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WORKSHOP ON INEQUALITY POVERTY AND POLITICS

2015 RIDGE MARCH FORUM

Montevideo, 24-25 March, 2015

Preliminary Program

Conference venue: Centro de Formación de la Cooperación Española, located at 25 de Mayo 520, Montevideo

General rules. Presentations: 25 minutes. Comments: 10 minutes. Discussions: 10 minutes.

Scientific Committee

Matias Busso (IADB)

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Leonardo Gasparini (CEDLAS-UNLP, Argentina)

Máximo Rossi (Universidad de la República, Uruguay)

SESSIONS

Day 1 - March, Tuesday 24

8:45 Registration

9:00 – 10:30 Welcoming remarks

Keynote lecture " Distributions in Motion: Economic growth, inequality and poverty dynamics"

- **Francisco Ferreira**
World Bank

Chair: **Omar Licandro** (IAE-CSIC and Barcelona GSE)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

Session 1

10:45 – 12:15 Chair: **Leonardo Gasparini** (CEDLAS)

- **How does Latin America stand on schooling premium? What does it reveal about its education quality? Evidence form inmigrants in the U.S.**
Hugo Ñopo, IADB (co-author: Daniel Alonso-Soto)

Comments by **Roxana Maurizio** (Universidad General Sarmiento)

- **A more level playing field? Explaining the decline in earnings inequality in Brazil, 1995-2012**
Sergio Firpo, Escola de Economia de Sao Paulo and IZA (co-authors: **Francisco Ferreira, Julian Messina**)

Comments by **Werner Hernani-Limarino** (ARU)

12:15 – 13:45 Lunch

Session 2

13:45 – 15:15 Chair: **Máximo Rossi** (Universidad de la República, Uruguay)

- **The Math Gender Gap: The Role of Culture**
Natalia Nollenberger, Queen Mary, University of London (co-authors: **Nuria Rodríguez, Almudena Sevilla**)

Comments by **Sergio Firpo** (Escola de Economia de Sao Paulo and IZA)

- **Empowering Mothers and Promoting Early Childhood Investment: Evidence from a Unique Preschool Program in Ecuador**
Giulia Lotti, University of Warwick (coauthors: **Victor Lavy, Zizhong Yan**)

Comments by **Joana Silva** (World Bank)

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00

Chair: **Werner Hernani-Limarino** (ARU, Bolivia)

- **Electoral Re-registration, Disenfranchisement and Public Service Provision**
Claudio Ferraz, PUC-Rio and BREAD (co-author: **Carlos Varjao**)

Comments by **Andrés Rius** (Universidad de la República, Uruguay)

- **The Commodity Price Boom and Regional Workers in Chile: a Natural Resources Blessing**
Andrea Pellandra, Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University and ECLAC

Comments by **Fernando Borraz** (DECON, UDELAR y Banco Central del Uruguay)

Session 4

10:45 – 12:15

Chair: **Matías Busso** (IADB)

- **The Impact of a One Laptop per Child Program on Learning. Evidence from Uruguay**
Alina Machado, IECON, UDELAR (co-authors: **Gioia de Melo**, **Alfonso Miranda**)

Comments by **Giulia Lotti**, University of Warwick

- **Are educational trajectories improving among the poor as a result of the social assistance program Bolsa Familia? A Regression Discontinuity Approach**
Joana Silva, World Bank (Rafael Proenca, Flavio Sireno)

Comments by **Natalia Nollenberger**, Queen Mary, University of London

12:15 – 13:45

Lunch

Session 5

13:45 – 15:15

Chair: **Andrea Vigorito** (Universidad de la República, Uruguay)

- **Endogenous Weights and measurement externalities in counting poverty indices**
Gastón Yalonetzky, University of Leeds, (co-author: **Indranil Dutta**)

Comments: TBC

- **Factors Associated with Poverty Dynamics in Five Latin America Countries**
Roxana Maurizio, Universidad General Sarmiento y CONICET (co-authors: **Luis Beccaria**, **Gustavo Vázquez** y **Manuel Espro**)

Comments by **Matias Busso**, IADB

15:15 – 15.30

Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00

Policy Debate - Perspectives in Cash Transfer programs in Latin America

- **Hugo Ñopo** (IADB)
- **Juan Martín Moreno** (World Bank)
- **Rodrigo Arim** (Universidad de la República, Uruguay)
- **Fernando Filgueira** (Deputy Minister, Education, Uruguay)