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The 10th Annual Conference of the LACEA Trade, Integration and Growth Network (TIGN) will be held in Bogotá, Colombia, on May 23rd-24th, 2019. This conference is sponsored by LACEA, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the CAF-Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), the Universidad de Los Andes, and the Research Institute for Development, Growth, and Economics (RIDGE). This year is hosted by Universidad de Los Andes. The local organizer is Marcela Eslava Mejía.

The TIGN conference is a unique event that brings together top researchers and policymakers to discuss recent theoretical and empirical advances in trade and integration and growth broadly defined. The goal of these meetings is to use the findings of research in order to gain a better understanding of the problems, opportunities and policy challenges faced by Latin American and Caribbean countries in the process of integration and also to encourage further research on the subject.

This year selection of contributed papers and discussants will be made by a Program Committee whose members are Marcela Eslava Mejía (Universidad de los Andes), Pablo Fajgelbaum (UCLA), Diego Restuccia (University of Toronto), Peter Schott (Yale School of Management), Pablo Sanguinetti (CAF), and Christian Volpe Martincus (IDB).

Theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented papers dealing with the economics and politics of trade and Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) as well as those linking trade and RTA initiatives with growth and productivity are welcome.

Sponsoring organizations offer hotel accommodations and a round-trip economy class (most direct) airfare. Researchers currently occupying policymaking positions are welcome to participate at the conference without presenting a paper. These participants will, however, have to procure funding from their own institutions to participate in the event.

To register for the conference and submit a paper, please visit the conference website (<https://www.iadb.org/en/trade/tign-current-conference>) and follow the instructions therein. Deadline for submissions is March 1st, 2019. Authors of selected papers and discussants will be notified by March 15th, 2019.