

# ICT and POVERTY IN SOUTH AMERICA

## **ABSTRACT**

*Poverty's reduction has been an extensive topic discussed and analysed by different academic disciplines. However, nowadays no magic formula has been found to end poverty. The main objective of this paper is to review existing literature about ICT and poverty reduction in the last decade to help clarifying discrepancies and develop a work that gives some insights about the contribution of ICT to poverty eradication in developing countries. It also presents some general recommendations retrieved from successful cases with similar economic conditions. The main result of this work is that technological change is an important factor for poverty and inequality reduction in South American region. ICT increases the total factor productivity of each country preceded by policies that improve the quality of education, protection of property rights, and the access to ICT to households and public and private firms.*

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