

**SYMPOSIUM: Globalization, Poverty, and HIV/AIDS: Challenges for Prevention**

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**Abstract:** Globalization has meant, among other things, structural adjustment policies, trends towards privatization, diminishing government health and education expenditures, increases in informal labor market participation, the exacerbation of gender inequality (in some cases) and a dramatic increase in mass population movements. Many of these structural forces have been identified as not only affecting economic and environmental outcomes, but as contributing to the rapid spread of the worst global pandemic in human history--HIV/AIDS. At the same time that broader economic trends have impacted the spread of HIV/AIDS, the HIV/AIDS epidemic has also reshaped the macro and micro economic landscape, devastated rural agricultural, and left members of households with a dire need to survive. This session will examine innovative concepts, interventions, and programmatic responses that elucidate and intervene on structural drivers of the HIV/AIDS epidemic such as poverty, migration, and gender inequality. Strong attention will be given to the promises and limitations of novel HIV/AIDS prevention approaches while taking the urgent issues of capacity-building and sustainability into account.