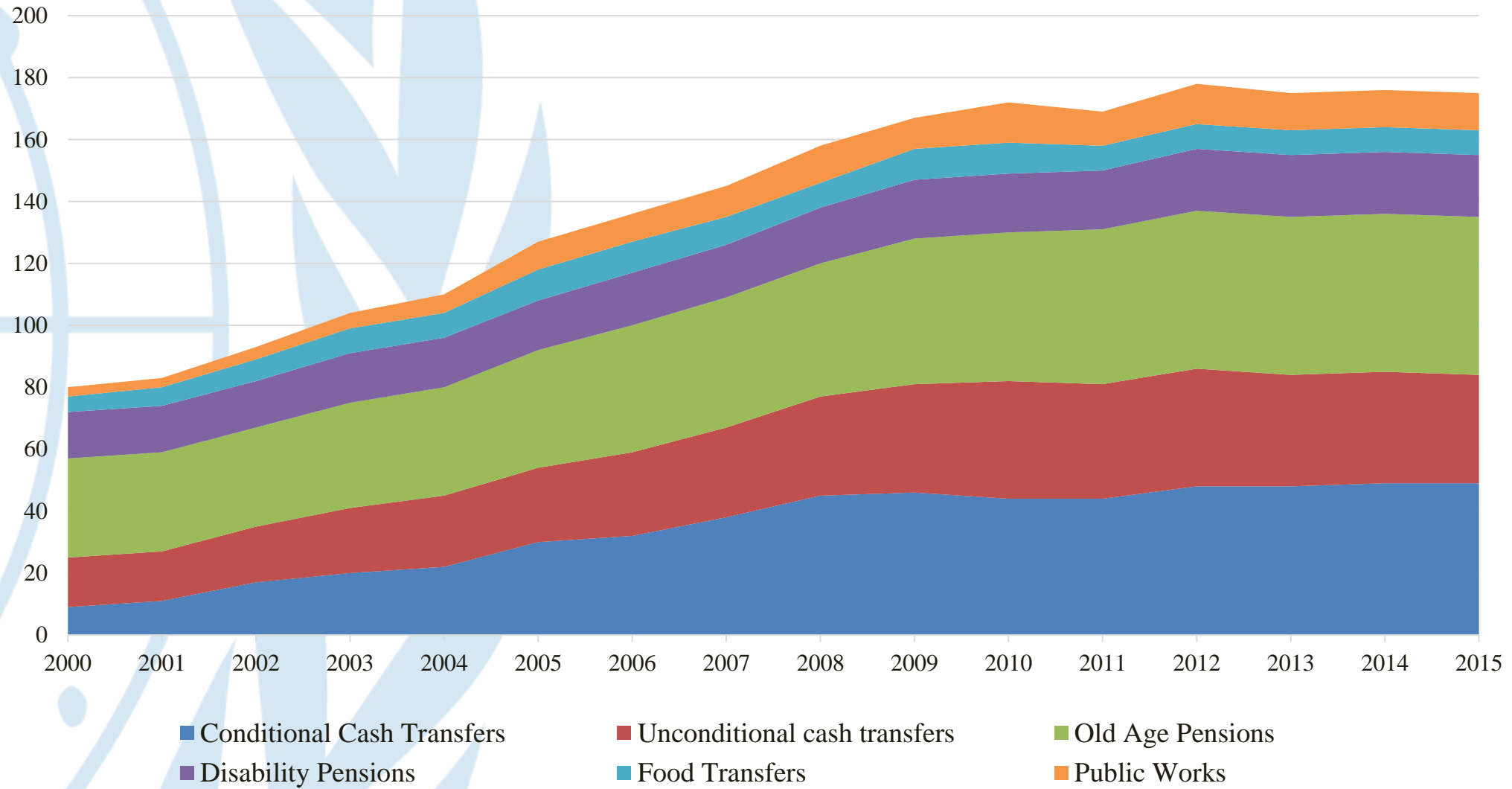


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Background

- Over the past two decades, social protection—particularly social assistance—emerged as a new paradigm in the fight against poverty and vulnerability in the developing world
 - This new paradigm is currently reaching nearly **900 million people worldwide**, making it one of the most important antipoverty policy instruments at the present time
 - Programmes such as **China's *DiBao***, **India's *National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme***; **Mexico's *Progresa-Oportunidades-Prospera***, and **South Africa's *Old-Age Pension*** are prominent examples of this new wave of welfare benefit programmes
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Recent Evolution of Social Assistance by type of programme



