

A development agenda: policies, partnerships and cooperation



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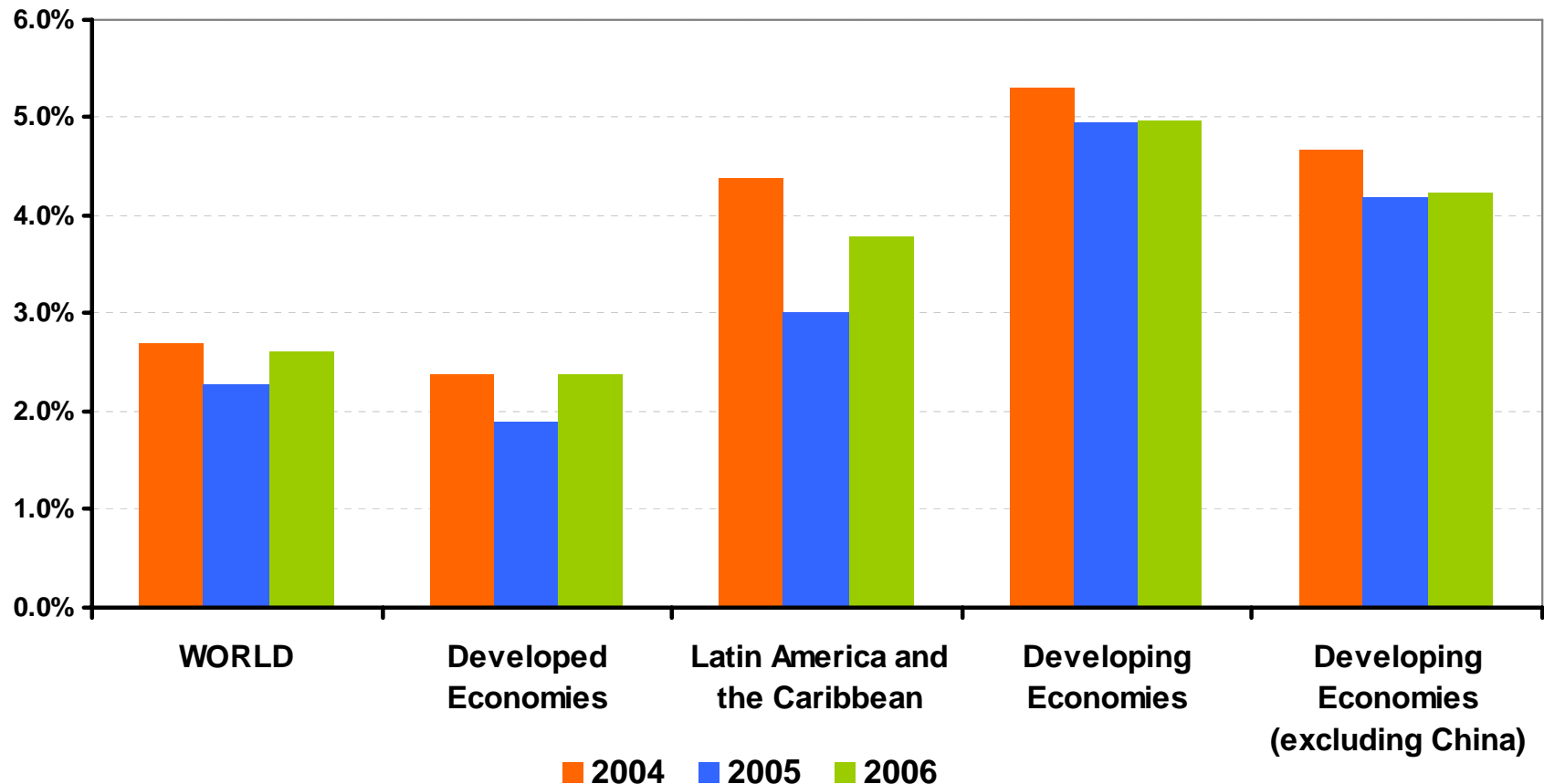
