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DAY 1 – NOV 18TH

From	To	Session				
8:15	8:30	<div>Opening ceremony</div> <div>Oscar Molina Tejerina, President SEBOL</div> <div>Sergio Daga, Vice-Rector UPSA</div>				
8:30	9:30	<div>Keynote lecture</div> <div>Christina Gravert</div> <div>University of Copenhagen</div> <div>Session chair: Pablo Selaya</div> <div><div>Registration</div><div>Live Streaming  </div></div>				
9:30	9:45	Break				
9:45	11:15	<div>Parallel A1</div> <div>Refugees and Migration</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel A2</div> <div>Informality and Labor 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel A3</div> <div>Health 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel A4</div> <div>Demography and mobility</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel A5</div> <div>Political Economy 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>
11:15	11:30	Break				
11:30	12:30	<div>Special session</div> <div>INEQUALITREES: A Novel Look at Socio-Economic Inequalities using Electricity Consumption Data</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• ELBOL: An anonymized research database with monthly household/firm level electricity consumption in Bolivia from 2012 to 2016. Ariel Zeballos (UPB).• Assessing the importance of nighttime light imagery for modelling electricity consumption and poverty in Bolivia. Andrea Sofia Garcia de Leon (German Aerospace Center).• The impact of income level and household composition on energy consumption in Bolivia: A simulation approach. Claudia Sánchez (UMSS).• Unfinished migration and structural poverty in Bolivia: an analysis with electricity consumption data. Guillermo Guzmán (CIDES-UMSA and UPB)</div> <div>Chair: Lykke Andersen (SDSN Bolivia).</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>		<div>Special session</div> <div>Evaluación de la calidad del crecimiento en Bolivia</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentación del libro: Evaluación de la calidad del crecimiento en Bolivia. Beatriz Muriel (INESAD)• Capítulo: Equidad y oportunidades educativas: Evidencia para el periodo 2000-2019. Ernesto Yañez (Fundación ARU)• Capítulo: Instituciones, desigualdad y Crecimiento en Bolivia (1996-2018). Iván Velásquez (Fundación Konrad Adenauer)</div> <div>Chair: Beatriz Muriel (INESAD).</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>		
12:30	13:00	Lunch Break				
13:00	14:30	<div>Parallel B1</div> <div>Conflict and violence</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel B3</div> <div>Education 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel B4</div> <div>Firms and the Macroeconomy</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel B5</div> <div>Institutions 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	
14:30	14:45	Break				



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14:45	15:45	Special session <p>Análisis cuantitativo de tópicos del bienestar social</p> <p>Augmented Proxy Mean Tests. Can Machine Learning Improve Targeting Effectiveness?. Werner Hernani-Limarino (ABCE).</p> <p>Entre la sostenibilidad y el mercado: El dilema de los productores de quinua del Altiplano Sud de Bolivia. Elizabeth Jiménez Zamora (ABCE).</p> <p>Chair: Oscar Molina (SEBOL).</p> <p> Registration</p>	Special session <p>¿Cómo acelerar el crecimiento económico y fortalecer la clase media en Bolivia?</p> <p>Speaker: Osmel Manzano, Regional Economic Advisor, Country Department Andean Group, Inter-American Development Bank</p> <p>Chair: Beatriz Muriel (INESAD)</p> <p> Registration</p>	Special session <p>La vía rápida hacia nuevas competencias. Programas cortos de educación superior en América Latina y el Caribe</p> <p>Speaker: María Marta Ferreyra, Senior economist at the Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean, The World Bank.</p> <p>Chair: Sergio Daga (UPSA).</p> <p> Registration</p>
15:45	16:00	Break		
16:00	17:00	Keynote lecture <p>Paulina Restrepo-Echavarría Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis</p> <p>Session chair: Sergio Daga</p> <p> Registration</p> <p>Live Streaming  </p>		






















