

CAF-WELAC (LACEA)

Workshop on Gender, Households, and Inequality: Global Lessons with Relevance for Latin America and the Caribbean

Buenos Aires, Argentina

16th-17th December 2025

Latin America and the Caribbean countries are undergoing profound demographic, economic, and social transformations. Declining fertility, increased longevity, rising educational attainment among women, and evolving household and family structures are reshaping how individuals participate in economic life and how care responsibilities, work, and resources are distributed. These trends intersect with persistent structural challenges, including gender gaps in labor markets, unequal access to assets and opportunities, high levels of informality and inequality, and social issues such as persistently high rates of teen pregnancy and gender-based violence. In this context, it becomes increasingly important to understand how gender dynamics and household organization interact with broader economic and social processes, and how public policy can foster inclusion and equity.

This workshop seeks to bring together scholars, researchers, and policy experts from diverse fields in economics to discuss new research on gender inequality, household behavior, and the evolving structure of families and labor markets. **Invited speakers include Marianne Bertrand, Sonia Bhalotra, Anne Boring, Patricia Cortes, Raquel Fernández, and Basit Zafar.**

We encourage submissions from all fields in economics that examine gender-related issues and/or household dynamics. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Marriage markets, household formation and dissolution
- Understanding demographic trends
- Intra-household decision-making, bargaining, and learning
- Labor market outcomes and gender-based occupational segregation
- Gender gaps in income, assets, entrepreneurship, and time use
- Parental leave, family policy, and care provision
- Teen pregnancy, reproductive health, and family planning
- Gender norms and their influence on economic behavior and outcomes
- Violence against women and the economic consequences of gender-based violence
- Education, fertility, and intergenerational mobility

- The impact of social protection and labor market policies on gender inequality
- Macroeconomic trends and their gendered impacts (e.g., automation, climate change)
- Ageing, long-term care, and the gendered implications of demographic change

We welcome both micro and macroeconomic approaches, as well as a variety of empirical strategies and theoretical frameworks. While we particularly encourage submissions using data from Latin America and the Caribbean, we also welcome papers based on other regions, provided they offer potential insights or lessons relevant to the challenges and dynamics of LAC. Special attention will be given to contributions that address how recent demographic changes reshape gender gaps and explore the role of policy in responding to these emerging realities. We will also consider purely descriptive studies that provide valuable insights into recent regional trends.

The papers will be selected by a scientific committee comprised of outstanding researchers.

Beyond strengthening the Gender Network, the December timing offers participants an excellent opportunity to experience Argentina's summer season and explore the country or broader South America region. Participants are welcome to extend their stay for personal travel at their own expense.

Scientific committee:

Chairs: Raquel Fernández (NYU and Director of WELAC) and Verónica Frisancho (CAF)
Ines Berniell (CEDLAS)
Dolores de la Mata (CAF)
Verónica Amarante (CAF)
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Anna Aizer (Brown University)
Marcela Peticara (Universidad Diego Portales)
Olivier Bargain (Université de Bordeaux)
Diana Krueger (Universidad Adolfo Ibañez)
Gabriella Conti (University College London)
Germán Cubas (University of Houston)
Ana Balsa (Universidad de Montevideo)

Important dates:

Deadline for paper submission: August 3, 2025 11:59 pm Arg (UTC-3)
Notification of organizers' decision: September 8, 2025
Workshop: December 16-17, 2025

Organizing committee:

Florencia Buccari (CAF)
Dolores de la Mata (CAF)
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Location: Universidad de San Andrés, Av. Callao 1055, Buenos Aires, Argentina

CAF can provide financial support to selected authors who require it, covering flight tickets, travel, and accommodation expenses.

Paper submission: Full papers, written in English, should be submitted for consideration for the meeting. The cover page should include: the title of the paper, institutional affiliation, including address, and email of each author and an abstract.

Full papers, in PDF format, should be submitted online via [this form](#)

Further information:

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