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WELAC (LACEA) WORKSHOP ON GENDER AND HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS

PROGRAM

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Universidad del Pacífico | May 12-13, 2025

Day 1: May 12

NOTICE: All times are in Peru Time (UTC-5)

Time allocation per paper: 25 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for discussant and 10 minutes open to the floor for Q&A.

09:20-09:30 Welcome from **Raquel Fernández, NYU & WELAC**

09:30-10:15 ▶ **SESSION 1: WOMEN IN POLITICS**

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Raquel Fernández, NYU

Women in Office: Inspiring Words Against Silence

Presenter: Verónica Frisancho, CAF

Discussant: Mariana Viollaz, CEDLAS

10:15-11:00

Women Political Leaders as Agents of Environmental Change

Presenter: Mariana Viollaz, CEDLAS

Discussant: Julián Díaz-Gutierrez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-12:15

▶ **SESSION 2: INTRA-HOUSEHOLD BARGAINING AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

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Matilde Machado, UC3M

Gender-Targeted Transfers and Women's Consumption: A Structural Regression Discontinuity Approach

Presenter: Maira Colacce, Instituto de Economía, UdeLaR

Discussant: José Mota, University of Nebraska-Omaha

12:15-13:00

Entrepreneurship, Marriage and Female Labor Force Participation in the US

Presenter: Mehmet Demir, Nazarbayev University

Discussant: Tatiana Rosá, CAF

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-14:45 ▶ **SESSION 3: EDUCATION**

CHAIR

Verónica Frisancho, CAF

Opportunity Bound: Transport and Access to College in a Megacity

Presenter: Fabiola Alba-Vivar, Wake Forest University

Discussant: Carla Srebot, University of British Columbia

14:45-15:30

To inspire and to inform: The Role of Role Models

Presenter: Muchin Bazan, Virginia Tech and Universidad de Piura

Discussant: Florencia Pinto, CEDLAS - Universidad Nacional de La Plata

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-16:45

▶ **SESSION 4: MIGRATION**

CHAIR

Ana Balsa, Universidad de Montevideo

International Migrants and the Human Capital Formation of Their Left-Behind Childre

Presenter: José Mota, University of Nebraska-Omaha

Discussant: Mehmet Demir, Nazarbayev University

Day 2: May 13

- 09:30-10:15** ▶ **SESSION 5: MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH**
- CHAIR:
Pedro Cavalcanti, FGV EPGE
- Protective and Preventive Tools for a Good Start: Supporting Households During Pregnancy Through a WhatsApp Chatbot
Presenter: Ana Balsa, Universidad de Montevideo
Discussant: Lorena Hakak, Fundação Getulio Vargas
- 10:15-11:00** Automation, Economic Shocks, and Infant Mortality: Evidence from Mexico
Presenter: Julián Díaz-Gutierrez, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Discussant: Matilde Machado, UC3M
- 11:00-11:30** **Coffee break**
- 11:30-12:15** ▶ **SESSION 6: GENDER WAGE GAP**
- CHAIR:
Christian Posso, Banco de la República
- Employee Replacement Process and Gender Wage Differentials in Brazil
Presenter: Eloiza Almeida, Universidade de São Paulo, FEA-USP
Discussant: Verónica Amarante, CAF
- 12:15-13:00** Gender and Top Lifetime Earnings Inequality: Ten New Facts from Brazil
Presenter: Tomás Martínez, Insper
Discussant: Inés Berniell, CEDLAS - Universidad Nacional de La Plata
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00-14:45** ▶ **SESSION 7: LAWS AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**
- CHAIR:
Inés Berniell, CEDLAS-UNLP
- Deterrence Effects of Sentence Enhancement: Evidence from Femicide Law in Brazil
Presenter: Pedro Cavalcanti, FGV EPGE
Discussant: María Edo, Universidad de San Andrés
- 14:45-15:30** Firearms Laws and Violence Against Women
Presenter: Aly McTague, Universitat de Barcelona
Discussant: Christian Posso, Banco de la República
- 15:30-16:00** **Break**

16:00-16:45

▶ SESSION 8 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

CHAIR:

Verónica Amarante, CAF

Gender-Based Violence in Schools and Girls' Education: Experimental Evidence from Mozambique

Presenter: Sarita Ore Quispe, Columbia University

Discussant: Alejandro Sierra, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile