

Foundational declaration of the Economic Association for Argentinean Development (AEDA)

Argentina has experienced an important turn in its economic policies, which implied a rupture with the phase of neoliberal policies. This turn was implemented against the general consensus of mainstream economists and other professionals of social sciences.

Despite the above-mentioned achievement, two issues must be highlighted that justify the need for creating a novel space for discussion and action for the promotion of Argentinean development.

Firstly, the ideological matrix that sustained the economic policies that took the Argentina towards a path of social exclusion, deindustrialisation and unemployment stays intact. Most of the economists are trained in this tradition and work in foundations or advisory bodies funded by powerful interest groups who want those ideas to develop and spread. Thus, the ideological battle is far from having been won and it continues nowadays.

Secondly, the economic performance of the latter years has created an opportunity for Argentina to experience sustainable economic development in the years to come. However, to achieve this it would be necessary not only to consolidate a model but also to articulate novel thought. In other words, in order to develop a long-term agenda aiming at industrialisation and building up an inclusive society, there is a need of renewed ideas and policy perspectives.

These ideas and goals have pushed the creation of **the Economic Association for Argentinean Development (AEDA)**, which invites professionals of social sciences who are committed to those ideas to gather together. AEDA is also a generational challenge aiming at adding new voices the political debate.

We gently invite you to lead this project by means of associating to AEDA and by taking part of the different activities that we are currently organising.

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