Workshop on Latin America's Economic Policies during the Great Depression
18-19 May 2022
University of Geneva
Paul Bairoch Institute of Economic History
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