

BCDE 2026 — Conference Program

SEBOL · Sociedad de Economistas de Bolivia

☐ Semi-Plenary & Parallel slot ☐ Keynote ☒ Macro ☐ Micro & Development

Day 1 — Tuesday, November 10

08:00–09:00 Registration

09:00–09:15 Opening Ceremony · Oscar Molina (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

09:15–10:15

KEYNOTE

Keynote Lecture 1 · Sergio Schmuckler (Banco Mundial)

10:15–10:30 Coffee break

10:30–12:00

1 h 30 min

SEMI-PLENARY SESSION

SDSN

Session title & presenters — to be confirmed

PARALLEL SESSIONS

A1 · Fiscal Policy & Subsidies

When Population Counts: Intergovernmental Transfers and Local Fiscal Performance in Bolivia

Osmar Bolivar Rosales (Centro Boliviano de Economía - CAINCO)

Bridging the Wage Gap: The Fiscal and Economic Gains of Reducing Government Employment Inefficiencies

Alfredo Villca (Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo)

Efectos macro-sectoriales de la eliminación del subsidio implícito al gas para la generación eléctrica en Bolivia

Francisco Javier Aliaga Lordemann (Fundación INESAD)

A2 · Energy, Climate & Migration

Zero Energy Day: How Nationwide Blackouts Affect the Economy

Luis E. Gonzales (Central Bank of Chile)

Reaching the Vulnerable: Climate Agenda-Setting and the Composition of Multilateral Climate Finance

Pablo Neudörfer (Universidad de Talca)

Climate-Driven Migration and Labor Market Effects in Bolivia: An Instrumental Variables Approach

Rodrigo Mauricio Lopez Ergueta (University of Geneva)

A3 · Health and Behavior

Salud infantil y brechas de acceso después de la universalización sanitaria en Bolivia

Badia Machicado (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Parental Altruism, the Samaritan's Dilemma, and the College Decision.

Agustin Diaz Casanueva (Central Bank of Chile)

Redesigning Peer Dynamics: A Behavioral Game Intervention to Reduce Bullying and Discrimination in Bolivian Schools

Lorena Andrea Heller Vilela (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

12:00–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:00

1 h 30 min

SEMI-PLenary SESSION

IDB

Competition

PARALLEL SESSIONS

B1 · Exchange-Rate Policy & Devaluation

Dollar Shortages and the Exit from a Peg
Pablo Cuba Borda (Federal Reserve Board)

Exchange-Rate Transition under Foreign-Exchange Scarcity: Text-Based Expectations and Bayesian Semi-Structural Evidence from Bolivia
Ronaldo Terrazas (SEBOL)

Foreign Exchange Rationing, Digital Dollar Access, and Regulatory Observability: Evidence from Bolivia
Jonathan Fortun (IIF)

B2 · Human Capital & Growth

Chantanomics: Quantity and Quality of Human Capital within a Mankiw, Romer and Weil (1992) Framework
Pablo Mendieta Ossio (Centro Boliviano de Economía - CAINCO)

Higher Education Accreditation and Labor Market Outcomes in Colombia
Ricardo Nogales (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

The Effect of Education on Sustainable Employment in Bolivia.
Ibhar Beramendi (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

B3 · Mining & Spatial Development

The Local Socioeconomic Impact of Bolivia's Largest Mine: Synthetic Control Evidence from the San Cristóbal Mine
Cloe Barbera (Geneva Graduate Institute)

Large-Scale Mining and Local Welfare: Household and Individual Evidence from Bolivia
Cloe Barbera (Geneva Graduate Institute)

Reorganización territorial de la migración interna reciente en Bolivia: evidencia municipal a partir de los censos de 2012 y 2024
Oriana Espejo Zacarias (SDSN Bolivia - UPB)

B4 · Sustainable Development

Women in Fish Farming: Uncovering the Mechanisms of Women's Leadership
Soraya Roman (Universidade Católica de Brasília)

Where Does the Money Go? Female Economic Visibility and the Gender Gap in Business-Oriented Financial Behavior
Maria Alejandra Villegas Gutierrez (Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México)

Riesgos y restricciones presupuestarias en la adopción de tecnologías agrícolas sostenibles: quinua
Javier Aliaga (Fundación INESAD)

15:00–15:15

Coffee break

15:15–16:45

2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1 h 30 min

SEMI-PLenary SESSION

AFD

Session title & presenters — to be confirmed

SEMI-PLenary SESSION

INESAD

Session title & presenters — to be confirmed

PARALLEL SESSIONS

C1 · Parallel Dollar Markets & Digital Currency

La dinámica del precio del USDT en Bolivia ante episodios de incertidumbre interna, 2023–2026
Daniel Bohoz Oros Trujillo (Investigador independiente)

Persistence, Duration and Transition Dynamics Between Calm and Stress Regimes in Bolivia's Parallel Dollar Market (2024–2026): Evidence from a Markov-Switching Autoregressive Model
Walter Manuel Marañon Quiñones (Independent Researcher)

Foreign Exchange Rationing, Digital Settlement, and Fiscal Dominance.
Jonathan Fortun (IIF)

C2 · Trade, Firms & Business Informality

Free Trade and Strategic Firm Responses: Evidence from NAFTA and the U.S. Beer Market
Santiago Julián García Nava (Universidad de Chile)

