

CALL FOR PAPERS
Conflict and Labor Markets
LACEA Labor Network
March 23-24, 2017

The Executive Committee of The Latin American and Caribbean Association 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. The focus of the seventh conference of the network will be on “Conflict and Labor Markets”, and will be organized by the Network jointly with the University of Los Andes, Labor Market Unit of the IDB and the Maryland Center for Economics and Policy of the University of Maryland. The conference will be held in Cartagena on March 23 and 24, 2017.

Background. Violent conflicts, forced displacement, and terrorism have been rising during the past decades. The literature on labor markets in conflict-affected areas has studied costs imposed by violence such as physical and human capital losses, forced displacement, uncertainty, firm dynamics, and its role as a coping mechanism at the household level. But more evidence is needed, particularly on labor markets dynamics in post-conflict settings. We welcome papers that analyze the following topics in the context of internal conflict and forced displacement: employment dynamics, labor supply and demand, labor productivity, firm growth, labor income inequality, the link between employment or labor income and insurgency at the individual level, among others related to labor market dynamics. Researchers are also encouraged to submit papers that study labor market interventions in post-conflict settings, including ex-combatant reintegration, training, employment stimulation, and social stability.

Extended abstracts should be sent by December 15, 2016 to thelabornetwork@gmail.com. To allow time for a careful vetting of papers, this deadline is firm. Submitted papers will be reviewed by the conference program committee. 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 January 10th, 2017.

A session of the conference will be devoted to papers by new and promising researchers. Reflecting the commitment of the network to furthering the development of new researchers in the areas of conflict, PhD students are encouraged to submit their papers even in preliminary form.

The Network will offer partial funding for travel expenses (hotel and airfare) for those participants who are not able to obtain full financial support from their institutions or other sources. For authors traveling within Colombia the conference maximum allowance will be US\$500, while for those traveling from elsewhere the amount will be US\$1,000. If authors require financial support, they should so indicate when submitting their paper.

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