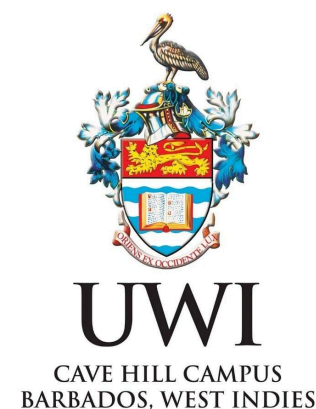




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# XXIII RIDGE FORUM

## 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

Building Clico Centre for Teaching Excellence, Room LR7

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.

**11:50-12:00** Openings remarks

Matias Busso, Inter-American Development Bank

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

**12:00-12:45**

Inequality, Efficiency, and Taxation: Understanding Fiscal Policy Preferences

Presenter: Dirk Foremny, Universitat de Barcelona & IEB

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

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

**13:30-14:30**

Lunch break

▶ **SESSION 2: 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

16:30-17:45

## ▶ KEYNOTE LECTURE

- Zoe Cullen, Harvard Business School

18:30-

Dinner (Bus will take us from conference to dinner. Then to the hotel)

## Day 2: May 20

## Building Clico Centre for Teaching Excellence, Room LR7

## ▶ SESSION 3: 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 &amp; NBER

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 4: 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 &amp; IÉSEG School of Management

12:45-13:30

Ability Grouping in the Classroom: Performance and Behavioral Responses

Presenter: Matias Busso, Inter-American Development Bank

13:30-14:30

Lunch break

## ▶ SESSION 5: 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

16:00-16:10 Closing remarks

16:10-16:20 Break

16:20-17:50 ▶ **KEYNOTE LECTURE: MENTAL HEALTH, POVERTY, AND ECONOMIC BEHAVIOR**  
● Manuela Angelucci, University of Texas at Austin