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## RIDGE Summer School in Economics

Montevideo, Uruguay

23-27 March, 2015

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### Description

The Summer School will be developed in the framework of the 2015 RIDGE March Forum and consist of eight lectures by top scholars, and the participation on the RIDGE Forum.

Lecturers will give an overview of the main open issues on the topics related to the Forum.

Participants will also attend to the RIDGE Forum, particularly to the Policy Debates.

The 2015 RIDGE March Forum, will take place in Montevideo from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March and consists of the following four Workshops:

- [Economics of Crime](#), March 23-24.
- [Inequality, Poverty and Politics](#), March 24-25.
- [Political Economy](#), March 26-27.
- [Comparative Studies of Southern Hemisphere in Global Economic History and Development](#), Dec. 26-27.

The RIDGE Forum aims to favor the spread of high quality research in economics and promote the development of new views on economic thinking from the perspective of developing countries. Recent global events have put part of the presumably well-established economic theory in disarray –especially in the field of macroeconomics. The usefulness of “conventional” economic theory had already been challenged over the previous decades in Latin America, a region that had been experiencing different realities than the countries that were enjoying a long period of Moderation.

This workshop will offer a summary of some of the most recent explorations in economic theory that go beyond conventional assumptions. The forum will associate top researchers working on the frontier of knowledge with researchers working in Latin America, and with Latin American policy makers.

## Participants

The Summer School is addressed to outstanding Latin American graduate economists. Priority will be given to Latin American students enrolled in Latin American graduate programs in economics -Master, Ph.D., and Postdoc-.

Interested students should apply by sending a short CV (2 pages maximum), transcripts and a letter of recommendation from a supervisor to [summerschool2015@ridge.uy](mailto:summerschool2015@ridge.uy)

A Committee, following standard criteria, will make the selection according to: GPA, publications and awards, a letter of recommendation and work experience.

**The deadline for applying is March 1, 2015**

**The notification of the organizers decision is March 6, 2015**

**Only selected students will participate.**

## Travel and Accommodation

Organizers will provide accommodation for 6 nights to the invited foreign participants. These participants will be responsible for arranging their own travel.

For more information, in particular about the RIDGE Summer School that took place last December, give a look to [www.ridge.uy](http://www.ridge.uy)

## Scientific Committee

Claudio Ferraz (PUC-Rio, Brasil)

Guillermo Cruces (CEDLAS, Argentina)

Ignacio Munyo (University of Montevideo, Uruguay)

## Speakers

**Gareth Austin** (The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, IHEID), **TBA**

Gareth Austin is Professor of International History at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) Geneva. He obtained his bachelor's degree in History from the University of Cambridge and his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Birmingham. His research and teaching interests are in African and in comparative and global economic history. His primary research has focused on West Africa, especially Ghana and the pre-colonial kingdom of Asante.

**Claudio Ferraz** (PUC-Rio), ***“Political Selection”***

Claudio Ferraz is Professor at the Department of Economics of the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio). He obtained his bachelor's degree from the Universidad de Costa Rica, his M.A. from Stanford University and his Ph.D. from University of California. He does research on development economics, political economy, public economics and applied econometrics.

**Francisco Ferreira** (World Bank), ***“Individual Responsibility and Equality of Opportunity”***

Francisco is the World Bank's Chief Economist for the Africa Region and a Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA, Bonn). He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the London School of Economics. Francisco has published widely in the fields of poverty and inequality in developing countries. He was formerly a lead economist in the Bank's Research Department, and has also served as Deputy Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean, and as co-Director of the World Development Report 2006, on Equity and Development.

**Sergio Firpo** (EESP-FGV), ***“Distributional Impact Evaluation”***

Sergio Firpo is Associate Professor at the Sao Paulo School of Economics (FGV). He obtained his bachelor's degree in Economics from UNICAMP, his M.A. in Economics from PUC-Rio, his M.A. in Statistics from University of California and his Ph.D. in Economics from University of California. His fields of interest are econometrics, program evaluation, labor economics, empirical political economy and education economics.

**Daniel Mejía** (Universidad de los Andes), ***“Drug Policies and Violence”***

Daniel Mejía is Associate Professor at the Department of Economics at the Universidad de los Andes. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Economics from Universidad de los Andes, an M.A. in Economics from Universidad de los Andes, an M.A. in Economics from Brown University and his Ph.D. in Economics from Brown University. His research fields are drug policy, illegal drugs and violence in Latin America, political economy of conflict, economics of crime, economic growth, human capital and inequality.

**Martín Rossi** (Universidad de San Andrés), ***“Crime and Recidivism”***

Martín Rossi is Associate Professor of Economics at Universidad de San Andrés and Professor of Economics at Universidad de Buenos Aires. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Oxford in 2004. His research focuses on the intersection between development economics, political economy, and public economics.

**Mariano Tommasi** (Universidad de San Andrés), *“Institutionalization”*

Mariano Tommasi is Professor of Economics at Universidad de San Andres, Argentina. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago. He is Fellow of the Econometric Society, and former President of LACEA. He specializes in institutional analysis and political economy, with focus in Latin America.

**Jeffrey Williamson** (Harvard University), *TBA*

Jeffrey Williamson is Laird Bell Professor of Economics, Emeritus, Honorary Fellow in the Department of Economics at the University of Wisconsin (Madison), Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and Research Fellow for the Center for Economic Policy Research. He obtained his bachelor’s degree in Mathematics from the University Wesleyan, his M.A. in Economics from Stanford University, his M.A. Honorary from Harvard University and his Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University. He does research on economic history and the contemporary Third World.

**Director**

Omar Licandro (Instituto de Análisis Económico, CSIC)

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