

**CALL FOR PAPERS:**  
**ARE LABOR MARKETS IN LATIN AMERICA PREPARED FOR THE NEW CHALLENGES?**  
**November 26, 2015**  
**Santiago, Chile**  
**Directed to Graduate Students in Economics**

The Executive Committee of LACEA has approved the establishment of a network focused on labor markets in Latin America. 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.

**This conference.** During the last decade, Latin American countries have experienced significant transformations. From the boom of commodities to the significant reduction of poverty, from the substantial levels of FDI to the strengthening of trade agreements. But these phenomena have emerged and evolved without paying much attention to the regional needs for structural reforms of their labor markets, building blocs of sustainable economic development.

The LACEA Labor Network and Clapes-UC organize the conference: "Are labor markets in Latin America prepared for the new challenges?" The conference will be held in Santiago, Chile on Thursday, November 26, 2015. Four keynote speakers will provide their views on this central question.

**Call for papers.** Advanced MA and PhD students, writing dissertations on labor market topics, are encouraged to submit papers providing insights into the impact of minimum wage, informality, skills; and others broadly related subjects. Students from institutions in LA countries will have a high priority. The main objective of the network is to draw conclusions that could influence the design and implementation of public policies. Students will have the unique opportunity to interact and receive feedback from the conference participants.

Complete papers or advanced drafts in Word or PDF format, written in English or Spanish, should be sent by October 1, 2015 to [thelabornetwork@gmail.com](mailto:thelabornetwork@gmail.com). Submitted papers will be reviewed by the academic committee of the conference (Mariano Bosch and Sergio Urzúa). Selection will be based on academic merit. Accepted paper will have a discussant. We expect to communicate our decisions by October 7, 2015.

The network will offer partial funding for travel expenses (up to US\$1,000 if traveling within LA and US\$1500 if coming from a different region) 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 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](mailto:thelabornetwork@gmail.com).

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