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9:30	9:45	<div>Welcoming words</div> <div>Fabiola Saavedra-Caballero, UC Louvain</div>				
9:45	10:45	<div>Keynote lecture</div> <div>Henrik Vigh</div> <div>University of Copenhagen</div> <div>Session chair: Pablo Selaya</div> <div><div>Registration</div><div>Live Streaming  </div></div>				
10:45	11:00	Break				
11:00	12:30	<div>Parallel C1</div> <div>Social mobility 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel C2</div> <div>Bolivia and Growth</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel C3</div> <div>Macroeconomic Risk</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel C4</div> <div>Education 2</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel C5</div> <div>Business cycles and macro 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>
12:30	13:00	Lunch break				
13:00	14:30	<div>Parallel D1</div> <div>Bolivia 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel D2</div> <div>Labor 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel D3</div> <div>Public 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel D4</div> <div>Macro 3</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel D5</div> <div>Technology 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>
14:30	14:45	Break				
14:45	16:15	<div>Parallel E1</div> <div>Finance 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel E2</div> <div>Public health 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel E3</div> <div>External 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	<div>Parallel E4</div> <div>Methods and Theory 1</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	
16:15	16:30	Break				
16:30	17:15	<div>Special session</div> <div>Bolivian Women in Economics Network (BOWEN) – Conversatorio Mujeres en economía: Experiencias en la Academia</div> <div>Guests:</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Raquel Fernández (NYU).Paulina Restrepo-Echavarría (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis).</div> <div>Chair: Fabiola Saavedra-Caballero (UC Louvain).</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>			<div>Special session</div> <div>Graduate Programs in Economics and Finance</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Universidad Alberto Hurtado.Universidad de Talca.Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz de la Sierra.Universidad Privada Boliviana.</div> <div>Chair: Mauricio Tejada (SEBOL).</div> <div><div>Registration</div></div>	
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Keynote lecture

Raquel Fernandez

New York University

Session chair: Fabiola Saavedra-Caballero

18:30

18:45

Closing words by organizers

Fabiola Saavedra, **UC Louvain** – BCDE 2021 Co-Chair

Sergio Daga, **UPSA** – BCDE 2021 Co-Chair

Diego Escobari, **University of Texas Rio Grande Valley** – BCDE 2022 Chair

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PARALLEL SESSION

TITLE, AUTHOR (AFFILIATION)

A1 - Refugees and migration

Should Host Countries Regulate or Deregulate the Labour Immigration Policy When Accepting Study Migrants?

Akira Shimada (Nagasaki University, Japan)

International migration and government policies: Immigration vs. emigration restrictions

Christoph Deuster (Institute for Employment Research - IAB)

The “Refugee Rate”: Evidence from a Field Experiment of Discrimination Against Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Jamie Simonson (Univeristy of Cape Town)

A2 - Informality and Labor 1

Import Competition, Labor Market Regulations, and Firm Outsourcing

Pavel Chakraborty (Lancaster University)

Informal Input Suppliers, Quality Choice and Welfare

Sergio Daga (Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz de la Sierra - UPSA)

A3 - Health 1

Estimated impact of the 2020 economic downturn on under-5 mortality for 129 countries

Marcelo Cardona (Rockwool Fonden)

Spatial inequality in Health: Non-Communicable Diseases in Bolivia, determinants and current challenges at the Municipal level

Soraya Román (UPB)

Epidemics, Diversity, and Group Identities: Evidence from West African Ebola Outbreak

Alexander Yarkin (Brown University)

A4 - Demography and mobility

Displacement: a step on early marriage? Natural disasters and bride price tradition

Laura Muñoz Blanco (Trinity College Dublin)

The Role of Non-Cognitive Skills in Improving Academic Performance: Evidence from a field experiment in Pakistan

Maryiam Haroon (Lahore School of Economics)

¿Cuál es el legado que los padres dejan a sus hijos en cuanto a educación?: Análisis de la persistencia educativa en Bolivia para las cohortes de edad de 1980 y 1990

