

# Welfare and Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean 2025

Dialogues on inequality, wellbeing,  
and structural transformation

**-AGENDA-**

December 18–19, 2025



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### DAY 1 - Thursday, December 18

#### Schedule

**Location:** Auditorium of the Faculty of Education Sciences

08:30 - 09:00

Registration

09:00 - 09:15

Welcome

09:15 - 09:30

#### WAPLAC Opening Session

Olivier Bargain (Bordeaux School of Economics); H. Xavier Jara (London School of Economics); Andrés Mideros-Mora (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador).

09:30- 10:30

#### Invited Lecture "Reconfiguring Work in Latin America: Formalization, Social Protection, and a Fair Energy Transition"

Ítalo B. Cardona Monterroza (Director of ILO for Andean Countries)

10:30 - 11:00

#### Coffee Break

**Location:** Lobby of the Auditorium, Faculty of Education Sciences

11:00-12:30

#### Parallel Session 1A. Mobility and opportunity

**Location:** Auditorium 1 – Tower 1

Social Mobility into the Middle Classes and the Influence of the Territory  
*Thibault Plassot (Bordeaux School of Economics)*

Inheriting Subsidies: Intergenerational Correlation in Conditional Cash Transfers in Colombia  
*Blanca Zuluaga (Universidad Icesi, Economics Department)*

Intergenerational Mobility in Ecuador: A First Approach  
*Lorena Moreno (Tufts University)*

Willingness to compensate for unequal circumstances and effort: Evidence based on an experimental questionnaire  
*Elisa Failache (IECON, FCEA Universidad de la República)*

#### Parallel Session 1B. Policies and poverty

**Location:** Auditorium 2 – Tower 1

Structural conditions of impoverishment and socioeconomic inequality in Ecuador  
*Andrés Mideros (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador)*

Tax-benefit systems in Mexico: policy swapping across systems using MEXMOD (2014 vs 2022)  
*Luis Huesca (CIAD & Universidad de Sonora)*

Pathways to avoid high extreme poverty in Ecuador: a qualitative comparative analysis  
*Pablo Garcés-Velástegui (Norwegian University of Science and Technology)*

Beyond Emergency Measures: Assessing Preexisting Social Policy and Labor Program Expansion in Latin America During COVID-19  
*Juan Jacobo Velasco (ILO, International Labour Office)*

12:30- 13:30	<b>Lunch</b> <b>Location:</b> Hall of the Faculty of Architecture	
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Keynote Lecture "Measuring Development from Space: The Use of Nighttime Lights in Evaluating Social Programs"</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium of the Faculty of Education Sciences Adriana Camacho (CAF – Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe)	
14:40- 16:10	<b>Parallel Session 2A. Fiscal policy and social outcomes</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	<b>Parallel Session 2B. Pensions and demographic change</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium 2 – Tower 1
	<p>What goes down must come up? Eliciting the role of tax-benefit policies in reducing poverty and inequality over two decades <i>David Rivera (Bordeaux School of Economics)</i></p> <p>Unemployment Insurance Analysis in Colombia <i>Nicolás Guida-Johnson (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Departamento de Economía)</i></p> <p>The Bono de Desarrollo Humano conditional cash transfer program and premature cardiovascular mortality in Ecuador: a nationwide fixed effects panel study at canton level between 2010-19 <i>Ronal Ruiz (Universidad Internacional del Ecuador)</i></p>	<p>Pensions, Sickness, and Intergenerational Time Use Decisions <i>Mauricio Salazar-Saenz (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana)</i></p> <p>The Impact of Social Pensions on Mortality: Evidence from Peru's Pension 65 Program <i>Javier Olivera , (PUCP; LISER)</i></p> <p>The Fiscal Impact of Demographic Change in Ecuador under the Generational Economy Approach <i>Margarita Velin (Escuela Politécnica Nacional; Universidad Internacional del Ecuador)</i></p> <p>Assessing the Demographic Dividend in Ecuador <i>Juan Andrade Vela (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador)</i></p>
16:10- 16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Location:</b> Hall of the Faculty of Architecture	
16:30-18:00	<b>Parallel Session 3A. Social assistance and intra-household dynamics</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	<b>Parallel Session 3B. YSI: Welfare and Policy in LAC</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium 2 – Tower 1
	<p>Gender-Targeted Transfers and Women's Consumption: A Structural Regression Discontinuity Approach <i>Olivier Bargain (Bordeaux School of Economics)</i></p> <p>Spillovers in Earnings Responses to Social Assistance Programs: Evidence from the Workplace <i>Joan Vilá (IECON-UDELAR &amp; UNLP)</i></p> <p>Cash transfers to the poor and labor market participation: The case of a Guaranteed Minimum Income Strategy in Bogotá <i>Yadira Díaz (Javeriana University Cali)</i></p> <p>Non-contributory Pension Programs and Intra-Household Inequality <i>José L. Casco (Economics Research Division, Bank of Mexico)</i></p>	<p>Impact Evaluation of the Social Electricity Tariff Program in Brazil: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design <i>Beatriz Morgado Marcoje (Federal Fluminense University)</i></p> <p>The Financialization of Deprivation: The Debt Poor in Brazil <i>Pedro Rubin (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro)</i></p> <p>Renda Básica de Cidadania: beyond income, a path to freedom <i>Jessica Maldonado (Federal Fluminense University)</i></p> <p>Perceptions of domestic labor and intra-household decision-making in Colombia <i>Johanna Gómez Castro (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana)</i></p>
20:00	<b>Dinner</b> <b>Location:</b> Cultural Center – Fourth Floor	

