



# X RIDGE FORUM

## WORKSHOP ON

# PUBLIC ECONOMICS

2019 RIDGE MAY FORUM

Medellin, Colombia / May 20-21, 2019

### Scientific Committee

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### Invited Speaker

Julie B. Cullen (UC, San Diego)

**DAY 1 – MONDAY, MAY 20**

9.00 – 9:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**STATE CAPACITY**

9:15 – 10:45 **Outsourcing Service Delivery in a Fragile State: Experimental Evidence from Liberia**  
Mauricio Romero, ITAM

**Playing Whac-A-Mole in the Fight against Corruption: Evidence from Random Audits in Brazil**

Christian Ruzzier, Universidad de San Andrés

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

**ECONOMIC SHOCKS**

11:15 – 12:45 **When Income Effects are Large: Labor Supply Responses and the Value of Welfare Transfers**

Giulia Giupponi, London School of Economics

**Revenue Shocks and Fiscal Capacity: Evidence from Brazil**

Dirk Foremmy, Universitat de Barcelona / I.E.B.

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch**

**GENDER PAY GAP**

14:00 – 15:30 **The Salary Taboo**  
Ricardo Perez-Truglia, UCLA

**Gender Gaps in Labor Informality: The Motherhood Effect**

María de la Mata, CAF-Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

**EDUCATION I**

16:00 – 17:30 **Single-Sex Schools and Student Achievement: Early-age Evidence from Admission Lotteries**

Soledad Giardili, Queen Mary University of London

**Pricing Private Education in Urban India: Demand, Use, and Impact**

Priya Mukherjee, College of William & Mary

## DAY 2 – TUESDAY, MAY 21

9.00 – 9:15

**Welcome**

### PUBLIC POLICY

9:15 – 10:45

**Public development banks and credit market imperfections**

Marcela Eslava, Universidad de los Andes

**Optimal Taxation and Informality**

Daniel Wills, Universidad de los Andes

10:45 – 11:15

**Coffee break**

### TAXATION

11:15 – 12:45

**Compliance Spillovers Across Taxes: The Role of Penalties and Detection**

Carlos Scartascini, Inter-American Development Bank

**Auditing Away Tax Revenue - Impact of Third Party Audit on Firm Behavior in India**

Bhanu Gupta, University of Michigan

12:45 – 14:00

**Lunch**

### KEYNOTE TALK

14:00 – 15:30

**Tax morale and tax evasion**

Julie Cullen, UC, San Diego

15:30 – 16:00

**Coffee break**

### EDUCATION II

16:00 – 18:10

**Home alone vs kids club: adult supervision matters for grades**

Claudia Martinez, PUC-Chile

**Ethnic diversity in Peruvian schools: Disentangling peer and class composition effects**

Nicolás Navarro, University of Oxford

**Do Parents Know Best? The Short and Long-Run Effects of Attending The Schools that Parents Prefer**

Diether Beuermann, Inter-American Development Bank