Fátima Zambrana (Centro de Estudios Superiores Universitarios - Universidad Mayor de San Simón)

A5 - Political economy 1

Electoral Cycles in Inequality Emekcan Yucel (Bogazici University) Persistent Protests

Sofia Correa (University of Chile)

The Political Economy of Government Audits

Mariella Gonzales (University of Chicago)

PARALLEL SESSION

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B1 - Conflict and violence

Identity conflict, ethnocentrism and social cohesion Matteo Sestito (Aix-Marseille School of Economics)
NAFTA and drug-related violence in Mexico Eduardo Hidalgo (University of Cologne)
The Effects of Anti-Drug Announcements on Child Labor Diego Martin (Purdue University)

B3 - Education 1

Ending the Musical Chairs Game in Higher Education: How a Software Dashboard (SPADIES) Improved Information Flow and Educational Outcomes in Colombia Luis Omar Herrera Prada (Goettingen University)
Does BRAC Provide Highly Effective Schooling in Developing Countries? Saima Khan (New York University, Abu Dhabi)
Assessing the impact of long-term exposure to nine outdoor air pollutants on spatial spread of Covid-19: evidence from 107 Italian provinces Gaetano Perone (University of Bergamo)

B4 - Firms and the Macroeconomy

Startups, Labor Market Frictions, and Business Cycles Gonzalo García-Trujillo (Central Bank of Chile)
Reallocation and Productivity during Commodity Cycles Rodrigo Heresi (Inter-american Development Bank)
Political Connections, Allocation of Stimulus Spending, and the Jobs Multiplier Veronika Penciakova (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta)

B5 - Institutions 1

Democracy, technocracy and economic growth: evidence from 20th century Spain Alessandro Melcarne (University of Paris-Nanterre)
A Domino Theory of Regionalism Revisited: The Role of Homogeneity/Heterogeneity in Institutions Renliang Liu (University of Guelph, Canada)
Pollution, Corruption and Economic Development Gonzalo Forgues-Puccio (Abertay University)

PARALLEL SESSION

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C1 - Social mobility 1

The Geography of Intergenerational Mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean

Ercio Munoz Saavedra (CUNY Graduate Center)

How far does the apple really fall from the tree? Practical guidance on measuring intergenerational mobility from a simulation framework

Marcelo Cardona (Rockwool Fonden)

Understanding the Growth of the Middle Class in Bolivia

Alejandro Puerta (Universidad Carlos III)

C2 - Bolivia and Growth

¿La inversión en telecomunicaciones promueve un crecimiento de calidad en Bolivia?

Sergio Mansilla Bustamante (INESAD)

Behind Santa Cruz development: Sources and challenges

Pablo Mendieta (Chamber of Industry, Commerce and Services of Santa Cruz - CAINCO)

Impacto del Stress Sistémico en el Crecimiento Económico: Caso Guatemala

Daney Valdivia Coria

C3 - Macroeconomic Risk

Hidden in plain sight: China's contribution to the global business and financial cycle

Eva Van Leemput (Federal Reserve Board)

Back to the Present: Learning about the Euro Area through a Now-casting Model

Danilo Cascaldi-Garcia (Federal Reserve Board)

Understanding Growth-at-Risk: A Markov-Switching Approach

Pablo Cuba-Borda (Federal Reserve Board)

C4 - Education 2

Do Inclusive Education Policies Improve Employment Opportunities? Evidence from a Field Experiment

Francisco Galarza (Universidad del Pacífico)

Income Support and School Choice of Children: Evidence from Bolivia's Universal Pension Plan

Sabyasachi Das (Ashoka University)

Is feedback always positive? Experimental evidence from public schools in Peru

Antonio Campos (Universidad de San Andrés)

C5 - Business cycles and macro 1

Price, sales, and the business cycle: microeconomic evidence

Fernando Borraz (Banco Central del Uruguay)

