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Tuesday, May 22

8:30 - 9:00hs **Registration & light breakfast**

9:00 - 9:15hs **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Omar Licandro (RIDGE)

Morgan Doyle (IDB)

Felipe Barrera-Osorio (Harvard University)

Session 1: Education

Session Chair: Felipe Barrera-Osorio (Harvard University)

9:15 - 10:00hs **"Equality of Opportunity and Human Capital Accumulation: Ex-ante Effects of a Nationwide Scholarship in Colombia"**

Rachid Laajaj (Universidad de los Andes)

Discussant: Felipe Barrera-Osorio (Harvard University)

10:00 - 10:45hs **"School Performance, Score Inflation and Economic Geography"**

Lorenzo Neri (Queen Mary University of London)

Discussant: Inés Berniell (CEDLAS-UNLP)

10:45 - 11:15hs **Coffee break**

11:15 - 12:00hs **"Poor Little Children: The Socioeconomic Gap in Parental Responses to School Disadvantage"**

Inés Berniell (CEDLAS-UNLP)

Discussant: Mariana Alfonso (IDB)

12:00 - 12:45hs **"Tailoring instruction to improve mathematics skills in preschools: A randomized evaluation"**

Mariana Alfonso (IDB)

Discussant: Lorenzo Neri (Queen Mary University of London)

12:45 - 14:00hs **Lunch**

Session 2: Health

Session Chair: Ana Balsa (Universidad de Montevideo)

14:00 - 14:45hs **"Time-Varying Continuous Interventions: The Roll-out of a Universal Health Insurance Program and its Impact on the Supply of Health Care Services"**

Curtis Huffman (UNAM)

Discussant: Ana Balsa (Universidad de Montevideo)

14:45 - 15:30hs **"Universal Public Health Insurance, Adult Health Status and Labor Supply in Jamaica"**

Diether Beuermann (IDB)

Discussant: Curtis Huffman (UNAM)

15:30 - 16:15hs **"The Effects of In-Kind Team Incentives on Health Worker Performance: Experimental Evidence from El Salvador"**

Pedro Bernal

Discussant: Jessica Goldberg (University of Maryland)

16:15 - 16:45hs **Coffee break**

16:45 - 18:00hs **Keynote Address**
"Low-hanging Fruit' in Improving Cash Transfer Program Effectiveness: Policy and Program Implementation Levers"
Carolyn Heinrich (Vanderbilt University)

Wednesday, May 23

Session 3: Crime

Session Chair: Maria Laura Alzua (CEDLAS-UNLP)

9:00 - 9:45hs **"Do Social Programs Reduce Crime? Evidence from the CCT program Familias en Acción"**
Christian Posso (Banco de la República, Colombia)
Discussant: Diether Beuermann (IDB)

9:45 - 10:30hs **"Unintended effects of Public Infrastructure: Labor, Education and Crime outcomes in El Salvador"**
Wilber Baires (Universidad del Rosario)
Discussant: Maria Laura Alzua (CEDLAS-UNLP)

10:30 - 11:00hs **Coffee break**

Session 4: Productivity

Session Chair: Oscar Mitnik (IDB)

11:00 - 11:45hs **"The Impact of Receiving SMS Price and Weather Information on Colombia's Agricultural Sector"**
Emily Conover (Hamilton College)
Discussant: Rachid Laajaj (Universidad de los Andes)

11:45 - 12:30hs **"Entrepreneurship and Life-Skills Training: Using Centralized Assignment to Evaluate Subsidized Programs in Argentina"**
Santiago Perez Vincent (Università Bocconi)
Discussant: Emily Conover (Hamilton College)

12:30 - 12:45hs **Closing Remarks**
Oscar Mitnik (IDB)
Omar Licandro (RIDGE)