



XXIII RIDGE FORUM

LACEA-EHN Workshop on Historical Development

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Call for papers for the Workshop on Historical Development

The Research Institute for Development, Growth and Economics (RIDGE), the Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) Economic History Network (EHN) and The University of the West Indies are pleased to announce a call for papers for the Workshop on Historical Development to be held in person in Barbados on May 20-21, 2026.

The 2026 meeting will be in person and it is held within the framework of the 2026 RIDGE Forum along with the following workshops:

RIDGE-LACEA-PEG Workshop on Political Economy | 18-19 May

LACEA Inequality & Poverty | 19-20 May

Public Economics | 19-20 May

LACEA Labor | 20-21 May

LACEA's Health Economics Network | 20-21 May

LACEA Impact Evaluation Network | 20-21 May

Industrial Organization | 20-21 May

LACEA Brain | 21-22 May

WELAC (LACEA) Gender and Household Economics | 21-22 May

HUMAN LACEA Migration Network | 21-22 May

The LACEA Economic History Network (LACEA-EHN) seeks to promote research on all areas of economic, social, business, and financial history, with a focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. We believe that studying the region's past is key to better understand its present. In this line of thought, important areas of study include colonization and colonial legacies, institutions, growth patterns, inequality, political cycles, culture, gender disparities, migration, conflict, and infrastructure development.

This workshop fulfills part of our aim to collaborate with other regional networks and institutions, and to encourage scholarly exchanges all across the social sciences. We seek to engage with leading scholars in the field as well as to foster young researchers.

The RIDGE Forums and LACEA networks aim to favor the spread of high-quality research in economics by bringing together top local and regional researchers working on the frontier of knowledge and policymakers. Participants to any workshop are welcome and encouraged to attend the other workshops.

Paper submission

Full papers, written in English, must be submitted for consideration for the meeting. The cover page should include: the title of the paper, institutional affiliation, including address, phone and email of each author and an abstract with the appropriate JEL classification.

The file should be saved as follows: SURNAME OF AUTHOR NAME OF AUTHOR TITLE OF PAPER.pdf

Full papers, in PDF format, should be submitted online via the RIDGE website: <https://ridge.org.uy/ridge-forums/>

Authors will be able to select first and second preference of workshop to present the paper. Papers will only be presented once.

Important dates

Deadline for paper submission: **January 31, 2026**

Notification of decisions: **16 February, 2026**

Further information

Should you have any questions please contact: secretariat@ridge.org.uy

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