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WORKSHOP ON

Towards Sustainable Growth: From Micro to Macro Development

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

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Program

Thursday, December 10

Room: Cabo Polonio

08:45 – 09:00	*Welcome and opening remarks*	
Session 1 · RCT in the aggregate		
	Kevin Donovan Yale University	**Market Integration and Spatial Development:Randomized Bridges in Rwanda**
09:00 – 10:20	**Stepan Gordeev** Texas Christian University	**The Macroeconomic Effects of Lifting Barriersto Migration**
10:20 – 10:40	Coffee break	
Session 2 · The micro of labor markets		
	Anna Vitali New York University	**Causes and Consequences of Labor Utilization: Evidence from Ugandan Firms**
10:40 – 12:00	**Elisa Macchi** Brown University	**Hidden Discriminationin Frictional Labor Markets**
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch	
Keynote Lecture (joint with GDM workshop)		
13:15 – 14:15	**Ezra Oberfield** Cornell University	**Grafting Plants: A Market of Selection** **Room: Solis**
14:15 – 14:40	Coffee break	
Session 3 · The macro of labor markets		
	Leonardo Bonilla Colombia Banco de la República	**Wage Adjustment: A Network Approach**
14:40 – 16:00	**Leonardo Peñaloza-Pacheco** Cornell University	**Migration, Market Power, and Firms**
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break	

WORLD BANK (joint with GDM)		
16:15 – 17:20	**Rationalazing Informality** **Room: Solis**	
17:30	Bus departs to Bodega for visit and dinner	

Friday, December 11

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Session 4 · Firms responses to technology and policy		
	Gaurav Chiplunkar University of Virginia	**General-Purpose Technology and Firm Production: Evidence from Broadband Internet**
09:30 – 10:50	**Bonang N. Seoela** Indiana University Bloomington	**Environmental Regulation, Firms, and Trade: Evidence from Mexico's Air-Quality Programs**
10:50 – 11:10	Coffee break	
Session 5 · Impacts of climate change		
	Victoria Nuguer ITAM	**Who Bears the Burden of Climate Policies? LaborIncome Heterogeneity and the Distributional Effects of Carbon Taxation in Emerging Economies**
11:10 – 12:30	**Braulio Britos** IFM	**Climate Change and International Migration**
12:40 – 13:40	Lunch	
Keynote Lecture (joint with GDM workshop)		
13:30 – 14:40	**Kjetil Storesletten** University of Minnesota	**TBC** **Room: Solis**
14:40- !5:00	Coffee break	
Session 6 · The process of structural change		
	Federica Coelli **EBRD, CEPR and CESif**	**Educating Like China**
15:00 – 16:20	**Mariya Brussevich** **Ibmec-RJ**	**Demographic Aging and Structural Transformation**
16:20	Closing remarks	

Each session: 80 minutes (40 minutes per paper, including discussion). Shaded rows indicate joint sessions with the Growth and Development in Macroeconomics (GDM) group.