



# XIII RIDGE FORUM LACEA's HEALTH ECONOMICS NETWORK 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop Program

2021 RIDGE VIRTUAL FORUM

September 8-9, 2021

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## WORKSHOP PROGRAM

**NOTICE: All times are EDT (UCT-4): NY, Bolivia, Paraguay, Chile**

### SEPTEMBER, Wednesday 8

**9:45-10:00** Welcome and opening remarks

**Session 1. Education, housing and health. Chair: Paul Rodríguez Lesmes, Universidad del Rosario**

**10:00-10:30** “The effect of maternal education on infant health: Evidence from an expansion of preschool facilities”

**Juanita Bloomfield**, Universidad de Montevideo

Discussant: **Damian Clarke**, Universidad de Chile

**10:30-11:00** “Does Higher Education Reduce Mortality? Evidence from a Natural Experiment”

**Luis Martínez**, University of Chicago

Discussant: **Claudio Mora-García**, INCAE

**11:00-11:15** Break

**11:15-11:45** “The Effects of Better Houses on Infant Health”

**Laisa Rachter**, FGV IBRE

Discussant: **Giancarlo Buitrago**, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

**11:45-12:30** **Keynote presentation: "Bargaining and International Reference Pricing in the Pharmaceutical Industry"**

**Pierre Dubois**, Toulouse School of Economics

**12:30-13:30** Lunch

**Session 2. Designing policy and interventions. Chair: Emilio Gutiérrez, ITAM**

**13:30-14:00** “Legalizing harmful drugs: Government participation and optimal policies”

**Luis Arnabal Rocca**, Banco Central del Uruguay

Discussant: **Cici McNamara**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

14:00-14:30

**“Improving healthy food consumption through nudges”**

**Cecilia Noboa**, Decon, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales - UdelaR

Discussant: **Jorge Tamayo**, Harvard University

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**Session 3. Medical care and health outcomes. Chair: Ana Balsa, Universidad de Montevideo**

10:00-10:30

**“The Long-Term and Intergenerational Effects of Health Intervention at Birth”**

**Damian Clarke**, Universidad de Chile

Discussant: **Laisa Rachter**, FGV IBRE

10:30-11:00

**“The Luck of the Draw: The Causal Effect of Physicians on Birth Outcomes”**

**Jorge Tamayo**, Harvard University

Discussant: **Maíra Coube Salmen**, FGV-EAESP and IEPS

11:00-11:15

Break

11:15-11:45

**“Primary Health Care and Mortality: Evidence from Costa Rica”**

**Claudio Mora-García**, INCAE

Discussant: **Juanita Bloomfield**, Universidad de Montevideo

**Session 4. Financial incentives, productivity and health outcomes. Chair: David Bardey, UNIANDES**

11:45-12:15

**“The Effect of Outpatient Cost-Sharing on Population-Level Mortality: Regression Discontinuity Design Evidence from Colombia”**

**Giancarlo Buitrago**, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Discussant: **Matias Mrejen**, FGV-EAESP & IEPS

12:15-13:15

Lunch

**13:15-13:45**            **“The Effects of Contracting-Out under Pay for Performance: Evidence from the Brazilian OSS Model”**

**Maíra Coube Salmen**, FGV-EAESP and IEPS

Discussant: **Carolina Melo**, Insper Institute of Education and Research

**13:45-14:15**            **“Healthcare provider referral and treatment decisions under mixed contracts”**

**Natalia Serna**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussant: **Luis Arnabal Rocca**, Banco Central del Uruguay

**14:15-14:30**            Break

**Session 5. Medical care and health outcomes II. Chair: Dolores de la Mata, CAF**

**14:30-15:00**            **“Birh Timing Manipulation Around Carnival Decreases Neonatal Mortality in Brazil”**

**Carolina Melo**, Insper Institute of Education and Research

Discussant: **Luis Martínez**, University of Chicago

**15:00-15:30**            **“Hiring Mental Health Professionals: Evidence from a Large-Scale Primary Care Policy”**

**Matias Mrejen**, FGV-EAESP & IEPS

Discussant: **Cecilia Noboa**, Decon, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales – Udelar

**15:30-15:45**            Closing remarks

**End of Day 2**