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2026 RIDGE DECEMBER FORUM **CAF, Ciudadela 1235 Montevideo, Uruguay | December 10-11, 2026**

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Program

Thursday, December 10

Room: Solis

Session 1 ·		
	Galina Vereshchagina Arizona State University	**Uncertainty, Firm Dynamics, and Productivity**
09:00 – 10:20	**Julian Neira** Exeter	**Firm Dynamics and Sectoral Reallocation**
10:20 – 10:40	*Coffee break*	
Session 2 ·		
	Mingjie Xu University of Mannheim	**Inheritance, Misallocation, and Development**
10:40 – 12:00	**Guillaume Vandenbroucke** Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis	**The Macroeconomics of Poverty Across Countries**
12:00 – 13:15	*Lunch*	
Keynote Lecture (joint with TSG workshop)		
13:15 – 14:15	**Ezra Oberfield** Cornell University	**Grafting Plants: A Market of Selection**
14:15 – 14:40	*Coffee break*	
Session 3 ·		
	Daniel Jaar Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile	**Self-employment as self-insurance**
14:40 – 16:00	**Andres Zambrano** World Bank	**Self Employment and Development: Job Amenities, (Mis)allocation, and Informality**
16:00 – 16:15	*Coffee break*	
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16:15 – 17:20	**Rationalazing Informality**	**TBC**
17:30	**Bus departs to Bodega for visit and dinner**	

Friday, December 11

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Session 4 ·		
	Antonio Martner Central Bank of Chile	**The Anatomy of Aggregate Productivity**
09:30 – 10:50	**Ashantha Ranasinghe** University of Alberta	**Distortions and the Life Cycle of Immigrant-Owned Firms**
10:50 – 11:10	*Coffee break*	
Session 5 ·		
	Sina Ates Federal Reserve Board	**Can Trade Policy Spur Innovation?**
11:10 – 12:30	**Andre Mouton** Wake Forest University	**The East German Wage Gap: TFP or Migration?**
12:40 – 13:40	*Lunch*	
Keynote Lecture (joint with TSG workshop)		
13:30 – 14:40	**Kjetil Storesletten** University of Minnesota	**TBC**
14:40- 15:00	*Coffee break*	
Session 6 ·		
	Lucciano Villacorta Central Bank of Chile	**Structural Identification of Production Functions under Financial Frictions**
15:00 – 16:20	**Cesar Tamayo** EAFIT University	**Human Capital, Policy Distortions and Informality in General Equilibrium**
16:20	Closing remarks	

Each session: 80 minutes (40 minutes per paper, including discussion).