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2025 RIDGE DECEMBER FORUM

WORKSHOP ON

Towards Sustainable Growth: From Micro to Macro Development

PROGRAM

Scientific Committee

Julieta Caunedo (Cornell University)

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Giorgio Chiovelli (Universidad de Montevideo)

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Keynote speaker

Marcela Eslava (Universidad de los Andes)



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FONPLATA

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CAF Banco de Desarrollo de America Latina y el Caribe
Sala Cabo Polonio

Day 1: December 9

10:50-11:00 Opening Remarks

11:00-12:30 ► SESSION 1: AGRICULTURE SECTOR AND THE MACROECONOMY

Farm to Firm: Clustering and Returns to Scale in Agricultural Supply Chains
James Sayre, UC Davis

From Farms to Borders: Agricultural Distortions and International Migration
Danilo Trupkin, Universidad de San Andrés

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 ► SESSION 2: FINANCIAL MARKETS

Trade Credit in a Developing Country: the Role of Large Suppliers in the Production Network
Pierluca Pannella, São Paulo School of Economics

Capital Market Financing and Misallocation: Evidence from Global Firm-level Issuances
Sergio Schmukler, World Bank

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 ► POLICY PANEL: RETHINKING TAXATION FOR GROWTH IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

CHAIR

- Guillermo Vuletin, World Bank

PANELISTS

- Marcelo Bergolo, UdelaR
- Fernando Lorenzo, CINVE and former Uruguayan Minister of Economics and Finance

Day 2: December 10

09:00-10:30 ▶ SESSION 3: HUMAN CAPITAL AND LABOR MARKET FRICTIONS

The effect of Paternalistic Decisions on Children’s Self-esteem and Long-term Decision-making Processes: Evidence from Rural Thailand

Santiago García Couto, Georgetown University

Who Pays for Training? Theory and Evidence on Firm-Level Differences in Training Investments

Daniela Vidart, University of Connecticut

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 ▶ SESSION 4: THE DOMESTIC EFFECTS OF FISCAL AND TRADE SHOCKS

The Financial Channel of Tax Amnesty Policies

Paula Donaldson, UC San Diego

Trade in Appliances, Household Production, and Labor Force Participation

Pamela Medina Quispe, University of Toronto

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:30-15:30 ▶ KEYNOTE: JOBLESS MODERNITY

- Marcela Eslava, Universidad de los Andes

CHAIR: TBC

15:30-15:40 Closing remarks