

**INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB)
RESEARCH DEPARTMENT (RES)**



A DECADE OF DEVELOPMENT THINKING

Andrés Bello Auditorium
9th Floor – IDB Headquarters
Washington, DC

PROGRAM

September 17, 2004

8:30-9:00 **Registration**

9:00-9:30 **Opening Remarks**

Enrique V. Iglesias, President, IDB
Ricardo Hausmann, Professor, Harvard University
Guillermo Calvo, Chief Economist, RES, IDB

9:30-10:30 **The Social and Labor Agenda**

Chair: Eduardo Fernández-Arias, Regional Economic Advisor, RE1, IDB

Presentations:

"10 Years of Development Thinking: The Role of Labor and Social Policies"
Suzanne Duryea, Research Economist, RES, IDB
Carmen Pagés-Serra, Senior Research Economist, RES, IDB

"Romanticism Versus Realism in Social Policy: Lessons from Colombia"
Alejandro Gaviria, Professor, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia

"A Mexico with Less Poverty and Inequality is Possible"
Miguel Székely, Undersecretary, Secretaría de Desarrollo Social, Mexico

10:30-10:45 **Coffee Break**

10:45-11:45 **The Economics of Reforms**

Chair: Liliana Rojas-Suárez, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Development

Presentations:

"10 Years of Development Thinking: The Role of Structural Reforms"
Eduardo Lora, Principal Advisor, RES, IDB

*"How TRIPs Got Legs: Copyright, Trade Policy, and the Role of Government
in 19th Century American Economic Thought"*
Stephen Meardon, Visiting Assistant Professor, Bowdoin College

"Disagreement, Delay and Deficits"
Jessica Seddon Wallack, Assistant Professor, University of California, San Diego

11:45-12:45 **Macroeconomic Volatility**

Chair: Michael Gavin, Managing Director, Emerging Market Research, UBS Warburg

Presentations:

"10 Years of Development Thinking: The Role of Macroeconomic Policies and Institutions"

Ugo Panizza, Research Economist, RES, IDB

"A Fiscal Insurance Scheme for the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union"

Laura dos Reis, Research Analyst, G24 Secretariat

"Russia's Regions: Income Volatility, Labor Mobility and Fiscal Policy"

Antonio Spilimbergo, Economist, International Monetary Fund

12:45-2:45 **Lunch Break**

2:45-3:45 **Budget Institutions**

Chair: Ernesto Talvi, Executive Director, CERES, Uruguay

Presentations:

"10 Years of Development Thinking: The Role of Fiscal Institutions"

Ernesto Stein, Principal Research Economist, RES, IDB

"The Western World Past Its Prime – Sovereign Rating Perspectives in the Context of Aging Populations"

Moritz Kraemer, Credit Analyst, Standard & Poor's

"Budget Institutions and Fiscal Outcomes"

Carlos Scartascini, Evaluation Economist, OVE, IDB

3:45-4:00 **Coffee Break**

4:00-6:00 **Panel - A Decade of Development Thinking: What Have We Learned?**

What have we learned about overcoming volatility? How can the design of fiscal institutions be improved? How can social policies be better designed? What are the best ways to design and implement structural reforms?

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Speakers:

Nancy Birdsall, President, Center for Global Development

Alberto Carrasquilla, Minister, Ministerio de Hacienda y Crédito Público, Colombia

Nora Lustig, President, Universidad de las Américas, Puebla, Mexico

Guillermo Perry, Chief Economist, LAC Region, The World Bank

Mariano Tommasi, Director, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina

Andrés Velasco, Professor, Harvard University

Closing Remarks: Ricardo Hausmann, Professor, Harvard University

6:00-8:00 **Cocktail Reception –Terrace 7th Floor East**
