



8th Annual Conference of the LACEA Trade, Integration and Growth Network (TIGN)

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The 8th Annual Conference of the LACEA Trade, Integration and Growth Network (TIGN) will be held together with the RIDGE Forum on Trade and Firm Dynamics in Montevideo, Uruguay, on May 19th-20th, 2017. This conference is sponsored by LACEA, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the CAF-Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), and RIDGE, and is hosted by RIDGE. The local organizers are Lorenzo Caliendo and Marcel Vaillant.

The TIGN conference is a unique event that brings together top researchers and policymakers to discuss recent theoretical and empirical advances in trade and integration and growth broadly defined. The goal of these meetings is to use the findings of research in order to gain a better understanding of the problems, opportunities and policy challenges faced by Latin American and Caribbean countries in the process of integration and also to encourage further research on the subject.

This year selection of contributed papers and discussants will be made by a Program Committee whose members are Lorenzo Caliendo (Yale University), Brian Kovak (Carnegie Mellon University), Kala Krishna (Penn State University), Pablo Sanguinetti (CAF), Marcel Vaillant (Universidad de la República), and Christian Volpe Martincus (IDB).

Theoretical, empirical, and policy-oriented papers dealing with the economics and politics of trade and Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs) as well as those linking trade and RTA initiatives with growth and productivity are welcome.

Sponsoring organizations offer hotel accommodations and a round-trip economy class (most direct) airfare. Researchers currently occupying policymaking positions are welcome to participate at the conference without presenting a paper. These participants will, however, have to procure funding from their own institutions to participate in the event.

To register for the conference and submit a paper, please visit the conference website (<http://www.iadb.org/en/topics/trade/call-for-papers/home,7302.html>) and follow the instructions therein. Deadline for submissions is February 28th, 2017. Authors of selected papers and discussants will be notified by March 15th, 2017.