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Monday, December 14

Room Portezuelo

08:45 – 09:00	*Welcome and opening remarks*	
Session 1 · Labor Markets and the Business Cycle		
09:00 – 09:45	**Andrés Blanco** FRB Atlanta & Emory University	**How Does Inflation "Grease the Wheels" in a Frictional Labor Market?** *with Jafet Baca, Andrés Drenik*
09:45 – 10:30	**Ignacio Amaral** Banco Central del Uruguay	**Cyclical Job Fragility** *Single-authored*
10:30 – 11:00	*Coffee break.*	
Session 2 · Labor Policy and Reallocation		
11:00 – 11:45	**Tomás R. Martinez** Insper	**Minimum Wage, Business Dynamism, and the Life Cycle of Firms** *with André Victor D. Luduvice, Alexandre B. Sollaci*
11:45 – 12:30	**Camila Comunello** Universidad Torcuato Di Tella	**Sectoral Labour Flows** *with Carlos Carrillo-Tudela, Alex Clymo, Ludo Visschers, David Zentler-Munro*
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch*	
Session 3 · Firm Finance		
14:00 – 14:45	**Tasaneeya Viratyosin** Tuck School of Business, Dartmouth	**The Deep Pockets Advantage: Cash, Markups, and Concentration** *with Sergio Salgado*
14:45 – 15:30	**Juan M. Sánchez** FRB St. Louis	**Stabilization vs. Growth** *with Miguel Faria-e-Castro, Pascal Paul*
15:30 – 16:00	*Coffee break*	
Session 4 · Firm Heterogeneity and Entrepreneurship		
16:00 – 16:45	**Sergio Salgado** The Wharton School, UPenn	**Scalable versus Productive Technologies** *with Mons Chan, Serdar Ozkan, Guangbin Hong, Joachim Hubmer*
16:45 – 17:30	**Rafael Guntin** University of Rochester	**Serial Entrepreneurship Across Countries** *with Federico Kochen, Manuel Ruiz-García*
19:00	*Workshop dinner (by invitation)*	

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Session 5 · Families and Demographics		
11:00 – 11:45	**Paula Calvo** Arizona State University	**The Welfare Impact of Motherhood** *with Ilse Lindenlaub, Yoko Okuyama, Sertan Ozsoy*
11:45 – 12:30	**Minchul Yum** Virginia Commonwealth University	**The Value of Life across Generations: Fertility and Parental Investment** *with Youngsoo Jang*
12:30 – 14:00	*Lunch*	
Session 6 · Social Insurance and Fiscal Policy		
14:00 – 14:45	**Andrés Neumeyer** Universidad Torcuato Di Tella	**Born to Lose: The Political and Fiscal Arithmetic of Argentine Social Security** *with Manuel Macera*
14:45 – 15:30	**Germán Cubas** University of Houston	**Social Insurance in an Open Economy: Tariffs vs. Redistributive Taxation** *with Mehedi Hasan Oni, Pedro Silos*
15:30 – 16:00	*Coffee break*	
Session 7 · Careers and Household Credit		
16:00 – 16:45	**Hugo Reichardt** CREi	**Immiserizing Automation** *with Vladimir Asriyan, Sandro Shelegia*
16:45 – 17:30	**Satyajit Chatterjee** FRB Philadelphia	**Saving to Borrow: Expenditure Shocks, Debt, and Precautionary Savings** *with Nirvana Mitra*
18:00	*Optional afternoon activity (details to be announced)*	

Each presentation slot is 45 minutes. Presenter listed first; coauthors listed below each title.