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AMERICA LATINA CRIME AND POLICY NETWORK – *AL CAPONE*

1ST ANNUAL MEETING

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - June 23rd and 24th 2011

CALL FOR PAPERS

The newly created Lacea Network - America Latina Crime and Policy Network (AL CAPONE) – will hold its first annual meeting on June 23rd and 24th, 2011 at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro - PUC-Rio, in Brazil. The two keynote speakers for this meeting of AL CAPONE will be Jens Ludwig (University of Chicago) and Steve Raphael (University of California, Berkeley).

We particularly encourage contributions on the following topics:

- Analysis of illegal and underground markets
- Substance abuse
- Confrontation and crime
- Evaluation of crime-related policy interventions
- Political economy of crime control
- Consequences of crime and violence on socio-economic outcomes
- Determinants of crime and violence: guns, enforcement, demography, labor markets, etc

Articles on topics of interest in Latin America are particularly welcome.

Papers must be submitted no later than March 15th, 2011 to be considered for the meeting. A program committee composed by Joao de Mello (PUC –Rio), Daniel Mejia (UniAndes), Daniel Ortega (CAF), Sergio Firpo (EESP-FGV) and Juan Vargas (Universidad del Rosario) will select the papers to be presented at the first annual meeting. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by April 5th.

Submissions will be judged on their relevance and academic merit. Both theoretical and empirical contributions are welcome, as well as work by young scholars and graduate students. The organization has limited funds to cover travel expenses for some participants not able to obtain full funding from their own resources. Young scholars and graduate students will have preference for funding.

Papers must be written in English to be considered. Full papers, in PDF format, should be sent to: João Manoel Pinho de Mello (jmpm@econ.puc-rio.br) and Daniel Mejia (dmejia@uniandes.edu.co).



We ask authors to provide complete contact details in their submission, including affiliation and position.

About the AMERICA LATINA CRIME AND POLICY NETWORK – AL CAPONE

The AL CAPONE network will bring together economists and other social scientists from Latin America and the Caribbean and other parts of the world doing cutting-edge research on the Economics of Crime relevant to Latin America and the Caribbean. AL CAPONE's goal is to foster research that uses state-of-the-art techniques in order to advance the knowledge on the Economics of Crime in the region. In addition, the network expects to promote discussion and exchange of ideas between policymakers and researchers, in an attempt to generate positive feedbacks between policy and academic research.

AL CAPONE's founding members:

Rafael Di Tella (Harvard University)

Joao De Mello (PUC-Rio)

Alejandro Gaviria (Universidad de los Andes)

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