

Angela Rachidi, PhD Short Biography Statement

Angela Rachidi is a senior fellow and the Rowe Scholar in opportunity and mobility studies at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), where she studies poverty and the effects of federal safety-net programs on low-income individuals and families in America. This includes programs that provide cash assistance, food assistance, childcare, and tax credits. Her research primarily focuses on the relationship between employment and poverty, specifically the effectiveness of government programs and policies in increasing employment and long-term family well-being.

Before joining AEI, Dr. Rachidi spent almost a decade researching benefit programs for low-income populations in New York City. From 2007 to 2015, she served as a deputy commissioner in New York City's Department of Social Services, where she oversaw the agency's policy research and program evaluation efforts. She has also evaluated the effectiveness of government programs at research firms ICF International and Mathematica. Dr. Rachidi has a PhD in Public Policy from the New School University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University.