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Workshop on

“Socio-Economic Mobility and the Middle Class in Latin America”

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Campus de Bellaterra, Barcelona.

12-13 September 2011

OBJECTIVES

This two-day workshop, jointly organized by the Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica through the and the World Bank and coordinated by the Fundación Privada de Economía Analítica, aims to discuss analytical work on the nature and causes of socio-economic mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean. Within that context, it also hopes to discuss the rise of the middle class, which has been argued to have accompanied recent declines in both poverty and inequality in a number of countries in the region. The workshop combines presentations from an ongoing World Bank study of this topic; academic papers selected from a competitive call; and invited presentations from distinguished experts in the field.

PROGRAMME

Sunday 11TH September. 18.30 Welcome Cocktail

All conference participants welcome.
Hotel Catalonia La Pedrera
Calle Córcega 368; Barcelona

Monday 12TH September. Invited and Contributed Papers

- 10:30-11:00** | Registration/coffee
- 11:00-11:15** | Introductory remarks
Joan M. Esteban / Francisco Ferreira
- 11:15-13:00** | **Session One: Keynote Session**
Chair: Luiz Felipe Lopez-Calva
Gary Fields: "Mobility: Concepts, Measurement and Previous LAC Evidence"
Markus Jantti: "Family Associations in Income in Advanced Countries"
- 13:00-14:20** | *Lunch*
- 14:20-15:40** | **Session Two: Contributed papers**
Chair: Ada Ferrer-i-Carbonell
Novella, R., L. Ripani, M.C. Soto and L. Tejerina (2010) Trading Places_A Decade of Earnings Mobility in Chile and Nicaragua
Deutsch, J. and J. Silber "Equality of Opportunity, Relative Bi-Polarization and the Middle Class in Latin America: A Look at the First Decade of the Twenty First Century"
- 15:40-16:00** | *Coffee Break*
- 16:00-18:00** | **Session Three: Contributed papers**
Chair: Jamele Rigolini
M. Oviedo "Corruption, Opportunities and Support for Redistribution in Latin America"
B. Mazumder "Black White Differences in Intergenerational Economic Mobility in the US"
Alex Solis "Credit Constraints for Higher Education"
- 21:00** | ***Dinner (by invitation)***

Tuesday 13TH September. The World Bank LAC Flagship Report

- 09:30-10:00** | **Session Four: Mobility: Measurement and Concepts**
Francisco Ferreira and Maria Ana Lugo: Concepts and Measurement of

Economic Mobility

Session Five: Inter-generational Mobility

Chair: Vito Peragine

10:00-11:30

Julian Messina and Maria Ana Lugo: Family background and cognitive development: evidence from international achievement tests.

Luis Felipe López-Calva: Intergenerational income mobility in LAC: Chile, Colombia and Mexico case studies

11:30-11:45

Coffee Break

11:45-13:15

Session Six: Intra-generational Mobility

Chair: Conchita d'Ambrosio

Renos Vakis: Intra-generational income mobility: evidence from pseudo-panels

Tom Krebs, Pravin Krishna and Bill Maloney: Income Dynamics, Mobility and Welfare in Developing Countries

13:15-14:15

Lunch

14:15-15:45

Session Seven: The Middle Class

Chair: Marcelo Neri

Luis Felipe López-Calva and Jamele Rigolini: The Latin American middle class: Definition and measurement

Nancy Birdsall and Florencia Torche: The Latin American middle class: Profile and values

15:45-16:00

Coffee Break

16:00-17:30

Session Eight: Panel Discussion: Reactions and Recommendations

Chair: Francisco Ferreira

Panelists: Nancy Birdsall, François Bourguignon, Christian Daude, Joan Maria Esteban, Gary Fields, James Foster