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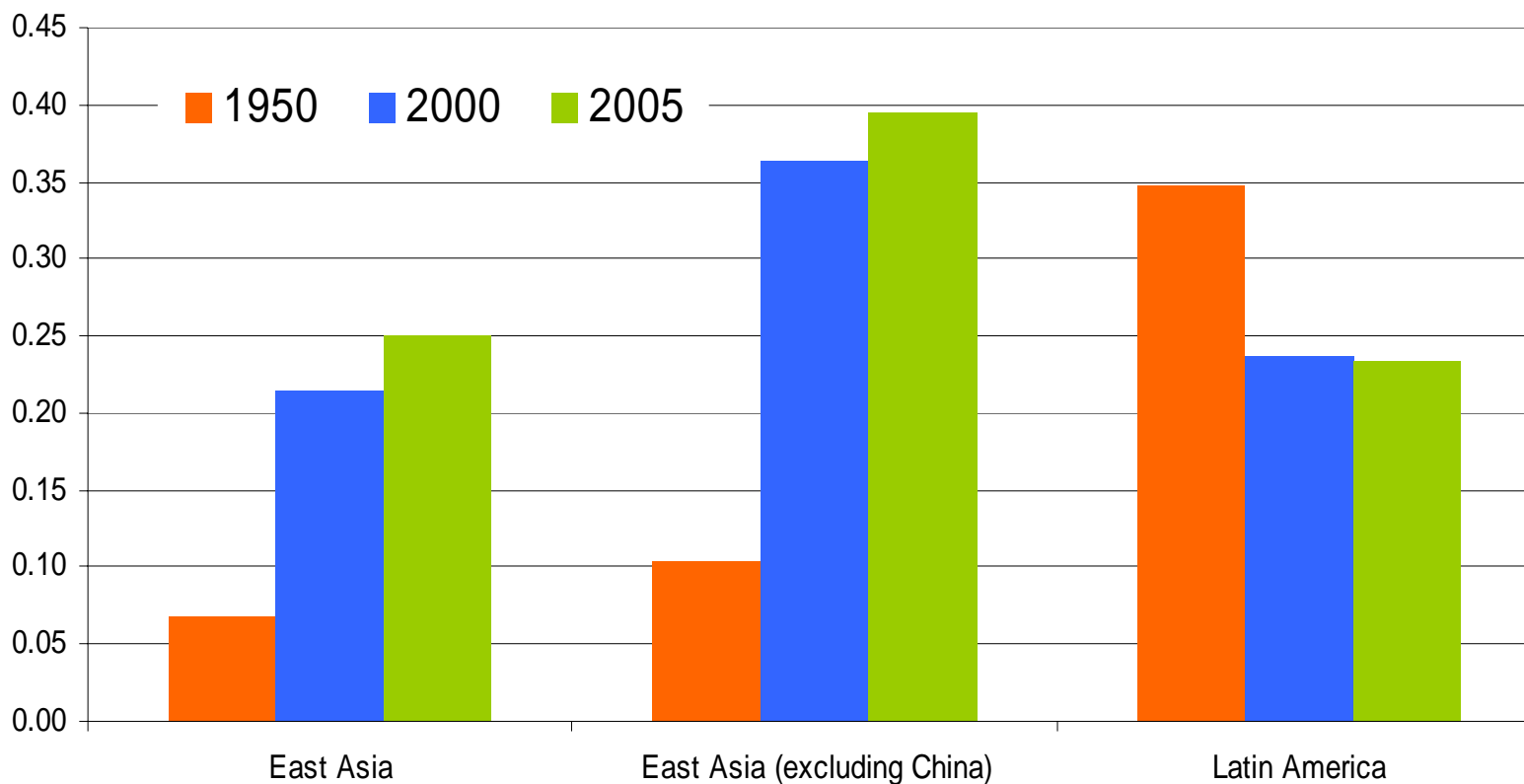
LAC grows less than other developing regions

