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**Latin America's Political Economy of the Possible  
Beyond Good Revolutionaries and Free-Marketeers**

**Javier Santiso**

Deputy Director and Chief Development Economist, OECD Development Centre

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**Description**

According to Javier Santiso's latest book, Latin America must move beyond utopian schemes and rigid ideologies invented in other hemispheres and acknowledge its own social realities of inequality and poverty. And today some countries – notably Chile and Brazil, but also Mexico and Colombia – are doing just that: abandoning the economic "magic realism" that plots miraculous but impossible solutions and forging instead a pragmatic path of gradual reform. Join us as Mr. Santiso discusses prospects for home-grown institutional reforms in Latin America and their role in addressing the social needs of countries.

**Biography**

Javier Santiso is Chief Development Economist and Deputy Director of the OECD Development Centre. Previously he was the Chief Economist for Latin America and Emerging Markets at BBVA (Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria). He has also been a tenured research fellow at Sciences Po Paris and Professor at SAIS Johns Hopkins University.