

WAPLAC Workshop # 3. Welfare and policies in Latin America and the Caribbean

20-21 October 2026, Ciudad de México, México

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are delighted to invite researchers to submit papers for the **3rd international workshop** of the [network on Welfare & Policy in Latin America and the Caribbean \(WAPLAC\)](#), taking place at Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM) 20-21 October 2026. 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 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.
- Equality of Opportunity and Intergenerational Mobility
- Perceptions of richness, fairness, income inequality, and wellbeing.
- Political economy, social unrest and the middle class, as well as 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 speakers: [Gabriel Yorio](#) (Inter-American Development Bank)

Policy Panel: [Raymundo Campos-Vázquez](#) (COLMEX), [Sofía Ramírez Aguilar](#) (México, ¿Cómo Vamos?), [Roberto Vélez Grajales](#) (CEEY)

Submission guideline: A full paper (preferred) or an extended abstract must be submitted before **30 June 2026** 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 **30 July** and registrations will be open until **1 September**. There are no registration fees.

Financial support: As the conference entails no registration fees, participants are expected to cover costs through their home institutions. Funding for accommodation and travel may be available for a limited number of **selected young scholars** (PhD candidates, and early-career researchers) thanks to our partner, the Young Scholars Initiative (YSI) with a preference for scholars based in Latin America. To be eligible, please mention your interest in your WAPLAC submission email. Pre-selected candidates will then be invited in July to submit a second-round application specifically for YSI funding.

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

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