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2025 RIDGE MAY FORUM

18th MEETING LACEA IMPACT EVALUATION NETWORK (IEN)

PROGRAM

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Day 1: May 14

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

Time allocation per paper: 30 minutes for presentation, 8 minutes for discussant and 7 minutes open to the floor for Q&A.

- 09:00-09:15** Registration
- 09:20-09:30** Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 09:30-10:15** **▶ SESSION 1: EDUCATION**
- CHAIR
Josefa Aguirre, Universidad Católica de Chile
- Violence at School
Presenter: Josefa Aguirre, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
Discussant: Carlos Schmidt-Padilla, University of California, Berkeley
- 10:15-11:00** Long-term impacts and sustainability of a secondary-level comprehensive public school reform in Peru
Presenter: Antonio Campos, GRADE
Discussant: Josefa Aguirre, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 11:00-11:30** Coffee break
- 11:30-12:15** **▶ SESSION 2: NETWORKS EMPOWERMENT AND WELL-BEING**
- CHAIR
Adriana Camacho, CAF
- Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in Honduras by Fostering Digital Literacy and Networking through the Red E-mpresarias Program
Presenter: Luisa Blanco, Pepperdine University
Discussant: Adriana Camacho, CAF
- 12:15-13:00** Community Matters: Psychological Well-Being and Spillovers in an Asset-Building Anti-Poverty Program in Paraguay
Presenter: Marcos Sugastti, University of California, Davis
Discussant: Luiz Felipe Fontes, Insper
- 13:00-14:00** Lunch break

14:00-15:30

▶ **KEYNOTE SESSION: JOINT WITH LACEA HEALTH ECONOMICS NETWORK AND NETWORK ON INEQUALITY AND POVERTY**

RECENT ADVANCES IN REGRESSION DISCONTINUITY DESIGNS: BRIDGING METHODS AND POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA

● Sebastián Calónico, University of California, Davis

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

16:00-16:45

▶ **SESSION 3: EARLY HUMAN CAPITAL INVESTMENTS**

CHAIR

Andres Hojman, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

New Evidence for an Old Puzzle: The Fadeout of Early Childhood Education Impacts on Cognitive Skills

Presenter: Andres Hojman, Universidad Católica de Chile

Discussant: Rafael Novella, University College London

16:45-17:30

The Power of a Meal. School Feeding and its Educational Effects: Evidence from Colombia

Presenter: Sofia Collante, Universidad de los Andes

Discussant: Andres Hojman, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Conference dinner

Day 2: May 15

- 09:30-10:15** ▶ **SESSION 4 - LABOR**
- CHAIR:
Rafael Novella, University College London
- Tackling Youth Employment through Digital Skills Bootcamps: Experimental Evidence from Peru
Presenter: Rafael Novella, University College London
Discussant: Antonio Campos, GRADE
- 10:15-11:00** Promotions in Law Enforcement: Financial Outcomes and Household Labor Supply Responses
Presenter: Christian Posso, Banco de la República de Colombia
Discussant: Marcos Sugastti, University of California, Davis
- 11:00-11:30** **Coffee break**
- 11:30-12:15** ▶ **SESSION 5: INFRASTRUCTURE AND EMPIRICAL APPLICATIONS**
- CHAIR:
Oscar Mitnik, Inter-American Development Bank
- Hit the Road Jack: High-Quality Roads, Poverty and the Middle Class in Ecuador
Presenter: Osmar Bolivar, Ministry of Economy and Public Finance, Bolivia
Discussant: Anastasiya Yarygina, Inter-American Development Bank
- 12:15-13:00** Spillover Gridlock: Addressing Differences in Differences with Spillovers
Presenter: Daniel Lasso, Universidad de los Andes
Discussant: Oscar Mitnik, Inter-American Development Bank
- 13:00-14:00** **Lunch break**
- 14:00-14:45** ▶ **SESSION 6: CRIME MONITORING AND REHABILITATION POLICIES**
- CHAIR:
Carlos Schmidt-Padilla, University of California, Berkeley
- Satellites and Fines: Using Monitoring to Target Inspections of Deforestation
Presenter: Alipio Ferreira, Southern Methodist University
Discussant: Osmar Bolivar, Ministry of Economy and Public Finance, Bolivia
- 14:45-15:30** Do Rehabilitative Prison Policies Work? Evidence from El Salvador
Presenter: Carlos Schmidt-Padilla, University of California, Berkeley
Discussant: Christian Posso, Banco de la República de Colombia
- 15:30-16:00** **Coffee Break**

16:00-16:45

▶ **SESSION 7: PUBLIC POLICIES**

CHAIR:

Luisa Blanco, Pepperdine University

Outsourcing Management in Public Service Delivery: Evidence from Healthcare in Brazil

Presenter: Luiz Felipe Fontes, Insper

Discussant: Luisa Blanco, Pepperdine University

16:45-17:30

Massive Regularization for Effective Tax Payment: Evidence from Brazil

Presenter: Anastasiya Yarygina, Inter-American Development Bank

Discussant: Alipio Ferreira, Southern Methodist University

17:30-17:45

Closing Remarks