Pronósticos de los precios del petróleo WTI. Un enfoque con modelos de heterocedasticidad condicional

Rolando Caballero Martinez (UNAM México)

Monetary Policy, Trade, and Commodity Price Fluctuations

Galip Ozhan (Bank of Canada)

PARALLEL SESSION

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D1 - Bolivia 1

Acumulación de reservas, vulnerabilidad externa y crecimiento económico en Bolivia

Erick Larrazabal Antezana

Exchange rate policy in Bolivia: A synthetic control approach

Carlos Machicado (INESAD)

The Devil's in the Dance: Elements of a Growth Diagnostic in Bolivia

Boris Branisa (Universidad Católica Boliviana)

D2 - Labor 1

Local State-owned Enterprise Presence: Growth, Reallocation and Selection

Difei Ouyang (University of International Business and Economics)

Show and No Go: The Elusive Effects of Child Labor Legislation

Leah Lakdawala (Wake Forest University)

Frictions and Labour Market Outcomes, evidence from Peru

Jorge Dávalos (Universidad del Pacífico, Perú)

D3 - Public 1

The Informational Foundations of the Tax State: Latin America in Comparative Perspective

José Peres-Cajías (University of Barcelona)

When do tax amnesties work?

Lorena Heller Vilela (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Public Transportation Infrastructure and Consumer Prices: Chain Stores, Street Vendors and Mom and Pop Stores

Angel de Jesus Espinoza Escobar (Banco de México)

D4 - Macro 3

The Portfolio Choice Channel of Wealth Inequality

Mauricio Calani (Central Bank of Chile)

The effects of management practices on effective tax rates: Evidence from Ecuador

Lyliana Gayoso de Ervin (Meredith College)

Foreign Reserves, Fiscal Capacity and Lender of Last Resort

Humberto Martinez (Rutgers University)

D5 - Technology 1

Aiding Urbanisation? The Impact of DAC and Chinese Aid on Urbanisation Rates in Sub-Saharan Africa

Calumn Hamilton (University of Groningen)

Technology, Identification and access to social programs

Diego A Vera-Cossio (Inter-American Development Bank)

Digital Infrastructure and Local Economic Growth: Early Internet in Sub-Saharan Africa

Valentin Lindlacher (ifo Institute Munich)

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E1 - Finance 1

Financial Development, Firm Growth, and Aggregate Productivity Divergence in Europe

Xiaomei Sui (University of Rochester)

Financial Literacy and Economic Behaviour: Evidence from Colombia

Maria Padilla (University of Sheffield)

Competing for Funds: Evidence from Peer-to-Peer Lending Markets

Diego Escobari (The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley)

E2 - Public health 1

Human development and decentralization: The importance of public health expenditure

Ronald Miranda (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

The role of contraceptive method preferences on women's decision to adopt contraception

Carolina Cardona (Johns Hopkins University)

Fertilidad y Resultados Laborales: Evidencia a partir de una Variación Exógena del Tamaño del Hogar en Bolivia

Elvis Choque Sánchez (Universidad Mayor de San Andrés)

E3 - External 1

Firm growth, age and the intensity of international trade Segundo Camino-Mogro (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) Lexical Distance and the Diffusion of Technology

Evan Wigton-Jones (Husson University)

Determinantes de la diversificación de exportaciones en Sudamérica: un análisis con datos de panel

Diego Peñaranda Molina (Delegation of the European Union in Bolivia)

E4 - Methods and Theory 1

Identification and Estimation of Dynamic Heterogeneous Unbalanced Panel Data Models with Clustering

Monika Avila Marquez (Institute of Economics and Econometrics University of Geneva)

Algoritmos Machine Learning (ML): Predicción de casos SARS-CoV-2 en Bolivia

Juan Ruiz Otondo (Universidad San Francisco Xavier de Chuquisaca)

Learning to Commit

Jorge Ramos-Mercado (University of Minnesota)

