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# XXI RIDGE FORUM

## 2025 RIDGE MAY FORUM

### WORKSHOP ON INEQUALITY & POVERTY

## PROGRAM

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## Universidad del Pacífico | May 13-14, 2025

## Day 1: May 13

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

Time allocation per paper: 30 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for discussant and 5 minutes open to the floor for Q&A.

09:20-09:30 Opening Remarks

09:30-10:15 ▶ SESSION 1

Market Power and Development

Presenter: Alvaro Garcia-Marin, Universidad de los Andes, Chile

Discussant: TBD

10:15-11:00

Local Labor Markets

Presenter: Sebastian Espinoza-Rojas, University College London

Discussant: TBD

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:15 ▶ SESSION 2

A Call for Improved Climate Adaptation Policies: The Effects of Prolonged Droughts on Education

Presenter: Carolina Melo, Insper

Discussant: TBD

12:15-13:00

The Hidden Price For Mobility: Public Transit Pollution And Academic Achievement

Presenter: Dario Romero, New York University - Abu Dhabi

Discussant: TBD

13:00-14:00 Lunch break

**14:00-14:45**    ▶ **SESSION 3**

Non-parametric Pseudo-event Study Designs: Estimating the Motherhood Earnings Penalty in El Salvador

**Presenter:** Hugo Ñopo, World Bank

**Discussant:** TBD

**14:45-15:30**

Accents as Capital: Experimental Evidence

**Presenter:** Leopoldo Fergusson, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

**Discussant:** TBD

**15:30-16:00**

Coffee break

**16:00-16:45**    ▶ **SESSION 4**

Agricultural distortions, migration, and aggregate productivity

**Presenter:** Danilo Trupkin, Universidad de Buenos Aires

**Discussant:** TBD

**16:45-17:30**

Child Labor Standards in Regional Trade Agreements: Theory and Evidence

**Presenter:** John McLaren, University of Virginia

**Discussant:** TBD

## Day 2: May 14

09:30-10:15

## ▶ SESSION 5

The Minimum Wage Effects on Earnings and Sorting

**Presenter:** Suphanit Piyapromdee, University College London

**Discussant:** TBD

10:15-11:00

The Challenges of Modernizing G2P Payments: Reaching the Last-Mile in Financial Inclusion

**Presenter:** Bridget Hoffman, Inter-American Development Bank

**Discussant:** TBD

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

## ▶ SESSION 6: KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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

● Sebastian Calonico, UC Davis

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-14:45

## ▶ SESSION 7

Don't Stop Believing: Empowering Low SES Students Through Cognitive Behavioral Interventions

**Presenter:** Juan Pereira, Brown University

**Discussant:** TBD

14:45-15:30

The Pitfalls of Higher Aelectivity: Evidence on University Degree Completion

**Presenter:** María Lombardi, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

**Discussant:** TBD