

WAPLAC Workshop # 1. Welfare and policies in LAC: advances and challenges ahead

9–10 May 2024, San José, Costa Rica

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are delighted to invite researchers to submit papers for the international workshop celebrating the launch of the [network on Welfare & Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean \(WAPLAC\)](#), which will take place at the University of Costa Rica in San José on 9–10 May 2024. This workshop aims to take stock of recent research on fiscal and welfare policies, inequality, wellbeing, labor market dynamics, support for democracy, and other social outcomes in LAC. Contributions could focus especially on the progress made by the expansion of socio-fiscal policies in the region and the challenges faced to implement sustainable welfare policies from a multidimensional perspective.

Contributions in various domains of economics, quantitative social sciences and political sciences are welcome, and in particular on (but not restricted to).

- Tax-benefit systems, redistribution and poverty
- Informal employment, labor markets dynamics and working conditions.
- Welfare programs and their impacts on education and health inequalities.
- Perceptions of richness, fairness, income inequality, and wellbeing.
- Political economy, voting attitudes, social unrest and the middle class, and other determinants of societal change.

Contributions focusing on other world regions are also welcome as long as there is a clear application for the context of LAC.

Keynote speaker: [Adriana Camacho](#) (Universidad de los Andes)

Scientific Committee: Olivier Bargain (Bordeaux School of Economics), H. Xavier Jara (London School of Economics), Francisco Ferreira (London School of Economics), Joana Silva (World Bank & Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics), Salvador Barrios (Joint Research Centre, European Commission), Veronica Amarante (Universidad de la República, Uruguay), Luis Vargas Montoya (Universidad de Costa Rica), Luis Huesca (Research Center for Food and Development A.C., Mexico), Pia Rattenhuber (UNU-WIDER).

Submission guideline: A full paper or an extended abstract must be submitted before **29 February 2024** to h.x.jara-tamayo@lse.ac.uk and david.rivera-gonzalez@u-bordeaux.fr (The name of the pdf should begin with the corresponding authors' last name). We also encourage submissions of complete sessions (4 papers) indicating the name of the corresponding chairperson.

Decisions will be communicated by **4 March** and registrations will be open until **2 April**. There are no registration fees. More information at <http://waplac.org/event/waplac-workshop-1-costa-rica>