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2nd International Workshop
18-19 December 2025, Quito, Ecuador

DAY 1 - Thursday, December 18

08:30 – 09:00	**Registration** **Location: Lobby of the Auditorium, Faculty of Education Sciences**	
09:00 – 09:15	**Welcome** Location: Auditorium of the Faculty of Education Sciences P. Carlos Ignacio Man-Ging, S.J. (Rector Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador) t.b.c.	
09:15 – 9:30	**WAPLAC Opening Session** Location: Auditorium of the Faculty of Education Sciences Olivier Bargain (Bordeaux School of Economics); H. Xavier Jara (London School of Economics); Andrés Mideros-Mora (PUCE).	
9:30 – 10:30	**Invited Lecture "Reconfiguring Work in Latin America: Formalization, Social Protection, and a Fair Energy Transition"** Location: Auditorium of the Faculty of Education Sciences Italo 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	**Parallel Session 1B. Policies and poverty** Location: Auditorium 2 – 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)*	Condiciones estructurales del empobrecimiento y la desigualdad socioeconómica en el 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	**Lunch** **Location: t.b.c**	
13:30 – 14:30	**Keynote Lecture "Measuring Development from Space: The Use of Nighttime Lights in Evaluating Social Programs"** Location: Auditorium of the Faculty of Education Sciences Adriana Camacho (CAF – Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina y el Caribe)	
14:40 – 16:10	**Parallel Session 2A. Fiscal policy and social outcomes** Location: Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	**Parallel Session 2B. Pensions and demographic change** Location: Auditorium 2 – Tower 1
	What goes down must come up? Eliciting the role of tax-benefit policies in reducing poverty and inequality over two decades *David Rivera (Bordeaux School of Economics)* Unemployment Insurance Analysis in Colombia *Nicolás Guida-Johnson (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Departamento de Economía)* 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 *Ronal Ruiz (Universidad Internacional del Ecuador)* Trust and Reform capacity: Micro-level evidence from Latin America *Stefanie Roost (United Nations University UNU-MERIT)*	Pensions, Sickness, and Intergenerational Time Use Decisions *Mauricio Salazar-Saenz (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana)* The Impact of Social Pensions on Mortality: Evidence from Peru's Pension 65 Program *Javier Olivera , (PUCP; LISER)* The Fiscal Impact of Demographic Change in Ecuador under the Generational Economy Approach *Margarita Velin (Escuela Politécnica Nacional; Universidad Internacional del Ecuador)* Assessing the Demographic Dividend in Ecuador *Juan Andrade Vela (PUCE)*
16:10 – 16:30	**Coffee Break** **Location: Lobby – Tower 1**	
16:30 – 18:00	**Parallel Session 3A. Social assistance and intra-household dynamics** Location: Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	**Parallel Session 3B. YSI: Welfare and Policy in LAC** Location: Auditorium 2 – Tower 1
	Gender-Targeted Transfers and Women's Consumption: A Structural Regression Discontinuity Approach *Olivier Bargain (Bordeaux School of Economics)* Spillovers in Earnings Responses to Social Assistance Programs: Evidence from the Workplace *Joan Vilá (IECON-UDELAR & UNLP)* Cash transfers to the poor and labor market participation: The case of a Guaranteed Minimum Income Strategy in Bogotá *Yadira Diaz (Javeriana University Cali)* The Bank of Mexico Non-contributory Pension Programs and Intra-Household Inequality *José L. Casco (Economics Research Division, Bank of Mexico)*	Impact Evaluation of the Social Electricity Tariff Program in Brazil: Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design *Beatriz Morgado Marcoje (Universidade Federal Fluminense)* The Financialization of Deprivation: The Debt Poor in Brazil *Pedro Rubin (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro)* Renda Básica de Cidadania: beyond income, a path to freedom *Jessica Maldonado (Federal Fluminense University)* Perceptions of domestic labor and intra-household decision-making in Colombia *Johanna Gomez Castro (Pontificia Universidad Javeriana)*
20:00	**Dinner** **Location: t.b.c**	