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**DAY 2 - Friday, December 19**

Schedule		Location: Tower 1	
09:00 – 10:30	<b>Invited Session 4A. Women, Work, and Inequality in Latin America: Emerging Perspectives from Young Researchers (co-organized by FES-PUCE )</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	<b>Parallel Session 4B. Environment and trust</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium 2 – Tower 1	
	<p>Gender Inequality and Discrimination in the Ecuadorian Labor Market, 2010–2019: Proposals for Equity and Equality <i>Erika Herrera (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador)</i></p> <p>The Impact of Access to Care Services on Women’s Participation in Adequate Employment in Ecuador During the Last Five Years (2018–2022) <i>Camila Rodríguez (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador)</i></p> <p>Teenage Pregnancy and Women's Labor Income: Evidence from Ecuador <i>María José Garrido (Universidad de las Américas - UDLA)</i></p>	<p>Stacking it up: A comprehensive view on the incidence of carbon prices across income groups in 6 OECD Countries <i>Cathal O'Donoghue (University of Galway)</i></p> <p>Perceptions of environmental concerns in Latin American ‘periphery’: Insights from a mixed quantitative-qualitative empirical design <i>Matthieu Clément (Bordeaux School of Economics)</i></p> <p>Trust and Reform capacity: Micro-level evidence from Latin America <i>Stefanie Roost (United Nations University UNU-MERIT)</i></p>	
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b> <b>Location:</b> Hall of the Faculty of Architecture		
11:00-12:30	<b>Parallel Session 5A. Wages and jobs</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	<b>Parallel Session 5B. Data developments for socio-economic research</b> <b>Location:</b> Auditorium 2 – Tower 1	
	<p>Macroeconomic Consequences of Minimum Wage in a Developing Country <i>Paúl Carrillo Maldonado (Universidad de las Américas - UDLA)</i></p> <p>Unequal Impacts of AI on Colombia's Labor Market: An Analysis of AI Exposure, Wages, and Job Dynamics <i>Pamela Caiza-Guamán (Universidad del Rosario )</i></p> <p>Short- and long-term wage effects of job exits: insights from matched employer-employee data in Argentina <i>Roxana Maurizio (Instituto Interdisciplinario de Economía Política Universidad de Buenos Aires)</i></p>	<p>A Mirror of Status? Regional and Structural Correlates of Imputed Income in Mexico <i>Pedro Torres (London School of Economics)</i></p> <p>Taking income imputation forward: developing an income variable for the Mexican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian censuses <i>Gabriela Sandoval (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador )</i></p> <p>Extreme Income Inequality in Ecuador - Dollarization, Commodity Price Boom, and Citizen Revolution <i>Markus Nabernegg (University of Giessen)</i></p> <p>Enhancing Labor Market Intelligence in Ecuador: A Framework for Generating, Standardizing and Analyzing Job Demand Data <i>Andrés Villacís (INEC)</i></p>	



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### Lunch

12:30- 14:00

Location: t.b.c

### Parallel Session 6A. Productivity, employment and growth

Location: Auditorium 1 – Tower 1

CEO Gender, Boardroom participation with endogenous decisions and Firm Productivity

*Segundo Camino-Mogro (Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Universidad Espiritu Santo)*

Vulnerable employee mobility in Ecuador during the 2024 economic recession: a comparative analysis of advanced classification methods

*Grace Llerena (FLASCO Ecuador, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales)*

An estimate of the contribution of migrant remittances to Ecuador's economic growth via a VARX model (1993–2019)

*Lourdes Montesdeoca (Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales)*

### Parallel Session 6B. Socioeconomic vulnerabilities and security

Location: Auditorium 2 – Tower 1

When inclusion backfires. Financial vulnerability and exclusion in Ecuador

*Diego Grijalva (Universidad San Francisco de Quito)*

The Role of Small Towns in Ensuring Food Security

*Grace Guerrero Zurita (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador)*

Homicides, mobility restrictions and COVID-19: The Ecuadorian case

*William Ramos Chucuri (Instituto de Investigaciones de la Ciudad – Municipio de Quito and UDLA)*

### Coffee break

15:30- 16:00

Location: Hall of the Faculty of Architecture

### Policy Panel “Challenges for sustainable development in Ecuador” (in Spanish)

Location: Auditorium of the Faculty of Education Sciences

**Speakers:** *Inka Mattila (Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo), Mariana Yumbay (Asamblea Nacional del Ecuador), Gonzalo Criollo (CONQUITO) & Andrés Mideros-Mora (PUCE)*

**Chair:** *H. Xavier Jara (London School of Economics)*

16:00-17:30

### Closing Event

17:30

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