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XIX RIDGE FORUM

17th MEETING LACEA IMPACT EVALUATION NETWORK (IEN)

2024 RIDGE MAY FORUM

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile
15-16 May, 2024

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Location: [Campus San Joaquín, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile](#) - Facultad de Economía y Administración

Wednesday, May 15 – Room AE207

07:45- Bus departs from Hotel Ibis Manquehue.

09:10-09:00 Welcome and Opening remarks

09:00-09:45 Session 1 - Education Policy

Chair: Josefa Aguirre (Pontificia Universidad Católica Chile)

Family Dynamics and Educational Outcomes: The Impact of Financial Aid on Siblings

Elizabeth Jaramillo Rojas (Northwestern University)

Discussant: Marcela Perticará (Universidad Diego Portales)

09:45-10:30 **Affirmative Action and Demand for Schooling: Evidence from a Nationwide Policy**

Ursula Mello (Insper)

Discussant: Josefa Aguirre (Pontificia Universidad Católica Chile)

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 **Keynote Session (joint with LACEA Network of Inequality and Poverty)**

Economic Opportunities and Crime

Prof. Rodrigo Soares (Vice President of Academic Affairs and Lemann Foundation Professor of Economics, Insper)

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:15

Session 2 - Health

Chair: Marcela Perticará (Universidad Diego Portales)

Planning Better: Unplanned Pregnancies, Parental Investment, and Newborn Outcomes

Juan Pereira (Brown University)

Discussant: Noelia Bernal Lobato (Universidad del Pacífico & Netspar)

14:15-15:00

An ounce of prevention for a pound of cure: Basic health care and efficiency in health systems

Pablo Celhay (Pontificia Universidad Católica Chile)

Discussant: Adriana Camacho (CAF)

15:00-15:30

Coffee Break

15:30-16:15

Session 3 - Environmental Policy

Chair: Oscar Mitnik (Inter-American Development Bank)

Subsidizing Close Substitutes: The Impact of Electricity Tax Exemption on Solar Panel Adoption in Brazil

Thiago Rodrigues (Universidade de São Paulo)

Discussant: Oscar Mitnik (Inter-American Development Bank)

16.30

Bus towards [UC Sede "Las Condes"](#)

17:30- 19:00

Panel: Public Policies on Citizen Security: Prevention and Intervention Strategies of Community Violence

Chair: **Catalina Droppelmann**, PUC

Nathalie Alvarado (IDB), **Sasha Cotton** (National Network of Safe Communities), **Brent Decker** (Cure Violence Global), **Terence Nash** (Baltimore, USA), **Alberto Nanzer** (Fiscal Ministry, City of Buenos Aires), **Eduardo Vergara** (Sub-secretary of Prevention of Violence, Chile)

Address: Facultad de Economía y Administración UC. Room: Sala Auditorium, sede Nueva Las Condes, Rosario Norte 407, piso 1, Las Condes, Santiago.

19:00-19:30 **Cocktail**

19:30- **Bus departs to restaurant**

19:30- **Dinner**

End of Day 1

Thursday, May 16 – Room AE210

07:45- **Bus departs from Hotel Ibis Manquehue.**

09:00-09:45 **Session 4 - Higher Education**
Chair: Román Zárate (University of Toronto)

Closing Gaps in Higher Education Trajectories: The Effect of Targeted Information and Mentorship

Andrés Barrios-Fernández (Universidad de los Andes, Chile)

Discussant: Victor Orozco-Olvera (World Bank)

09:45-10:30 **Signaling Specific Skills and the Labor Market of College Graduates**
Matías Busso (Inter-American Development Bank)

Discussant: Román Zárate (University of Toronto)

10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-11:45

Session 5 - Vulnerable Populations

Chair: Adriana Camacho (CAF)

Fostering Thriving from Survival: The Role of Cash Assistance for Refugees

Sebastián Martínez (3ie)

Discussant: Carlos Schmidt-Padilla (University of Pennsylvania)

Does Matching Contribution incentivize informal workers to participate in retirement saving plans? A Randomized Evaluation in Peru

Noelia Bernal Lobato (Universidad del Pacífico & Netspar)

Discussant: Oscar Mitnik (Inter-American Development Bank)

12:30-13:30

Lunch

13:30-14:15

Session 6 - Schools Interventions

Chair: Sebastián Martínez (3ie)

Breaking the Gang: A Preventive Approach to Reduce Recruitment in Schools

Carlos Schmidt-Padilla (University of Pennsylvania)

Discussant: Pablo Celhay (Pontificia Universidad Católica Chile)

14:15-15:00

Improving Enrollment and Learning Through Videos and Mobiles: Experimental Evidence from Northern Nigeria

Victor Orozco-Olvera (World Bank)

Discussant: Sebastián Martínez (3ie)

15:00-15:30

Coffee Break

15:30-16:15

Session 7 - Firms Credit

Chair: Matías Busso (Inter-American Development Bank)

Do firms need cheaper credit to grow? An investigation on the effectiveness of subsidized earmarked loans

Daniel Grimaldi (George Mason University)

Discussant: Matías Busso (Inter-American Development Bank)

16:15-16:30

Closing Remarks

16:30

Bus departs from San Joaquin to Casa Central

17:30-18:00

"Who sets your wage? The role of firms in wage determination"

Speakers: **David Card** (Berkeley University, Nobel Laureat 2021) and **Tomás Rau** (Director Instituto de Economía UC).

Address: PUC, Casa Central UC. Room: Salón de honor. Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 340, Santiago.

18:30

Cocktail

End of Day 2
