



# XXIII RIDGE FORUM

## 2026 RIDGE MAY FORUM

### WORKSHOP ON INEQUALITY & POVERTY PROGRAM

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19-20 May, 2026

The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados

Day 1: May 19

Room: TBC

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

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

**09:50-10:00** Openings remarks

**Matias Busso, Inter-American Development Bank**

▶ **SESSION 1: POLITICAL ECONOMY AND FISCAL REDISTRIBUTION**

**10:00-10:45** Voting Restrictions, Education and Poverty

**Presenter: Tiago Cavalcanti, University of Cambridge**

**Discussant: Gian Luca Clementi, NYU Stern School of Business & NBER**

**10:45-11:30** Inequality, Efficiency, and Taxation: Understanding Fiscal Policy Preferences

**Presenter: Dirk Foremny, Universitat de Barcelona & IEB**

**Discussant: Laura Mayoral, IAE-CSIC & Barcelona School of Economics**

**11:30-12:00** Coffee break

▶ **SESSION 2: EDUCATION II – HIGHER EDUCATION, DIVERSITY AND RETURNS**

**12:00-12:45** The Limits of Exposure: Socioeconomic Diversity and Teamwork in College

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

**Discussant: Juan Muñoz-Morales, CNRS & IÉSEG School of Management**

**12:45-13:30** The College Premium Rollercoaster and the Rebound of Lifetime Wage Growth: A Structural Analysis

**Presenter: Raquel Fonseca, ESG UQAM & CIRANO**

**Discussant: Sebastian Gallegos, UAI Business School, Chile**

**13:30-14:30** Lunch break

▶ **SESSION 3: INEQUALITY, MOBILITY AND PERSISTENCE**

**14:30-15:15**

The Great Gatsby Curve: Upward Mobility, Persistence and Inequality

**Presenter:** Laura Mayoral, IAE-CSIC & Barcelona School of Economics

**Discussant:** David Jaume, Banco de México

**15:15-16:00**

Gender and Intergenerational Mobility: Unequal Economic Outcomes between Siblings

**Presenter:** Martín Leites, IECON-FCEA, Universidad de la República

**Discussant:** Raquel Fonseca, ESG UQAM & CIRANO

**16:00-16:30**

Coffee break

**Day 2: May 20****Room: TBC****▶ SESSION 4: LABOR MARKETS, WAGES AND HOUSEHOLD FINANCE****10:00-10:45**

The Dynamics of Firm-level Pay: Theory and Evidence from Portugal

**Presenter:** Gian Luca Clementi, NYU Stern School of Business & NBER**Discussant:** Tiago Cavalcanti, University of Cambridge**10:45-11:30**

Dry Weather, Dry Wallet? Heterogeneous Uses of Financial Tools during Dryness in a Middle-Income Economy

**Presenter:** David Jaume, Banco de México**Discussant:** Martín Leites, IECON-FCEA, Universidad de la República**11:30-12:00**

Coffee break

**▶ SESSION 5: EDUCATION I – SCHOOL ACCESS AND ACADEMIC PROGRESSION (JOINT WITH IEN)****12:00-12:45**

School Calendar, Academic Progression, and Agricultural Seasonality: Quasi-experimental Evidence from Rural Colombia

**Presenter:** Juan Muñoz-Morales, CNRS & IÉSEG School of Management**Discussant:** Leopoldo Fergusson, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia**12:45-13:30**

Lasting Effects of Retaking College Admission Exams

**Presenter:** Sebastian Gallegos, UAI Business School, Chile**Discussant:** Dirk Foremny, Universitat de Barcelona & IEB**13:30-14:30**

Lunch break

**▶ SESSION 6: LABOR (JOINT WITH IEN)****14:30-15:15**

The impact of labor intermediation and training in high informality contexts. Evidence from Paraguay

**Presenter:** Nicolas Campos Bijit, University of British Columbia**Discussant:** Ramon Bertotto, Universidade de Sao Paulo**15:15-16:00**

Evaluating Unemployment Insurance in a Developing Economy: Evidence from Colombia

**Presenter:** Nicolas Guida-Johnson, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**Discussant:** Nicolas Campos Bijit, University of British Columbia**16:00-16:30**

Break

**16:30-16:40**

Closing remarks

**16:40-18:10****▶ KEYNOTE LECTURE: MENTAL HEALTH, POVERTY, AND ECONOMIC BEHAVIOR**

- Manuela Angelucci, University of Texas at Austin