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Program

Friday 23 October 2026

08:45-08:50 *Welcome - Romero, Rasul, ITAM, CAF*

08:50-10:50 S1. Human capital formation

Targeting Foundational Skills at Scale: Skill Specificity and Transfer	<u>Andreas de Barros</u> (<i>University of California, Irvine</i>), Theresa Lubozha	50 min
Dynamic Complementarities in Human Capital Formation: Long-Term Evidence from Preschool and School Feeding	<u>Camila Galindo</u> (<i>Universidad de los Andes</i>), Fabio Sanchez	50 min
Menstrual Stigma and Human Capital: Experimental Evidence from Madagascar	<u>Duncan Webb</u> (<i>Nova School of Business and Economics</i>), Karen Macours, Julieta Vera Rueda	20 min

10:50-11:20 *Coffee (30 min)*

11:20-12:20 S2. Early-career session I - Land, environment & firms

Land Subsidence: Environmental Risk in Housing Markets in Mexico City	<u>Lucy Hackett</u> (<i>Banco de México</i>), Carolina Rodríguez-Zamora	20 min
Environmental Regulation and Labor Reallocation: Evidence from a developing economy	<u>Carlos Guilherme da Neves Cabrine</u> (<i>Fundação Getulio Vargas</i>), Francisco Costa	20 min
Size-based business taxation in a high-informality context	<u>Cristiano Costa Carvalho</u> (<i>PUC-Rio</i>)	20 min

12:20-13:40 *Lunch (1h20)*

13:40-15:10 S3. Environmental regulation & adaptation

Floods: Measurement, Impacts, and Adaptation	<u>Dev Patel</u> (<i>Brown University</i>)	50 min
Environmental Regulation, Firm Export Dynamics, and Welfare: Evidence from Mexico's Air-Quality Programs	<u>Bonang Seuela</u> (<i>Indiana University</i>)	20 min
Structural Change Through Environmental Regulation: Evidence from São Paulo's Fire Ban	<u>Francisco Costa</u> (<i>FGV EPGE Brazilian School of Economics and Finance</i>), Francisco Luis Lima, Leticia Nunes	20 min

15:10-15:40 *Coffee (30 min)*

15:40-17:30 S4. Market power & allocation

Defensive Specialization: Theory and Evidence from Mexico's Retail Sector	<u>Miguel Angel Talamas Marcos</u> (<i>Inter American Development Bank</i>), Luis Cabral, Tommaso Bondi, Shreya Kankanhalli	50 min
Quality Standards, College Market Power, and the Allocation of Human Capital	<u>Felipe Bragues</u> (<i>ITAM</i>), Luis Armona, Rebecca De Simone, Sebastian Otero	20 min
Shifting Pathways: Anticipatory Responses to Preferential Admissions in Elite Colleges	<u>Ana Paula Melo</u> (<i>Howard University</i>), Ursula Mello, Alei Santos	20 min

The Market for Antibiotics: Sorting, Signals, and Regulation in Kenya	<u>Anne Karing</u> (<i>University of Chicago</i>), Michael Dinerstein, Younggeun Yoo	20 min
17:30 Conference dinner, on campus		

Saturday 24 October 2026

09:00-11:00 S5. Agriculture, growth & poverty

Trac(k)tors of Change: Monitoring, Tractor Mobility and Agricultural Mechanization in Kenya	<u>Sophie Nottmeyer</u> (<i>Banco de México</i>)	50 min
What Started China's Miracle? The View from Outer Space	<u>Joel Ferguson</u> (<i>University of Wisconsin – Madison</i>), Oliver Kim	50 min
The Sisyphean Pursuit of Evidence for Poverty Traps	<u>Amol Singh Raswan</u> (<i>University of California – Berkeley</i>), Dean Karlan, Christopher Udry	20 min

11:00-11:30 Coffee (30 min)

11:30-12:30 S6. Early-career session II - Human capital & social protection

Who Stays the Course? Early Classroom Rank and Educational Trajectories	<u>Jesus Gutierrez Andrade</u> (<i>Lancaster University</i>), Saurabh Singhal	20 min
The Price of Formality: The Role of Social Insurance in Labor Market Choices	<u>Karla Hernandez</u> (<i>Pontificia Universidad Javeriana</i>)	20 min
Timing Matters: Evidence from Government Benefit Schedules	<u>Felipe Tomkowski</u> (<i>Insper</i>), Filipe Correia, Marco Bonomo, Lucas Iten Teixeira	20 min

12:30-13:50 Lunch (1h20)

13:50-15:30 S7. Information, networks & markets

Nationwide Diffusion of Technology: Experimental Evidence from Multiple Networks	<u>Deivy Houeix</u> (<i>Harvard University</i>)	50 min
Screening Women Out? Pay Transparency in Job Postings	<u>Amen Jalal</u> (<i>Harvard University</i>)	50 min

15:30-15:40 Closing