SAPI database

- The rapid expansion of social assistance has also underscored the **significant gaps in information and data** needed for comparative analysis in the Global South
 - There are positive externalities from cross-country knowledge sharing, as the experiences of one country can help others avoid ineffective and detrimental policy choices
 - **UNU-WIDER** has released a Beta version (1.0) of the '**Social Assistance, Politics and Institutions**' (SAPI) database, which provides a synthesis of longitudinal and harmonized comparable information on social assistance programmes, covering the period 2000-2015
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SAPI database

The SAPI provides information on:

1. programme characteristics
2. programme and country-level institutionalization
3. budget and financing
4. welfare impacts

- The **conceptualization and structure** of the SAPI is the result of a long collaboration between **Armando Barrientos** (UoM) and **Miguel Niño-Zarazúa** (UNU-WIDER), which has been facilitated and supported by **UNU-WIDER**
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Variables Snapshots

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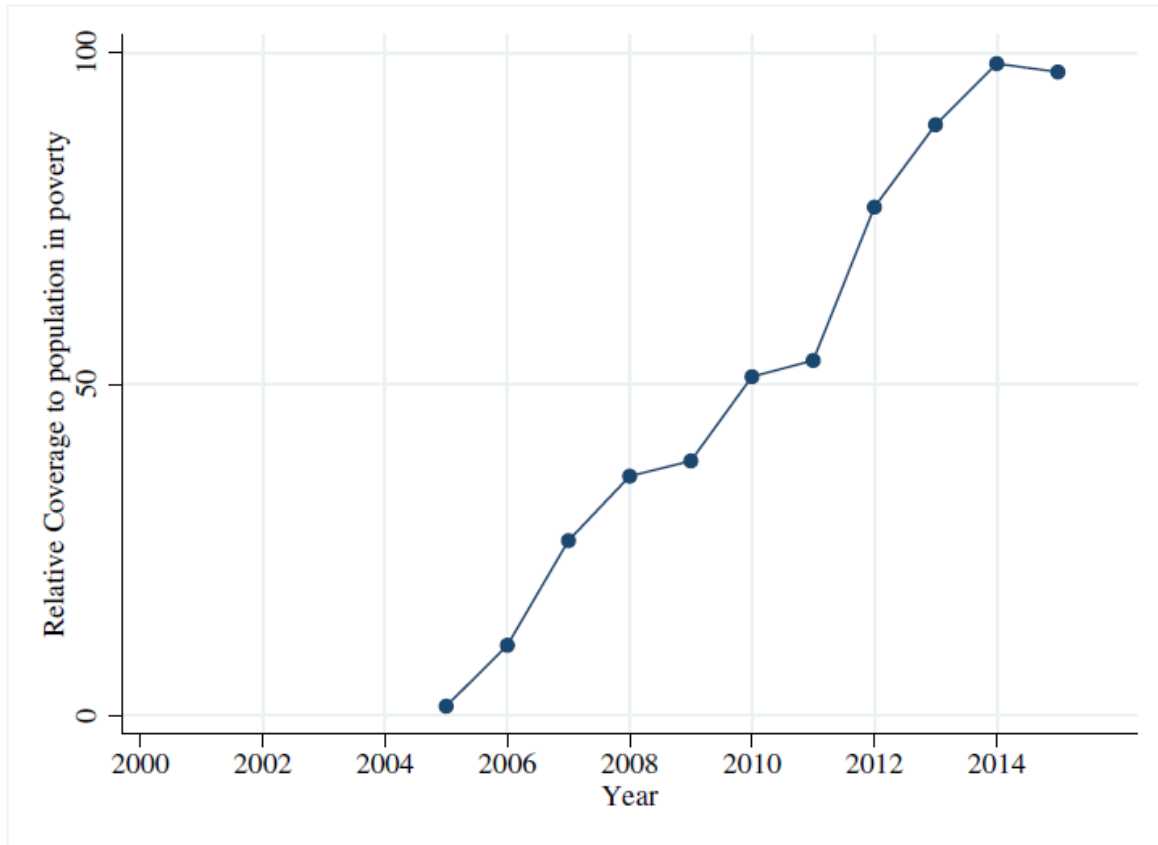


