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## **Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica / World Bank Workshop “Socio-Economic Mobility and the Middle Class in Latin America”**

Campus de Bellaterra, Barcelona.  
12-13 September 2011

### **OBJECTIVES**

This two-day workshop, jointly organized by the Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica through the and the World Bank and coordinated by the Fundación Privada de Economía Analítica, aims to discuss analytical work on the nature and causes of socio-economic mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean. Within that context, it also hopes to discuss the rise of the middle class, which has been argued to have accompanied recent declines in both poverty and inequality in a number of countries in the region. The workshop combines presentations from an ongoing World Bank study of this topic; academic papers selected from a competitive call; and invited presentations from distinguished experts in the field.

## PROGRAMME

### Sunday 11<sup>TH</sup> September. Welcome Cocktail

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**18:30-20:00** *All conference participants welcome.*  
Hotel Catalonia La Pedrera  
Calle Córcega 368; Barcelona

### Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> September. Invited and Contributed Papers

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**10:30-11:00** | Registration/coffee

**11:00-11:15** | Introductory remarks  
Joan M. Esteban / Francisco Ferreira

**11:15-13:00** | **Session One: Keynote Session**

*Chair: Luiz Felipe Lopez-Calva*

Gary Fields: "Mobility: Concepts, Measurement and Previous LAC Evidence"

Markus Jantti: "Family Associations in Income in Advanced Countries"

**13:00-14:20** | *Lunch*

**14:20-15:40** | **Session Two: Contributed papers**

*Chair: Ada Ferrer-i-Carbonell*

Novella, R., L. Ripani, M.C. Soto and L. Tejerina (2010) Trading Places\_A Decade of Earnings Mobility in Chile and Nicaragua

Deutsch, J. and J. Silber "Equality of Opportunity, Relative Bi-Polarization and the Middle Class in Latin America: A Look at the First Decade of the Twenty First Century"

**15:40-16:00** | *Coffee Break*

**16:00-18:00** | **Session Three: Contributed papers**

*Chair: Jamele Rigolini*

M. Oviedo "Corruption, Opportunities and Support for Redistribution in Latin America"

B. Mazumder "Black White Differences in Intergenerational Economic Mobility in the US"

Alex Solis "Credit Constraints for Higher Education"

**21:00** | ***Dinner (by invitation)***

## Tuesday 13<sup>TH</sup> September. The World Bank LAC Flagship Report

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<b>09:30-10:00</b>	<b>Session Four: Mobility: Measurement and Concepts</b> <i>Francisco Ferreira and Maria Ana Lugo: Concepts and Measurement of Economic Mobility</i>
<b>10:00-11:30</b>	<b>Session Five: Inter-generational Mobility</b> <i>Chair: Vito Peragine</i> <i>Julian Messina and Maria Ana Lugo: Family background and cognitive development: evidence from international achievement tests.</i> <i>Luis Felipe López-Calva: Intergenerational income mobility in LAC: Chile, Colombia and Mexico case studies</i>
<b>11:30-11:45</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>11:45-13:15</b>	<b>Session Six: Intra-generational Mobility</b> <i>Chair: Conchita d'Ambrosio</i> <i>Renos Vakis: Intra-generational income mobility: evidence from pseudo-panels</i> <i>Tom Krebs, Pravin Krishna and <u>Bill Maloney</u>: Income Dynamics, Mobility and Welfare in Developing Countries</i>
<b>13:15-14:15</b>	<i>Lunch</i>
<b>14:15-15:45</b>	<b>Session Seven: The Middle Class</b> <i>Chair: Marcelo Neri</i> <i>Luis Felipe López-Calva and Jamele Rigolini: The Latin American middle class: Definition and measurement</i> <i>Nancy Birdsall and Florencia Torche: The Latin American middle class: Profile and values</i>
<b>15:45-16:00</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>16:00-17:30</b>	<b>Session Eight: Panel Discussion: Reactions and Recommendations</b> <i>Chair: Francisco Ferreira</i> <i>Panelists: Nancy Birdsall, François Bourguignon, Christian Daude, Joan Maria Esteban, Gary Fields, James Foster</i>