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PROGRAM

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Jesse Rothstein (UC, Berkeley)

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May 12-13, 2025

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Day 1: May 12

Room: H-202

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

Sessions with 2 papers: Presenters will have 30 minutes for presentation + 10 minutes for Q&A

Sessions with 3 papers: Presenters will have 25 minutes for presentation + 10 minutes for Q&A

09:20-09:30 **Opening Remarks**

09:30-11:00 **SESSION 1**

Payments Under the Table and the Tax System in Peru

Presenter: Ana Paula Franco, University of Michigan

Do Taxes Affect Pre-Tax Income Inequality? Evidence from 100 Years of U.S. State Tax Policies

Presenter: Matias Strehl-Pessina, University of California

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-13:00 **SESSION 2**

Resource windfalls, public expenditures, and local economies

Presenter: Antonella Bancalari, Institute for Fiscal Studies, UCL and IZA

Access to Loans and Local Development: Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities

Presenter: Renata Motta Cafe, IADB and FGV EPGE

13:00-14:00 **Lunch break**

Room: H-502

14:00-15:30 **SESSION 3**

Financial Education: Context Matters. Causal Evidence from Colombia's Dual-Advisory Program

Presenter: Oscar Becerra, Universidad de lo Andes

Public Pensions and the Strategic Timing of Formal Employment

Presenter: Mariano Bosch, IADB

DAY 2 - MAY 13

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:30-17:30 **KEYNOTE**

- **Jesse Rothstein, UC, Berkeley**

Day 2: May 13

Room: Magna H-304

09:30-11:00 **SESSION 4**

Gender-specific subsidies and female empowerment in optimal taxation

Presenter: Carlos Eugênio da Costa, EPGE FGV Brazilian School of Economics and Finance

Bad State: Discrimination against Immigrants in the Public Sector

Presenter: Ignacio Torres-Ulloa, University of Southern California - Economics Department

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-13:00 **SESSION 5**

Optimal Informality: A Mechanism Design Approach

Presenter: Felipe Lobel, Columbia University

Foster Care: A Dynamic Matching Approach

Presenter: Diana MacDonald, Banco de México

13:00-14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00-15:45 **SESSION 6**

The Effects of Better Houses on Infant Health

Presenter: Helena Arruda, Institute for Health Policy Studies

Improving Student Learning through Adaptive Learning Platforms: Experimental Evidence from the Dominican Republic

Presenter: Carolina Lopez, World Bank

Lost in the Process? Information Barriers and Incomplete Take-up of Rental Vouchers

Presenter: Javiera Selman, Universidad de Chile