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**THE POLITICAL ECONOMY GROUP – LACEA
TENTH ANNUAL MEETING
CARTAGENA (COLOMBIA)
MAY 28th-29th, 2009**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Political Economy Group of LACEA (PEG) has held annual meetings since 1998. The 2009 meeting of the PEG will take place in Cartagena, Colombia, on May 28th and 29th, and will be organized by Universidad de Los Andes and Fedesarrollo. As in previous years, the 2009 meeting aims to promote the discussion of connections between politics and economics. Although not exclusively related to the region, the accepted contributions are expected to be relevant for understanding the most demanding problems of Latin America and Caribbean countries. The focus of the meeting will be on the connection between economics and political institutions broadly understood, including legislatures, courts, political parties, executives, elections, the institutions of federalism and the workings of the public service. Studies of specific Latin American countries as well as comparative institutional analyses are also welcome.

Papers must be submitted no later than April 10th of 2009 for consideration for the meeting. A program committee integrated by Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley), Ernesto Stein (IDB), Roberto Steiner (Fedesarrollo), Alejandro Gaviria (Universidad de Los Andes), and Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes) will choose the papers to be presented. Submitted papers will be judged on their relevance and academic merit, with an emphasis on methodological rigor. Both theoretical and empirical contributions are welcome, as well as work by young scholars and graduate students. The organization has some funds to partially finance travel expenses of those participants not able to obtain full funding from their own sources. Additionally, two of the selected papers, authored by junior researchers, will benefit from detailed comments and follow up by a field expert (this is made possible by a research grant from the Global Development Network).

If you are interested in submitting a paper, please do so no later than April 10th 2009. The selection process will be completed by April 24th, 2009. Papers must be written in English to be considered. Full papers, in PDF format, should be sent to:

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