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# Call for papers for the Workshop on Economic History

The Research Institute for Development, Growth and Economics (RIDGE) is pleased to announce a call for papers for the Workshop on Economic History, Energy and Natural Resources to be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 26-27 May 2017. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2017 (12 AM ET).

RIDGE invites to send papers to this economic history workshop on all subjects of economic history provided they are particularly concerned with developing regions.

The workshop will be organized in two different sessions: the first one will be open to different topics of economic history, while the second one will focus on energy and natural resources in the economic history of developing regions.

One of the key debates in the field of economic development over the last two decades has been the relationship between the abundance of natural resources and economic development. Some ideas will be discussed: abundant natural resources are non-neutral for economic development; abundance is an endogenous process that responds to technological and institutional conditions, the characteristics of supply and demand, the linkages with other economic sectors, and the incidence of historical conditions; institutional quality is the main factor to deal with abundant natural resources. In this context, energy appears as an indispensable factor to generate wealth and welfare. No human activity is possible without energy use. In addition, to make it accessible and affordable energy sources must be transformed, and this process generates social relations and interaction between societies and their environment.

Diverse sources and forms of energy have been used over time and it has produced historical transitions. The analysis of the specificity of these processes allows us to discuss certain dynamics of economic development and inform us about their sustainability.

The 2017 workshop will take place within the framework of the 2017 RIDGE May Forum along with the following workshops:

- LACEA Trade, Integration and Growth Network, May 19-20 (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- RIDGE/LACEA-PEG Workshop on Political Economy, May 22-23 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Impact Evaluation of Labor Market Policies, May 24-26 (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- Public Economics, May 25-26 (Montevideo, Uruguay)
- Economic History, May 26-27 (Montevideo, Uruguay)

The RIDGE forums aim at the spreading of high quality research in economics by bringing together prestigious researchers working on the frontier of knowledge to local and regional researchers and policymakers.

To view the programme of previous workshops please visit:

[www.ridge.uy/ridge-forums](http://www.ridge.uy/ridge-forums)

Participants to this workshop are welcome to attend the other workshops.

### **Paper Submission**

Full papers, written in English, must be submitted for consideration for the workshop via de RIDGE website:

Each author can submit and present at most one paper per workshop (submission of papers to other workshops is possible).

[www.ridge.uy/paper-submission](http://www.ridge.uy/paper-submission)

### **Important Dates**

**Deadline for paper submission: March 31, 2017 (12 AM ET)**

Notification of organizers decision: April 8, 2017

### **Further Information**

Should you have any questions please contact: [forum@ridge.uy](mailto:forum@ridge.uy)

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### Victor Bulmer-Thomas

Victor Bulmer-Thomas is an associate fellow in the US and the Americas Programme, honorary professor at the Institute of the Americas, University College London, and emeritus professor of economics at London University. From 2001 to 2006 he was the director of Chatham House and from 1992 to 1998 he was the director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at London University.

He edited the Journal of Latin American Studies from 1986 to 1997 and has authored or edited more than 20 books on Latin America and the Caribbean including, *The Economic History of Latin America since Independence* (Third Edition, 2014) and *The Economic History of the Caribbean since the Napoleonic Wars* (2012). He is a non-executive director of the New India Investment Trust and the JP Morgan Brazil Investment Trust. He has received honours from the governments of Brazil, Colombia and the United Kingdom. He is currently writing a book on the United States, to be published by Yale University Press, entitled *Empire Without a Name: Past, Present and Future of the United States*.

### Deirdre McCloskey

Distinguished Professor of Economics and of History, and Professor of English and of Communication, University of Illinois at Chicago, Emerita, August 2015-present. Has published many books on economic history, economic methodology, and more. Her latter trilogy is entitled *Bourgeois Dignity* is about ethics, economics and ideas. She is also the writer of *Rhetoric in economics*. She has taught around the world and received many academic distinctions.

### Vicente Pinilla

Vicente Pinilla is Professor of Economic History in the Department of Applied Economics and Economic History, University of Zaragoza.

His main research fields are natural resources, agriculture and development economics as well as the interaction between economics and environmental analysis. He has served as full professor, director of the master and vice-dean of international relations of the University of Zaragoza, Spain. He has received several prizes for his research on economic history and has authored over 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, written or edited over 10 books, and published in the main journals of the field.