



### Contributed Session 3: May 29<sup>th</sup> 08:30 - 10:00

#### 3.1. Informality and individual decisions (**Claustro – Tower 2, Room 1001**)

Session Chair: Jorge Dávalos (Universidad del Pacifico)

- Formal employment and organized crime: regression discontinuity evidence from Colombia  
Presented by: Jorge Tamayo (University of Southern California & Central Bank of Colombia)  
Co-authors: Gaurav Khanna (University of California – San Diego), Carlos Medina (Central Bank of Colombia), Anant Nyshadham (Boston College & NBER)
- Formal employment is a consequence of skill diversity in cities  
Presented by: Juan Camilo Chaparro ((Universidad EAFIT)  
Co-authors: Neave O’Clery (University of Oxford), Andrés Gómez-Liévano (Harvard University), Eduardo Lora (Harvard University)
- The trade-off between consumption and leisure and the voluntary nature of informal employment  
Presented by: Jorge Dávalos (Universidad del Pacifico)  
Co-authors: Omar Alburqueque-Chávez (Universidad del Pacifico)

#### 3.2. Informality and microfirms (**Claustro – Tower 2, Room 802**)

Session Chair: Antonio Baez-Morales (Universitat de Barcelona)

- Bank account ownership by micro-entrepreneurs in Mexico  
Presented by: Carolina Rodriguez Zamora (Banco de Mexico)
- Strict fuality and overlapping productivity distributions between formal and informal firms  
Presented by: Tyler C. Schipper (University of St. Thomas)  
Co-authors: Jeffrey Allen (Benley University), Shanthi Nataraj (RAND)
- Differences in efficiency between formal and informal micro-firms in Mexico  
Presented by: Antonio Baez-Morales (Universitat de Barcelona)

#### 3.3. The State and informality (**Claustro – Tower 2, Room 902**)

Session Chair: David Rodriguez (ISER, University of Essex)

- Informal taxation in Sierra Leone: magnitudes, perceptions and implications  
Presented by: Vanessa van den Boogaard (University of Toronto),  
Co-authors: Wilson Prichard (University of Toronto), Samuel Jibao (University of Pretoria)



- The impact of lowering the payroll tax on informality in Colombia  
Presented by: Leonardo Villar Gomez (Fedesarrollo) Co-  
authors: Cristina Fernández (Fedesarrollo)
- Financial disincentives for formal work in Ecuador and Colombia  
Presented by: David Rodriguez (ISER, University of Essex)  
Co-authors: Xavier Jara (Universidad Externado de Colombia)