Figure 17: Relative coverage to population in poverty Peru

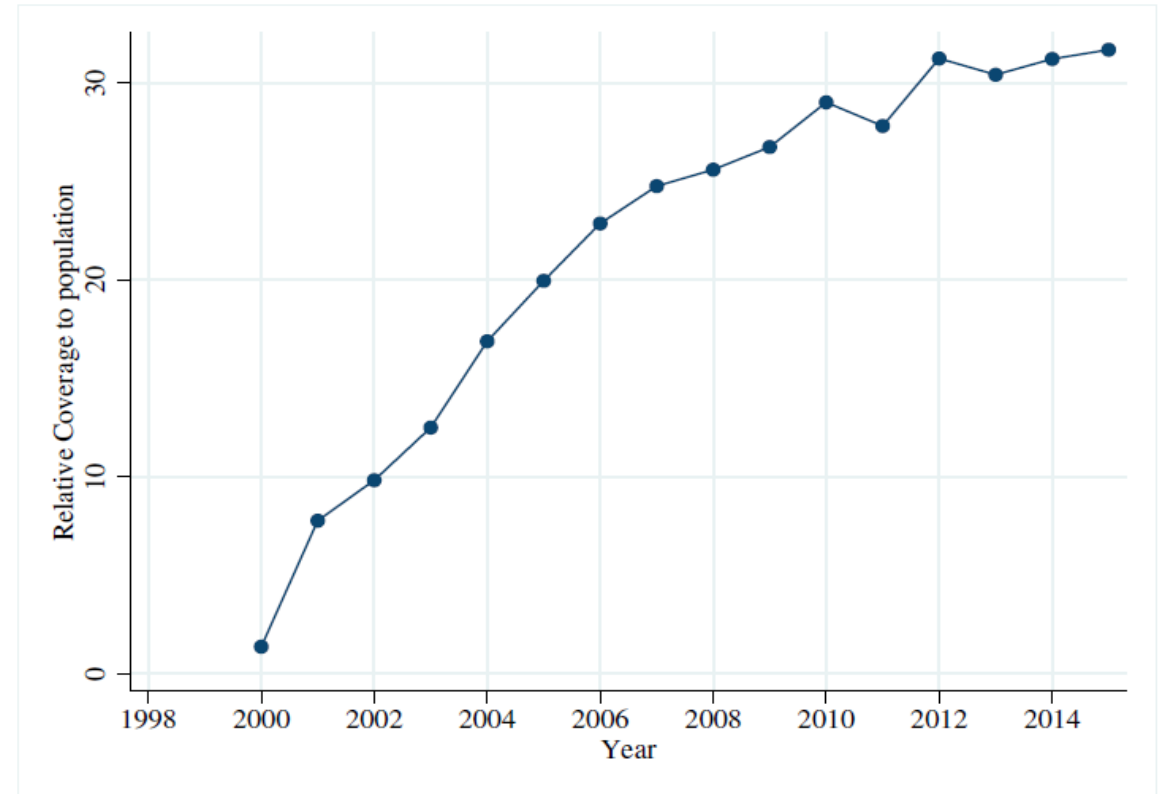


Figure 21: Relative coverage South Africa

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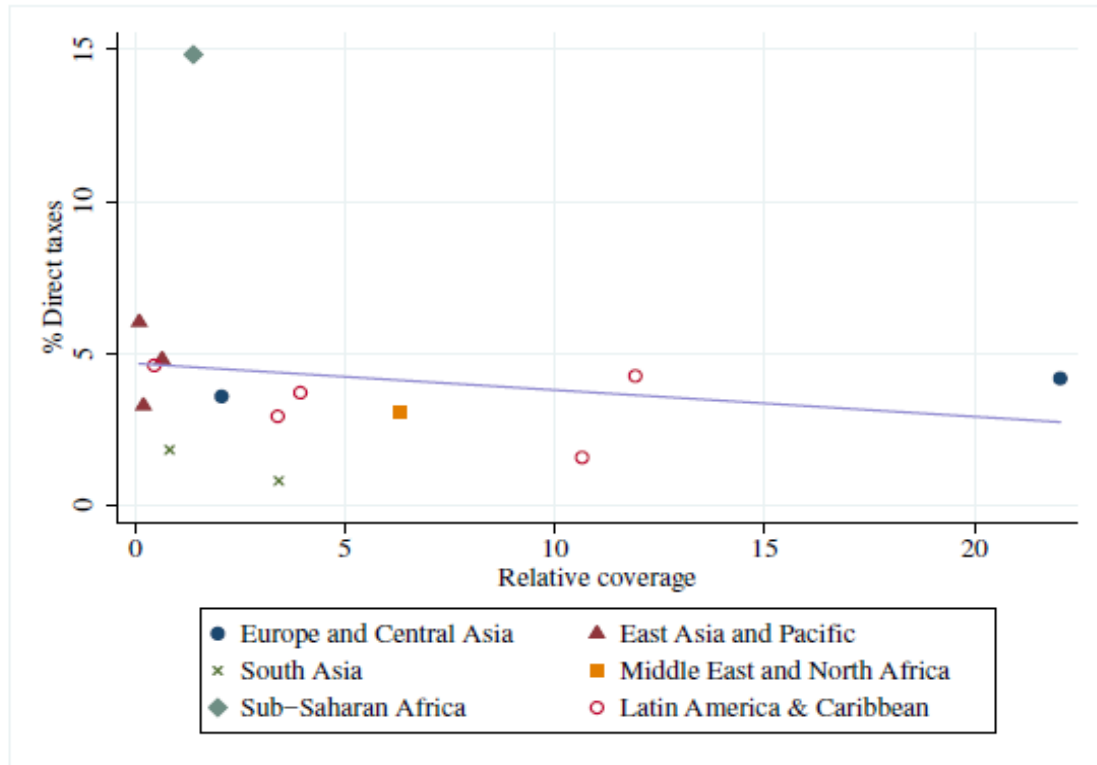


