

CALL FOR PAPERS: LACEA LABOR NETWORK 4TH ANNUAL MEETING

joint with Universidad de los Andes
Skills: Measurement, dynamics and effects
Cartagena, Colombia, March 17-18, 2016

The Executive Committee of LACEA has approved the establishment of a network focused on labor markets in Latin America, and in particular, the nexus between Employment, Productivity and Skills. The Network is envisaged as a way of sharing learning in the region, articulating new agendas for research, and creating consensus around necessary policy interventions.

The fourth conference of the network will be devoted to “Skills: Measurement, Dynamics and Impacts” and will be held in Cartagena, Colombia on March 17-18, 2016. The analysis of skills, broadly defined, has received increasing attention in the literature. However, much remains unestablished regarding the evolution and measurement of skills, and their relationship with productivity growth. Researchers are encouraged to submit papers providing insights into these dimensions and others broadly related. The main objective of the network is to draw conclusions that could influence the design and implementation of public policies.

Complete papers or advanced drafts in Word or PDF format, written in English, should be sent by October 15th, 2015 to thelabornetwork@gmail.com. To allow time for a careful vetting of papers, this deadline is firm. Submitted papers will be reviewed by the academic committee of the conference. Selection will be based on academic merit. Authors of the selected papers will be notified by e-mail. Every accepted paper will be included in the program and will have a discussant. We expect to communicate our decisions by November 15, 2015.

A session of the conference will be devoted to new and promising researchers. As a commitment of the network to generate interest of new researchers in the areas of labor and skills, PhD students are encourage to submit their papers even in preliminary form.

The network will offer partial funding for travel expenses for those participants who are not able to obtain full financial support from their institutions or other sources. If authors require financial support, they should indicate it at the time of submission of the paper. In order to receive funding from the network, authors whose papers were accepted must be members of LACEA and current on their membership dues by the time of the meeting.

Inquiries concerning the meeting should be sent to thelabornetwork@gmail.com.

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