



XXIII RIDGE FORUM

2026 RIDGE MAY FORUM

WELAC (LACEA) WORKSHOP ON GENDER AND HOUSEHOLD ECONOMICS

PROGRAM

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21-22 May, 2026

The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados

Day 1: May 21

Room: TBC

NOTICE: All times are in Barbados Time (UTC-4)

Time allocation per paper: 25 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for discussant and 10 minutes open to the floor for Q&A.

09:50-10:00 Welcome from **Raquel Fernández, NYU & WELAC**

▶ **SESSION 1: CULTURE AND WORK**

CHAIR
Raquel Fernández, NYU

10:00-10:45 Cultural Constraints on Managerial Productivity: Evidence from World Bank Lending

Presenter: Bob Rijkers, World Bank

Discussant: Suzanne Duryea, IDB

10:45-11:30 Boys' Club: Cultural Inheritance and Social Networks and their Effects on Labor Market Outcomes

Presenter: Lorena Hakak, Fundação Getulio Vargas

Discussant: Florencia Pinto, CEDLAS

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

▶ **SESSION 2: FIRMS AND VILLAGES: RESPONSES TO SEXUAL HARASSMENT/VIOLENCE**

CHAIR
Suzanne Duryea, IDB

12:00-12:45 Firm Responses to Legislation on Handling Sexual Harassment

Presenter: Sonia Bhalotra, University of Warwick

Discussant: Carmen Estrades, Universidad de la República

12:45-13:30 It Takes a Village: Harnessing Social Norms to Reduce Intimate Partner Violence

Presenter: Ursula Aldana, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos

Discussant: Patrizia Ordine, Università della Calabria

13:30-14:30 Lunch break

▶ SESSION 3: PEERS AND ROLE MODELS

CHAIR
Mariana Marchionni, CEDLAS

14:30-15:15 A STEM Professor Like Me: Female Faculty Reduce Anxiety About STEM and Raise Academic Achievement Among Female Undergraduates

Presenter: Mridul Joshi, Stanford University

Discussant: Gabriel Cruz, University of Maryland

15:15-16:00 Student Gender Composition and University Climate

Presenter: Paola Profeta, Bocconi University

Discussant: Eleonora Patacchini, Cornell University

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

▶ SESSION 4: CHILD DEVELOPMENT

CHAIR
Mariana Viollaz, World Bank

16:30-17:15 Household Chores and the Gender Gap in Child Development: Evidence from Bunching

Presenter: Kelly Santos, Insper

Discussant: Mariana Marchionni, CEDLAS

Day 2: May 22**Room: TBC****▶ SESSION 5: CHILDCARE IMPACTS****CHAIR:**

Juliana Chen, World Bank

10:00-10:45

The Long-term Effects of After-school Care

Presenter: Sevin Kaytan, CEMFI**Discussant: Lisa Ho, Columbia University****10:45-11:30**

Childcare and Family Dynamics

Presenter: Ana Chesa-Llorens, Universidad de Barcelona**Discussant: Alessandra Hidalgo Arestegui, Lancaster University****11:30-12:00****Coffee break****▶ SESSION 6: LOCAL POLITICS AND GENDER****CHAIR:**

Inés Berniell, CEDLAS & WELAC

12:00-12:45

Pentecostal Mayors, Sexual Education, and Teenage Pregnancy

Presenter: Joao García, Universidad De Santiago de Chile**Discussant: Mariana Viollaz, World Bank****12:45-13:30**

Strategic Adaptation to Gender Quotas in Mexican Local Politics

Presenter: Laura Aquino Arriaga, Boston University**Discussant: ISandra Aguilar-Gomez, Tecnológico de Monterrey****13:30-14:30****Lunch break****▶ SESSION 7: NORMS AND DISCRIMINATION****CHAIR:**

Sandra Aguilar, Tecnológico de Monterrey

14:30-15:15

Norms Behind Closed Doors: A Field Experiment on Gender Norm Misperceptions and Maternal Employment Decisions in Couples

Presenter: Ana María Díaz, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**Discussant: Juliana Jaramillo, Central Bank of Colombia****15:15-16:00**

So far away? Hiring Discrimination against Female Commuters

Presenter: Ana Fernandez, Bern University of Applied Sciences**Discussant: Sahar Parsa, NYU****16:00-16:30****Break**

▶ **SESSION 8 CHILDREN AND FEMALE EMPLOYMENT**

CHAIR:

Sahar Parsa, NYU

16:30-17:15

Love in the Time of Zika

Presenter: Austin Davis, American University

Discussant: Juliana Chen, World Bank