



# XVII RIDGE FORUM

## LACEA Workshop on the Economics of Crime

Co-organized with the LACEA America Latina Crime and Policy Network  
(AL CAPONE)

### Program

2023 RIDGE MAY FORUM

Montevideo, Uruguay | 15-16 May 2023

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## WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Presenters will have 30 minutes for their presentation, discussants 10 minutes, and there will be an additional 5 minutes for Q&A.

### Day 1: May, 15 - Room Bartolomé Mitre

- 8:45-9:00** Welcoming remarks. Juan Vargas, UROSARIO
- 9:00-09:45** **Session 1: Human Capital I. Chair: Juan Vargas, UROSARIO**  
**Parenthood and Crime in Brazil. Breno Sampaio, UFPE**  
Discussant: **Olivier Marie**, Erasmus School of Economics
- 9:45-10:30** **The human capital effects of a neighborhood-level reduction in violence: Evidence from Rio's favelas. Vinicius Pecanha, VSE-UBC**  
Discussant: **Arantxa Rodriguez-Uribe**, Princeton
- 10:30-11:00** Break
- 11:00-11:45** **Session 2: Gang Control. Chair: Santiago Tobón, EAFIT**  
**Mafia infiltrations in times of crisis: Evidence from the Covid-19 shock. Marco Castelluccio, UCL**  
Discussant: **Lucia Freira**, UTDT
- 11:45-12:30** **Singing to my Drug Lord: The Effects of Drug Cartels on Local Employment Structure. María Montoya Aguirre, PSE**  
Discussant: **Martín Vanegas-Arias**, EAFIT
- 12:30-14:00** Lunch break
- 14:00-14:45** **Session 3: Policing. Chair: Michael Weintraub, U. Andes**  
**Police and Thieves. Eduardo Ferraz, UROSARIO**  
Discussant: **Santiago Tobón**, EAFIT
- 14:45-15:30** **Monitoring street-level bureaucrats: the impact of body-worn cameras on police performance. Joana Monteiro, FGV/EBAPE**  
Discussant: **Ernesto Schargrodsky**, CAF & UTDT

15:30-16:00

Break

**Session 4: Discrimination.** Chair: Breno Sampaio, UFPE

16:00-16:45

**Ethnic Discrimination Throughout the Criminal Justice System.** Olivier Marie, Erasmus School of Economics

Discussant: **Cody Tuttle**, UT Austin

End of Day 1

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**Day 2: May, 16 - Room Bartolomé Mitre**

**Session 5: Regulation and Crime.** Chair: Ernesto Schargrotsky, CAF & UTDT

08:15-09:00

**Dismantling a Market for Stolen Goods: evidence from the regulation of junkyards in Brazil.** Andre Mancha, INSPER

Discussant: **Eduardo Ferraz**, U.Rosario

09:00-09:45

**A Tale of Gold and Blood: The Consequences of Market Deregulation on Local Violence.** Rafael Pucci, INSPER

Discussant: **Marco Castelluccio**, UCL

09:45-10:30

**Avocados: Mexico's green gold. The U.S. opioid crisis and its impact on Mexico's drug cartel violence.** Itzel de Haro López, U. Wisconsin–Madison

Discussant: **Michael Weintraub**, U.Andes

**10:30-11:00**

Break

**Session 6: Human Capital II. Chair: Olivier Marie**, Erasmus School of Economics

**11:00-11:45**

**Growing up inside the invisible frontier: the effect of gang's territorial control on youth's human capital accumulation. Arantxa Rodriguez**, Princeton

Discussant: **Vinicius Pecanha**, UBC-VSE

**11:45-12:30**

**Who expects to join criminal gangs and why? Occupational choice among 5,000 teenage boys in Medellín. Santiago Tobón**, EAFIT

Discussant: **Breno Sampaio**, UFPE

**12:30-14:00**

Lunch

**Session 7: The Police. Chair: Eduardo Ferraz**, UROSARIO

**14:00-14:45**

**The Effect of Becoming a Police Officer on Political Identity. Cuddy Tuttle**, UT Austin

Discussant: **Lucas Marin Llanes**, CESED/U.Andes

**14:45-15:30**

**Building Trust in State Actors: A Multi-Site Experiment with the Colombian National Police. Michael Weintraub**

Discussant: **Itzel de Haro López**, U. Wisconsin–Madison

**15.30-16.00**

Break

**Session 8: Post-Conflict Violence. Chair: Arantxa Rodriguez-Uribe**, Princeton

**16:00-16:45**

**Land Restitution and Selective Violence: Evidence from Colombia. Lucas Marin Llanes**, CESED/U.Andes

Discussant: **Juan Vargas**, UROSARIO

**16:45-17:00**

Break

**17:00-18:30**

**Policy Session (in Spanish)**

**Políticas para combatir el crimen en América Latina**

Panelists: **Ernesto Schargrotsky, Joana Monteiro, Santiago Tobón**

Moderator: **Juan Vargas**

**18:30-18:45**

**Closing remarks**

**End of Day 2**

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