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WORKSHOP ON PUBLIC ECONOMICS

(Virtual Forum by Zoom)

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Montevideo, Uruguay (by Zoom) / December 15-16, 2020

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Keynote speaker

Leonardo Bursztyn (University of Chicago)

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

DECEMBER, Tuesday 15 | EST Time

10:00 - 10:10

Welcome and opening remarks

Session 1

10:10- 11:20

“Dynamic Incentives in Retirement Earnings-Replacement Benefits”

Mariana Zerpa (University of Leuven).

“Increasing Retirement Savings through Access Points and Persuasive Messages: Evidence from Mexico”

Adrian Rubli (ITAM).

“Incentives for civil servants. The role of behavioral insights and training programs”

Carlos Scartascini (IDB)

11:20 - 11:30

Break

Session 2

11:30 - 12:40

“Overclaimed Refunds, Undeclared Sales, and Invoice Mills: Nature and Extent of Noncompliance in a Value-Added Tax”

Mazar Waseem (University of Manchester)

“Tax Professionals and Tax Evasion”

Chiara Lacava (Goethe University Frankfurt)

“Pipe Dreams: Enforcing Payment for Water and Sanitation Services in Nairobi’s Slums”

Paul Gertler (University of California, Berkeley and NBER)

12:40 - 13:10

Lunch break

Session 3

13:10 - 14:20

“How do Top Earners Respond to Taxation? Evidence from a Tax Reform in Uruguay”

Marcelo Bergolo (Universidad de la Republica-IECON)

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“Taxing Property in Developing Countries: Theory and Evidence from Mexico”

Alejandro Estefan Davila (University of Notre Dame).

“Shifting the Laffer Rate in Developing Countries: Evidence from Randomized Tax Rates in the DRC”

Augustin Bergeron (Harvard University)

DECEMBER, Wednesday 16 | EST Time

Session 4

10:10- 11:20

“Isolating Peer Effects in The Returns to College Selectivity”

Nicolás de Roux (Universidad de los Andes - Colombia)

“Dictatorship, Higher Education and Social Mobility”

Luis Martinez (University of Chicago)

“Understanding the Effects of Workfare Policies on Child Human Capital”

Jorge Rodriguez (Universidad de los Andes - Chile)

11:20 - 11:30

Break

Session 5

11:30 - 12:40

“The Allocation of Authority in Organizations: A Field Experiment with Bureaucrats”

Adnan Qadir Khan (London School of Economics)

“Rules Versus Discretion in Public Procurement”

Rodrigo Carril (Stanford University)

“Political Turnover, Bureaucratic Turnover and The Quality of Public Services”

Diana Moreira (University of California, UC Davis)

12:40 - 13:10

Lunch break

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Session 6

13:10 – 14:00

“More Women in Tech? Evidence from a Field Experiment Addressing Social Identity”

Lucia del Carpio (INSEAD)

“The Old Boys’ Club”

Ricardo Perez-Truglia (University of California, Berkeley)

14:00 – 14:10

Break

Keynote Presentation

14:10 – 15:30

“Appropriate Behavior: Social Norms, Morality, and Decision-Making”

Leonardo Bursztyn (University of Chicago)

15:30 – 15:40

Closing

LOCAL TIMES

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London _____	15:00 - 20:40
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