



Reflections on Transition: Twenty Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall

WIDER Conference

The fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989 was a defining moment in the transition of former socialist countries into market economies. To mark the twentieth anniversary of this historic event, UNU-WIDER is organizing a two-day conference to review the experiences of transition countries during the past two decades and to draw out possible lessons for the future.

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Research topics will include:

- understanding institutional change over the last 20 years
- geopolitical evolutions and their economic implications
- evolution of macroeconomic debt and financial development
- results of privatization of enterprises and housing
- evolution of health and education systems
- income security and social insurance
- living standards, inequality, happiness
- nostalgia for the past
- ethnic conflict
- corruption



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