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DAY 2 - Friday, December 19

09:00 – 10:30	**Invited Session 4A. Women, Work, and Inequality in Latin America: Emerging Perspectives from Young Researchers (co-organized by FES-PUCE)** Location: Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	**Parallel Session 4B. Environment** Location: Auditorium 2 – Tower 1
	Gender Inequality and Discrimination in the Ecuadorian Labor Market, 2010–2019: Proposals for Equity and Equality *Erika Herrera (PUCE)*	Natural Disasters and Coping Mechanisms *Aditi Kharb (School of Economics, University College Dublin)*
	The Impact of Access to Care Services on Women's Participation in Adequate Employment in Ecuador During the Last Five Years (2018–2022) *Camila Rodríguez (PUCE)*	Gender, Weather Shocks, and Labor Supply Decisions:Evidence from Urban Colombia *Natalia Labrador-Bernate (Aix-Marseille University, AMSE)*
	Teenage Pregnancy and Women's Labor Income: Evidence from Ecuador *María José Garrido (Universidad de Las Américas)*	Stacking it up: A comprehensive view on the incidence of carbon prices across income groups in 6 OECD Countries *Cathal O'Donoghue (University of Galway)*
	Unequal Impacts of AI on Colombia's Labor Market: An Analysis of AI Exposure, Wages, and Job Dynamics *Pamela Caiza-Guamán (Universidad del Rosario)*	Perceptions of environmental concerns in Latin American 'periphery': Insights from a mixed quantitative-qualitative empirical design *Matthieu Clément (Bordeaux School of Economics)*
10:30 – 11:00	**Coffee Break** **Location: Lobby – Tower 1**	
11:00 – 12:30	**Parallel Session 5A. Wages and jobs** Location: Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	**Parallel Session 5B. Data developments for socio-economic research** Location: Auditorium 2 – Tower 1
	Macroeconomic Consequences of Minimum Wage in a Developing Country *Paul Carrillo Maldonado (Universidad de las Américas (UDLA)*	A Mirror of Status? Regional and Structural Correlates of Imputed Income in Mexico *Pedro Torres (London School of Economics)*
	The Effects of the National Minimum Wage and Its Increased Enforcement on Wage Inequality in Ecuador *Wilson Guzmán (Universidad Católica de Cuenca)*	Taking income imputation forward: developing an income variable for the Mexican, Ecuadorian, and Colombian censuses *Gabriela Sandoval (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador)*
	The Impact of Collectively Bargained Wage Floors on Job Reallocation: Evidence from Uruguay *Paula Carrasco (IECON, FCEA Universidad de la República)*	Extreme Income Inequality in Ecuador - Dollarization, Commodity Price Boom, and Citizen Revolution *Markus Nabernegg (University of Giessen)*
	Short- and long-term wage effects of job exits: insights from matched employer-employee data in Argentina *Roxana Maurizio (Instituto Interdisciplinario de Economía Política Universidad de Buenos Aires)*	Enhancing Labor Market Intelligence in Ecuador: A Framework for Generating, Standardizing and Analyzing Job Demand Data *Andrés Villacís (INEC)*
12:30 – 14:00	**Lunch** **Location: t.b.c**	
14:00 – 15:30	**Parallel Session 6A. Productivity, employment and growth** Location: Auditorium 1 – Tower 1	**Parallel Session 6B. Socioeconomic vulnerabilities and security** Location: Auditorium 2 – Tower 1
	CEO Gender, Boardroom participation with endogenous decisions and Firm Productivity *Segundo Camino-Mogro (Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Universidad Espiritu Santo)*	When inclusion backfires. Financial vulnerability and exclusion in Ecuador *Diego Grijalva (Universidad San Francisco de Quito)*
	Cash and Cognition: The Impact of Transfer Timing on Standardized Test Performance and Human Capital *Germán Reyes (Middlebury College)*	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)*
	The Unintended Consequences of Place-Based Industrial Policies: Evidence from Colombia *Laura Contreras-Portela (Aix-Marseille University, AMSE)*	The Role of Small Towns in Ensuring Food Security *Grace Guerrero Zurita (PUCE)*
	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)*	Homicides, mobility restrictions and COVID-19: The Ecuadorian case *William Ramos Chucuri (Instituto de Investigaciones de la Ciudad – Municipio de Quito and UDLA)*
15:30 – 16:00	**Coffee Break** **Location: Lobby – Tower 1**	
16:00 – 17:30	**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) & Andrés Mideros-Mora (PUCE) Chair: H. Xavier Jara (London School of Economics)	
17:30	**Closing event**	

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