Figure 8: Direct Taxes excluding social contributions and resource revenue -Relative coverage to population 2000

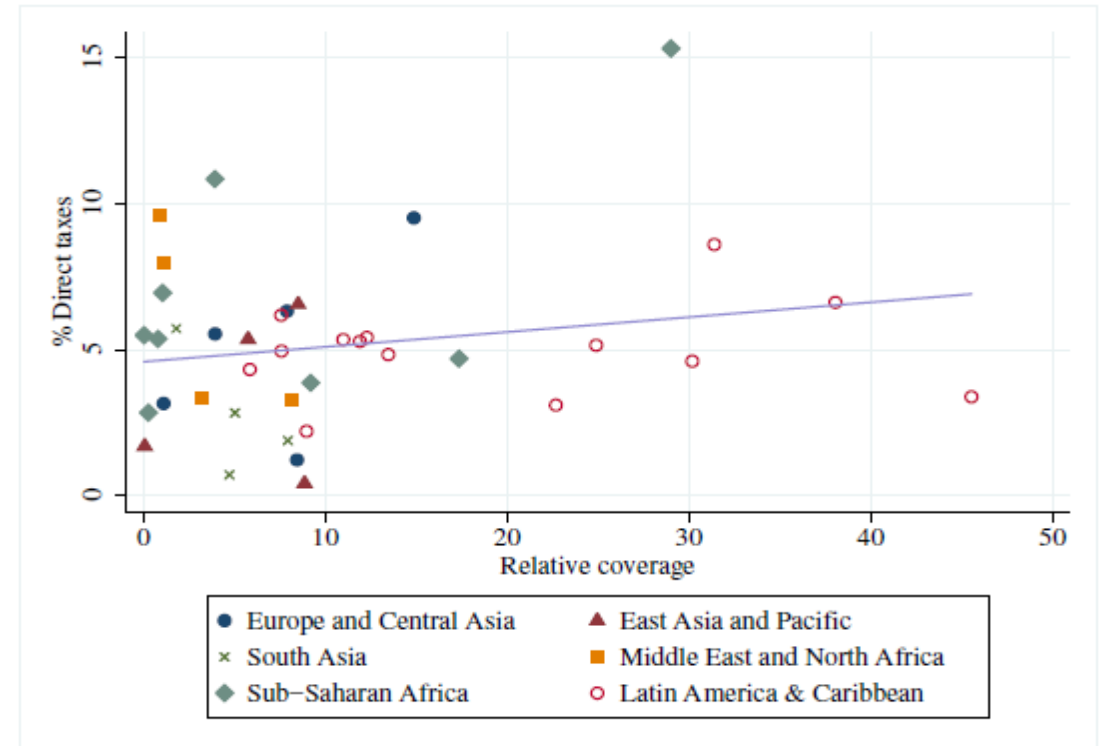


Figure 10: Direct Taxes excluding social contributions and resource revenue -Relative coverage to population 2010

The Panel

- **The emergence of social assistance has been markedly distinctive of upper-MICs** that have the **fiscal space** and **administrative capacity** to implement benefits programmes to scale
 - **In lower-MICs and LICs, the implementation of social assistance remains precarious** in its institutionalisation and financing
 - What are future challenges for social assistance?
 - What factors are likely to underpin their evolution, effectiveness and sustainability?
 - What research gaps need to be addressed to guide future policy design?
 - What should be the role of donors and international organisations in those processes?
 - This panel brings together **international experts in the area of poverty and welfare policy** to discuss these relevant questions
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Speakers and discussant

- **Speakers**
 - **Verónica Amarante**
 - **Armando Barrientos**
 - **Santiago Levy**
 - **Discussant**
 - **Ellen Bortei-Doku Aryeetey**
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