(Per capita GDP growth rates, by subregion)



Latin America diverges while East Asia converges

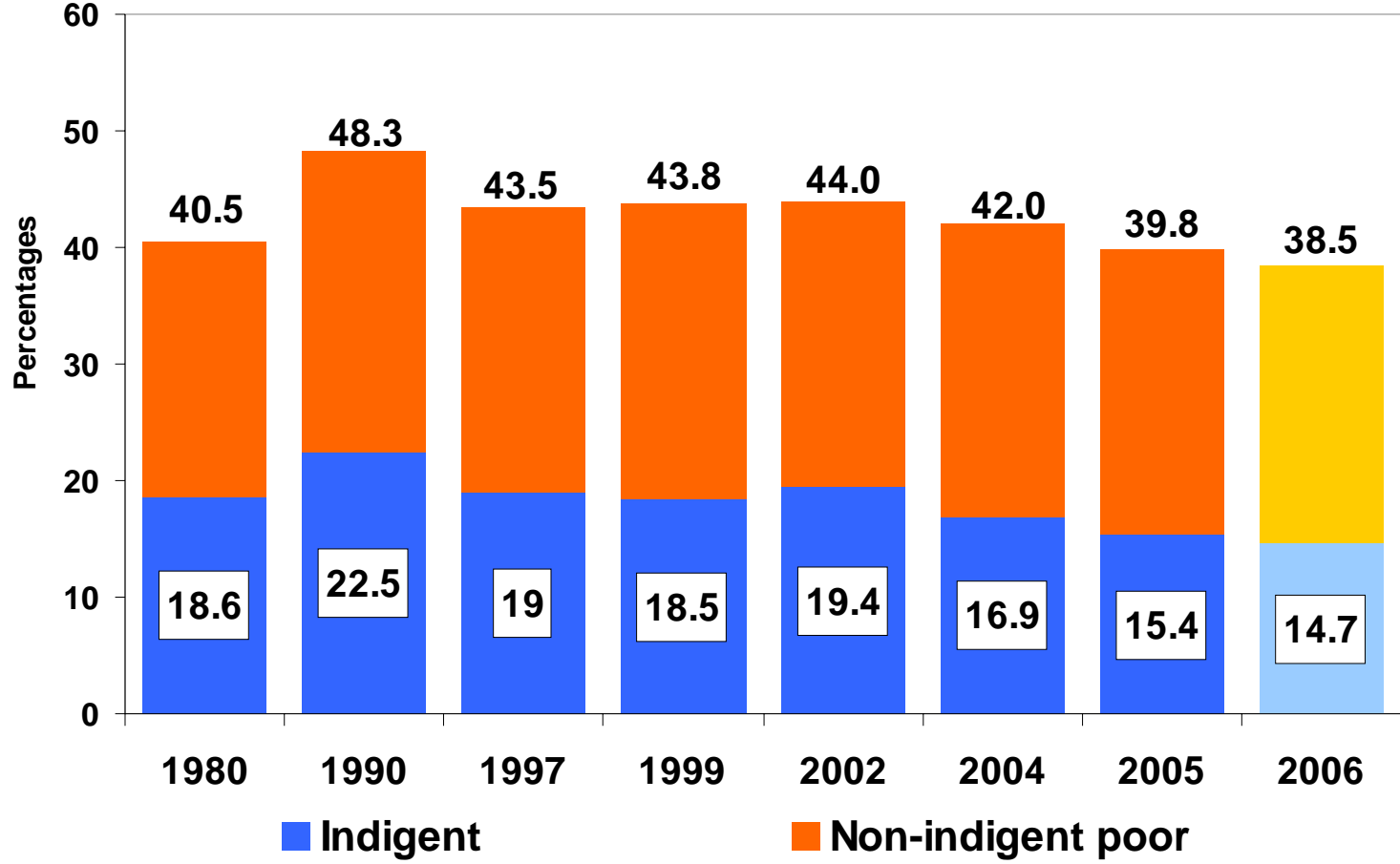
EAST ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA: PER CAPITA INCOME
(Percentages of U.S. per capita GDP, in PPP)



Source: Data from Maddison (2007).

The percentage of poor and indigent persons has fallen since 2003, and this trend is expected to continue, but it has taken 25 years to bring poverty down to below its 1980 level

Latin America: Trends in poverty and indigence, 1990 – 2006
(Percentages of population)



Differences in innovation

	Patents granted by USPTO per million inhabitants	Total Spending on R&D as a % of GDP
Argentina	1.8	0.4
Brazil	1.0	1.1
Chile	1.0	0.5
Colombia	0.3	0.2
Costa Rica	2.5	0.2
Mexico	0.9	0.4
G-7	153	2.2
Australia	53	1.5
New Zealand	41	1.0
Canada	123	1.9
Sweden	182	4.6
Norway	61	1.6
Finland	181	3.4
Malaysia	3	0.5
China	0.3	1.1
Republic of Korea	86	3.0

Note: refers to 2003 or latest year available

Source: World Bank Knowledge Assessment Methodology (KAM) and World Investment Report (2005)

LAC countries have a long way to go in improving human capital quality

AVERAGE SCORE IN STANDARD INTERNATIONAL MATHS TEST
(PISA project, 2003)

