
Red Iberoamericana de Socioeconomía

LATAM POSCOVID WEBINAR

The Autonomous University of Madrid, Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil, National Autonomous University of Mexico, and Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, alongside the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) organize a webinar on

“Latin America after the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Society and Economy of the Future”

PRESENTATION

Early in the 21st century, the Covid-19 pandemic has marked the future of humanity. Current generations are facing a singular health challenge that has had widespread effects on the population’s various activities and conditions of existence. Although the origin of the problem is common—the SARS-Cov-2 virus—its impacts on different societies, nations, and regions of the planet are and will continue to be heterogeneous; likewise its effects on economies, social relationships, welfare, and rights in the short-, medium-, and long-term.

Ibero-American scholars in the field of socio-economics have joined together in the Ibero-American Socio-Economics Network to open a common space for reflection on and study of the effects, challenges, and lessons of the Covid-19 pandemic regarding our countries.

At the beginning of this century, the region of Latin America was continuing to insert itself into the international economy, largely through the export of commodities. But the Great Recession that began in 2008, and then the pandemic, interrupted and reduced growth rates. From a social perspective, it has not been possible in recent decades to reduce the massive poverty levels that affect a large part of the inhabitants of Latin America, nor to reduce the historical socio-economic inequality that has characterized it. From a political viewpoint, Latin America entered the 21st century following a period of expansion of democratic methods for electing its governments, although this did not generally translate to more governance or the consolidation of states and law. As such, democratic institutions in various Latin American countries now appear to be undergoing processes of deconstruction.

The agenda that we propose to discuss with specialists from and in Latin America has to do with the structural characteristics of the economic processes that take place in the region, as well as with the social relations that end up shaping the quality of life, the exercise of rights and, ultimately, the well-being of our societies.

Issues we propose to develop through an open, informed, and plural deliberation in the coming months include: the economy, employment, and wages; effective access to health services; educational opportunities and inequalities; the gender gap and its new expressions in light of the pandemic; the response of the different governments to the pandemic, not only in terms of health but also regarding its economic and social effects; the environmental agenda and the preservation of the natural capital on which the ecosystems of the region depend.

We are convinced that universities should promote multidisciplinary knowledge of our social reality as an essential condition to building alternative policies and decisions, which in turn make less unequal and uncertain the possibility of building life projects in freedom and dignity.

ORGANIZATION

Ibero-American Socio-Economics Network

Organizing Committee

- *Julimar da Silva Bichara, Laura Pérez Ortiz and Santos M. Ruesga*, from the Faculty of Economic and Business Sciences, Autonomous University of Madrid,
- *Erwin Guillen and Jorge Luis Delgado*, from the Faculty of Economic, Administrative and Business Sciences, Catholic University of Santiago de Guayaquil,
- *Marta do Reis Castillo*, from the Institute of Economics, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, and
- *Ciro Murayama*, from the Faculty of Economics, National Autonomous University of Mexico.

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD

ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

FIRST SESSION PROGRAM

2021

1st session: Thursday, 6 May 2021

9:00am (Cd México, Santiago de Guayaquil) / 10:00am (New York) / 11:00am (Rio de Janeiro) / and 4:00 pm (Madrid)

Coordination: Santos M. Ruesga, Autonomous University of Madrid and SASE

Topic: “The Post-Covid Future of Latin America: Macro-Economic Views, Structural Asymmetries, and Productive Transformation”

Presentation: *The recurring crises, of varied origin, that are affecting Latin American economies and societies so far this century—the last of which being the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic—make it more urgent than ever to diagnose the reality of the region while taking into account the many specificities of each country and territory. The asymmetric impacts that our societies endure require an accurate diagnosis of what is happening in order to implement structural reform policies as soon as possible. The main aim is to put the region’s economies onto the path of sustained development and bring about substantial changes in the productive fabric of Latin American countries in order to achieve the desired development and social equity at some point in the coming decades. We seek to contrast and analyze at the macroeconomic level diagnoses and proposals that are already in the public debate.*

Introduction: Rafael Garesse Alarcón, Rector of the Autonomous University of Madrid

Moderator: Rolando Cordera, National Autonomous University of Mexico

Panelists: Alicia Bárcenas, Presidenta de la CEPAL,

Frederico Rocha, Universidade Federal de Río de Janeiro

José Antonio Ocampos, Universidad de Columbia

Colloquium with attendees

(Documentation prior to the session will be delivered to those registered)

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