The Network on Inequality and Poverty of LACEA, World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank was established to stimulate academic work in the Latin American and Caribbean region. The conference will be hosted this year by the Center for Social Policies (CPS/IBRE/FGV).

Keynote Address: James Heckman, Henry Schultz Distinguished Service Professor of Economics and Director of Social Program Evaluation at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago, will present: "Structural Equations, Treatment Effects and Econometric Policy Evaluation"

Chair: Marcelo Neri

The Social Impact of Crime

Chair: Francisco Ferreira
Discussant: Andrew Morrison

François Bourguignon and Andrew Morrison "Measuring the social costs of crime and violence: A methodological primer"

Fabio Sanchez and Jairo Nunez "Crime and income distribution in Colombia: a 20 year history" (project's initial results)

Renata Villoro and Graciela Teruel "The social cost of crime in Mexico" (project's initial results)

Coffee Break

The Economics of Child Labor

Chair: Arianna Legovini
Discussant: Pierre Couralet, Delta

Sonya Bhalotra "Is Child Labor Necessary?"

*Lopez Calva "A Social Stigma Model of Child Labor"

*L. Gomez de Leon and S. Parker "The impact of anti-poverty programs on children in the case of Progresa in Mexico"

Lopez Calva and Freije "Child Labor and Poverty In Venezuela And Mexico" (project's initial results)

Lunch Break

Targeting the Poor and Evaluating Results

Chair/discussant: James Heckman

*Gwendolyn Alexander "Microfinance in the 21st Century: How New Lending Methodologies May Influence Who We Reach and the Impact that We Have on the Poor"

*Ricardo Cossa "Determinants of Schooling Attainment in Argentina: An Empirical Analysis with Extensions to Policy Evaluation"

Mauricio León Guzmán, Wladymir Brborich, Rob Vos "Bono solidario: ¿compensación social o lucha contra la pobreza?" (project's initial results)

Javier Herrera and Vilma Sandoval "Poverty Dynamics in Peru" (project's initial results)

*Joseph P. Kaboski "A Theory of Growth and the Returns to Schooling with Rising Educational Attainment"

Coffee Break

Roundtable discussion: The Network on Inequality and Poverty and its Future Agenda

Introductory remarks by Nora Lustig and Michael Walton followed by open discussion

9h00 - 10h00

10h00 - 11h15

11h15 - 11h30

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