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Workshop on Latin America's Economic Policies during the Great Depression

18-19 May 2022

University of Geneva

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Geneva, Switzerland

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Wednesday 18 May evening

16h15-16h30 – Welcome session – Juan Flores Zendejas (Head of the Paul Bairoch Institute, University of Geneva)

First session: Latin American's sustainable economic development in a long-term perspective

16h30-18h – **room M5020**

Chair: Aline Helg (University of Geneva)

Oil Queens: Energy, Conservation, and Nationalism in Developmental Latin America

Antoine Acker (Graduate Institute)

New Evidence on Economic Inequalities in Mexico, 1870-1980

Enrique de la Rosa Ramos (King's College London)

Interwar Inequality in Latin America: what do we know?

Marc Morgan (University of Geneva)

Session discussant: Marcelo Olarreaga (University of Geneva)

Keynote Speech

18h15 – 20h - **room MR070**

Data and History. Lessons for the future

Graciela Márquez (Head of Mexico's National Institute of Statistics, Geography and Informatics (INEGI), and Mexico's former Minister of the Economy)

Welcome Dinner

Thursday 19 May

All sessions will take place in room M6220

Second session: Industrialization policies in Latin America during the interwar period
9h15-10h45

Chair : Juan Flores Zendejas (Université de Genève)

Industrialization in the periphery of the periphery. The upsurge of modern manufactures in Bolivia, 1920s-1940s

José Alejandro Péres-Cajías (Universidad de Barcelona)

The Failure of COSACH and the Collapse of the Chilean Nitrate Industry, 1929-33

Rory Miller (University of Liverpool)

Copper as an Insurance in the Interwar period. The role of mining in the saltpeter market collapse

Cristian Ducoing (University of Lund) - Marc Badia (Universidad de Barcelona)

Session Discussant: Graciela Márquez (INEGI)

10h45-11h15: Coffee pause

Second session: Politics, institutions and economic policies

11h15-12h45

Chair: Cédric Durand (Université de Genève)

The forgotten history of sovereign debt liquidation: buybacks and redenominations during the Great Depression

Laura de la Villa (University of Geneva)

Constructing Cost of Living Indices: Ideas and Individuals, Argentina, 1918-1935

Cecilia Lanata-Briones (University of Warwick)

The creation of the Argentine Central Bank and anti-cyclical policy during the Great Depression

Florencia Sember (CONICET and Universidad de Buenos Aires)

Session Discussant: Eric Monnet (EHESS)

12h45-14h: Lunch

Third session: Banking and currency crises in the 1930s

14h-15h30

Chair: Mary O'Sullivan (University of Geneva)

From autonomy to cooperation. The Chilean Central Bank's new targeting in the 1930s

Uziel González Aliaga (University of Oxford)

Waving the Storm *aborita*. Causes and Consequences from the Mexican Banking Crises, 1925-1933

Juan Flores Zendejas and Gianandrea Nodari (University of Geneva)

Juggling Between Economic and Political Crises: The Argentine Banking System in the Interwar Period

Sebastian Alvarez (Graduate Institute) and Gianandrea Nodari (University of Geneva)

Session Discussant : Marc Flandreau (UPenn)

15h30 –16h: Coffee pause

Forth session: New economic policies in Latin America: From the Great Depression to the Post-War period

16h-17h30

Chair: Michalis Nikiforos (University of Geneva)

Experiencing a second lost decade in Latin America? Lessons from two previous debt crises (1930s and 1980s)

Leandro Bona (FLACSO) and Juan Flores Zendejas (University of Geneva)

World Bank's missions in Colombia. Rojas' regime, domestic opposition, and international economists

Elisa Grandi (LIED – Université de Paris)

Banking Policies During the Great Depression: Colombia And Mexico, 1929-1937

Carlos Brando (Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano) and Gianandrea Nodari (University of Geneva)

Session Discussant: Rory Miller (University of Liverpool)

17h30 – Closing remarks (Juan Flores Zendejas)

20h - Dinner