Abstract

Theoretical as well as methodological controversies often have a fundamental role in epistemic development. This paper addresses the controversies regarding the methods and the official poverty measurements in Argentina between 2003 and 2011. Results point to three different phases: the first one, between 2003 and 2005, when controversies were about methodology and starred the National Macroeconomic Policy Coordinating body and the National Institute for Statistics and Census (indec). The second, during 2006, when the dispute was led between the indec and the Ministry of Domestic Trade and methodological discussions on poverty lost dominance. The final period began in 2007, when new players joined the controversies and the legitimacy of the measurement results became the focus of discussions.

Keywords

Controversies, matrix, poverty, official measurement, methodology, Argentina.