



**GÖTTINGEN WORKSHOP  
ON IBERO-AMERICAN  
DEVELOPMENT**

September 24–25, 2025, Göttingen

Ibero-America Institute for Economic Research, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen

Program: as of 23.09.2025

**Wednesday, 24 September 2025, Alte Mensa - [Wilhelmspl. 3, 37073 Göttingen](#)**

Time	Activity	
09:00 – 11:00	Arrival/Registration & Coffee	
11:00 – 11:15	Welcome by Prof. Marcela Ibáñez-Díaz & Paúl Elguezabal Hannah-Vogt-Saal	
11:15 – 12:45	<b>Parallel Sessions 1</b>	
	<b>1A: Political Economy</b> Hannah-Vogt-Saal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Lou Chiani</a> (Paris-Dauphine University, PSL), How Does Climate Influence Voting? Evidence from Brazilian Elections</li> <li>- <a href="#">Mathieu Bourret Soto</a> (BSE, University of Bordeaux), Reunited? Post-conflict Attitudes toward Ex-combatants in Colombia</li> <li>- <a href="#">Laura Barros</a> (University of Göttingen), Job Loss and Political Entry</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Laura Barros	<b>1B: Trade</b> Taberna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Carlos Ruiz-Garvia</a> (UNFCCC), Transformational Adaptation for Agricultural-Based Solutions for Climate Resilience: The Case of Bamboo Supply and Demand in Ibero-America</li> <li>- <a href="#">Martin Middelanis</a> (Freie Universität Berlin), Regional South-South Trade and the Dutch Disease: The Case of Latin American Manufacturing Exports</li> <li>- <a href="#">Jaime Miravet</a> (Universitat Jaume I), The Effect of Labor Provisions on Labor Conditions</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Adriana Cardozo
12:45 – 14:00	Lunch (sponsored by Niedersächsisches MWK) Emmy-Noether-Saal	
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Parallel Sessions 2</b>	
	<b>2A: Agriculture &amp; Environment</b> Hannah-Vogt-Saal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Samuel Siewers</a> (GIGA / Uni Göttingen), The (Other) China Shock and the Brazilian Agricultural Boom: Cui Bono?</li> <li>- <a href="#">Sophie von Russdorf</a> (University of Groningen), Roads and Market Behavior: Evidence from Smallholder Farmers in Costa Rica</li> </ul>	<b>2B: Behavioral</b> Taberna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Stefanie Roost</a> (UNU-MERIT, U Maastricht, IDOS), Trust and Reform Capacity: Micro-level Evidence from Latin America</li> <li>- <a href="#">David Echeverry</a> (Universidad de Navarra), Government Intervention and Collective Action: Induced Interaction Can Build Coordination</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Maria Fernandes de Araujo</a> (University of Göttingen), Unveiling Trade-Offs: Organic Production and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Brazil</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Maria Fernandes de Araujo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Rafael Paschoaleto</a> (University of Göttingen), Resilience to Climate Change: Diversification Strategies and Correlation Neglect</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Rafael Paschoaleto
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break (sponsored by Niedersächsisches MWK) Emmy-Noether-Saal	
16:00 – 17:15	<b>Session 3</b>	
	<b>Development Economics</b> Hannah-Vogt-Saal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Carlos Scartascini</a> (IADB), Wage Cuts, Social Distributional Preferences, and Political Corruption</li> <li>- <a href="#">Marta Menéndez</a> (Paris Dauphine-PSL University), Poverty and Mobility in the Time of Synthetic Panels: Evidence from Argentina (2003–2023)</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Paúl Elguezabal	
17:15 - 19:00	Guided tour to the city center and beer (sponsored by Association of Former Members and Friends of the Ibero-America Institute)	
19:00 – 22:00	Dinner at Bullerjahn (sponsored by Association of Former Members and Friends of the Ibero-America Institute)	



