



RIDGE/NIP-LACEA Workshop on Inequality Poverty and Politics

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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.

Day 1- Tuesday, March 24

8.45 Accreditation

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



10.45 – 12.15 Session 1

Chair: Leonardo Gasparini (CEDLAS)

- ***How does Latin America stand on schooling premium? What does it reveal about its education quality? Evidence from immigrants 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

13.45 – 15.15 Session 2

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 (co-authors: Victor Lavy, Zizhong Yan)

Comments by Joana Silva (World Bank)

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Session 3

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 (Universidad de la República, Uruguay and Banco Central del Uruguay)

Day 2 – Wednesday, March 25

10.45 – 12:15 Session 4

Chair: Matías Busso (IADB)

- ***[The Impact of a One Laptop per Child Program on Learning. Evidence from Uruguay](#)***
Alina Machado, Universidad de la República, Uruguay (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 (co-authors: Rafael Proenca, Flavio Sireno)

Comments by Natalia Nollenberger, Queen Mary, University of London

12.15 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.15 Session 5

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, Manuel Espro)

Comments 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)

Scientific Committee

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