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Call for papers

Income redistribution and the role of tax-benefit systems in Latin America

5-6 July 2018, Quito, Ecuador

United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), together with the **EUROMOD** team at the **Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER)** at the **University of Essex**, and the **Instituto de Altos Estudios Nacionales (IAEN)**, are delighted to invite researchers to submit papers for an international conference on income redistribution and the role of tax-benefit systems in Latin America, being held on 5-6 July 2018 at IAEN in Quito, Ecuador.

The keynote will be delivered by professor **Olivier Bargain** (**University of Bordeaux** and **Institut Universitaire de France**). The conference will also feature a policy round table discussion on 'El rol de los impuestos y las transferencias monetarias en la reducción de la pobreza y desigualdad en Ecuador', and parallel sessions with contributed papers.

The conference is part of the activities in the SOUTHMOD project, in which tax-benefit microsimulation models for selected developing countries were built. ECUAMOD, the tax-benefit microsimulation model for Ecuador, has been developed in collaboration with IAEN, UNU-WIDER, and the EUROMOD team at the Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Essex.

We welcome individual empirical papers studying the role of tax-benefit systems in Latin American countries. Possible topics might cover:

- The effect of taxes and benefits on income inequality and poverty
- Work incentives, labour supply and the role of the tax-benefit system
- Improving social protection for vulnerable groups
- Informality and tax evasion
- Tax-benefit reforms and general equilibrium effects
- Combining survey and administrative data for microsimulation analysis

Papers based on data from other developing regions or developed economies are also welcome as long as they convey a clear message about the role of the tax-benefit system and the relevance of the analysis for Latin American countries.

Submission procedure

Interested applicants wishing to present their original research should complete the [online application form](#).

We particularly encourage submissions from early-career, female, and developing country researchers.

The application requires:

- 1 An up-to-date CV
- 2 An abstract not exceeding 300 words summarizing the research question, the main methods and data, and key findings of the paper and the larger policy implications of the research
- 3 A full-length paper OR an extended abstract
 - the first page of the paper or extended abstract should include all author names and affiliations and the above-mentioned 300-word abstract
 - in PDF format
 - written in Spanish or English
 - full-length papers should be 6,000–10,000 words long whereas the extended abstracts should be 1,500–1,800 words long

Any queries on the call for papers should be sent to [Holguer Xavier Jara Tamayo](#) and [Pia Rattenhuber](#).

Important dates

6 April 2018	paper/extended abstract submission deadline
30 April 2018	target date for acceptance notification
8 June 2018	final papers due
5-6 July 2018	conference

Conference package and travel

Most meals during the conference will be provided. There is no registration fee.

Conference participants are expected to finance their travel and accommodation at their own expense or seek support from their home universities/affiliations.

Participants may apply for funding for travel costs, which will be subject to consideration. Travel support includes accommodation and flights for one author per selected paper using the most economical travel route subject to UNU travel policy; preference will be given to authors from developing countries.

Conference language

The keynote will be delivered in English with simultaneous translation into Spanish. The round table discussion will be in Spanish. The parallel sessions will be either in Spanish or in English, with simultaneous translation into Spanish.