## Thursday, 25 September 2025, Alte Mensa

Time	Activity	
08:30 – 09:30	Welcome Coffee	
09:30 – 10:30	<b>Parallel Sessions 4</b>	
	<b>4A: Labor Markets</b> Hannah-Vogt-Saal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">João Lima</a> (Université Paris Dauphine), The Effect of Internet Expansion on Informal Employment Opportunities in Brazil</li> <li>- <a href="#">Nicolás Mateo Larrea Avila</a> (University of Namur), Reducing Employers' Contribution: Enough to Enhance Formal Employment? The case of the Law 26.940 in Argentina</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Gerhard Riener	<b>4B: Gender</b> Taberna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Charlotte Middelhoff</a> (University of Goettingen), Building Healthy Homes: The Effect of Housing Improvement on Domestic Violence</li> <li>- <a href="#">Manuel Santos Silva</a> (Freie Universität Berlin), The labour market effects of mobile internet: Evidence from Mexico</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Charlotte Middelhoff
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Group Photo and Coffee Break</b> (sponsored by Niedersächsisches MWK) Emmy-Noether-Saal	
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Keynote:</b> <a href="#">Ana Maria Ibáñez</a> (IADB), Exposure to Shocks and Household Responses: Evidence for Latin America. Presented by Marcela Ibáñez-Díaz Hannah-Vogt-Saal	
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (sponsored by Niedersächsisches MWK) Emmy-Noether-Saal	Annual Meeting of the Association of Friends of the Ibero-America Institute [members only (& potential new members as guests)]
13:30 – 14:30	<b>Parallel Sessions 5</b>	
	<b>5A: Conflict</b> Hannah-Vogt-Saal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Paulina Rebolledo</a> (ISDC &amp; Humboldt University of Berlin), Evaluating Peacebuilding Programming: An Information Experiment in Guatemala</li> <li>- <a href="#">Angel Alvarado</a> (University of Pennsylvania) Informal Empire and Divergence: Oil and the Economic Divide Between Colombia &amp; Venezuela, 1920-1976</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Carlo Birkholz	<b>5B: Education</b> Taberna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Marcello Perez</a> (Groningen University), Does Human Capital Influence the Gender Gap in Earnings? Evidence from Four Developing Countries</li> <li>- <a href="#">Melchor de la Cruz Rothenfusser</a> (University of Oxford, ILO), Kids and Cartels: The Unintended Effects of a Peace Treaty on Educational Outcomes</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Cäcilia Stapper



14:30 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Posters presentations</b> of <a href="#">Fernanda Almeida</a> (Heidelberg Universität), <a href="#">Nathalie De La Cruz Aquino</a> (Freie Universität Berlin – LAI), and <a href="#">María Gabriela Trompetero Vicent</a> (Bielefeld University)</li> <li>- <b>Coffee Break</b> (sponsored by Niedersächsisches MWK) Emmy-Noether-Saal</li> </ul>	
15:30 – 17:00	<b>Parallel Sessions 6</b>	
	<b>6A: Migration, Labor &amp; Health</b> Hannah-Vogt-Saal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Jose Morales-Arilla</a> (Tecnologico de Monterrey), Escaping from Hardship, Searching for Comfort</li> <li>- <a href="#">Jaime Millán-Quijano</a> (Universitat de Barcelona), Reducing Racial Gaps in Hiring: Two Experiments with the Private Sector and Public Employment Services in Colombia</li> <li>- <a href="#">Stefan Sliwa Ruiz</a> (Bernhard-Nocht-Institute for Tropical Medicine), Policy Targeting and Election Outcomes: Evidence from a Health Care Program in Brazil</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Martin Middelanis	<b>6B: Growth</b> Taberna <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">David Zuchowski</a> (Universitat de València), Digital highways to development: Mobile internet and tax revenues in Brazil</li> <li>- <a href="#">Joanna Gocłowska-Bolek</a> (University of Warsaw), Innovation and Competitiveness as Key Factors in the Development of Latin American Countries. Barriers and Challenges</li> <li>- <a href="#">Hugo Iasco Pereira</a> (Federal University of Minas Gerais), The Nexus Between Road Infrastructure and Economic Diversification: Exploring its Uneven Impacts in Brazil</li> </ul> <b>Chair:</b> Felicitas Nowak-Lehmann
17:00 – 17:15	Final remarks by Prof. Andreas Fuchs Hannah-Vogt-Saal	
17:15 – 18:30	Free time / walk to dinner	
18:30 – 20:30	Dinner at Ristorante Fellini (at own expenses)	

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