11th Annual Meeting Impact Evaluation Network

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Conference venue: Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administración, Aulario Ciencias Sociales, Room 302, Gonzalo Ramírez 1915, Montevideo

Academic Committee
Felipe Barrera-Osorio (Harvard University)
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Keynote speaker
Carolyn Heinrich (Vanderbilt University)

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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**

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| 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**

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| 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)

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**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)