The Other NiNis in Bolivia: The Heterogeneity of Business Informality
Pablo Mendieta Ossio (Centro Boliviano de Economía - CAINCO)

The Impact of Internet Speed on Poverty and Informality: Evidence from Brazil and Ecuador
Osmar Bolívar Rosales (Centro Boliviano de Economía - CAINCO)

C3 · Labor Markets & Informality

Informal employment in Bolivia at the municipal level for 2024: an approach using Machine Learning techniques
Isaias Nataniel Abraham Escobar Aliaga (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Diminishing Returns to Formalization over the Life Cycle
Gunnar Poppe Yanez (Johns Hopkins University, Advanced Academic Programs, Washington, DC, USA)

Working hours policy reform: micro and macro impacts
Mauricio Tejada (Universidad Diego Portales)

16:45–17:00

Coffee break

17:00–18:30

2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1 h 30 min

SEMI-PLenary SESSION

IDB

Labor Markets

SEMI-PLenary SESSION

FONPLATA

Brisa Rejas

20:00–22:00

Conference Dinner (by invitation only)

Day 2 — Wednesday, November 11

08:30–09:00Registration

09:00–10:302 CONCURRENT SESSIONS1 h 30 min

SEMI-PLENARY SESSION

IDB

Subnational Issues

SEMI-PLENARY SESSION

BOWEN

Session title & presenters — to be confirmed

PARALLEL SESSIONS

D1 · Banking, Credit & Firm Finance

Lessons from Bank Failures in Bolivia: Empirical Evidence on Early Warning Signals Prior to Collapse
Andres Gutierrez (Universidad Mayor de San Andrés)

The Impact of Reverse Factoring on MSMEs: Firm-level Evidence from Mexico
Jose Tesada (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)

De facto devaluation and banking sector mission drift: Evidence from Bolivia
Mateo Linares Saavedra (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

D2 · AI & the Future of Work

Inteligencia artificial y re-configuración del mercado laboral: Un modelo basado en agentes (ABM)
Esteban Michel Herrera (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Artificial Intelligence and Perceived Employability: Fear, Optimism, and Digital Preparedness in a Bolivian Higher Education
Pamela Cordova Olivera (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Improving Emotional and Vocal Expression in Job Interview Simulations with an AI-Enhanced Chatbot for University Students
Alberto Grájeda Chacón (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

D3 · Poverty & Welfare Measurement

Multidimensional Poverty Measurement under Missing Data: A Framework for Selecting Imputation Strategies
Daniel Alejandro Revilla Cabrera (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Menos pobreza, ¿para todos? Evidencia multidimensional y territorial de Bolivia, 2012 vs 2024
Marion Bruna Torrico Alejandro (SDSN Bolivia)

Medición del cambio en el bienestar de los hogares bolivianos ante la eliminación del subsidio a la gasolina: un enfoque de variación compensatoria
Jose Ignacio Lopez Tamayo (Universidad Católica Boliviana)

10:30–10:45Coffee break

10:45–12:15KEYNOTE

Keynote Lecture 2 · Andrea Repetto (Universidad Católica de Chile)

12:15–13:45Lunch

13:45–15:151 h 30 min

SEMI-PLENARY SESSION

IDB

Gender

PARALLEL SESSIONS

E1 · Monetary Policy & Inflation Dynamics

Optimal Monetary Policy Under Higher Tariffs
Pablo Cuba Borda (Federal Reserve Board)

Shocks comunes, fricciones espaciales y conectividad de la inflación en Bolivia
Pablo Cachaga Herrera (Universidad Mayor de San Andres)

Nowcasting Inflation in Bolivia: Digital Sentiment and Currency Crisis
Elvis Vargas (Fundación Aru)

E2 · Education & Social Mobility

Unequal Opportunities? Intergenerational Educational Mobility across Municipalities in Bolivia and its Predictors
Juan Pablo Barrancos Rojas (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Intergenerational Educational Mobility in Andean Countries: Gender and Ethnic Disparities – Extended Abstract
Ibhar Christian Beramendi Illanes (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Determinantes de la satisfacción y lealtad institucional de los titulados en educación superior: un análisis de procesos mixtos condicionales
Raúl Rubin de Celis (Universidad Católica Boliviana)

E3 · Tourism & Urban Labor

Turismo internacional y mercados laborales urbanos en Bolivia
Esteban Michel Herrera (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

Cognitive Costs and Crime: How Street Network Topology Shapes Criminal Opportunity
Elvis Edison Choque Sanchez (Universidad Alberto Hurtado)

Smokers' Preferences for Tobacco Product Attributes in Licit and Illicit Markets: A Discrete Choice Experiment in Colombia and Bolivia
Joaquin Morales (Universidad Privada Boliviana)

15:15–15:30Coffee break

15:30–17:00		2 CONCURRENT SESSIONS		1 h 30 min	
SEMI-PLENARY SESSION FES Bolivia - Propuestas para un reordenamiento económico Daniel Agramont y Solange Sardán			SEMI-PLENARY SESSION ABCE Session title & presenters — to be confirmed		
PARALLEL SESSIONS					
F1 · Inflation Perception & Real Income Inflation Perception and Digital Narratives in Bolivia: Construction of a Social Index (2023–2026) Carlos Pantoja (Fundación Aru) The Cost of Disruption: Inflation and Real Income in Bolivia Ibhar Christian Beramendi Illanes (Universidad Privada Boliviana) Equilibrio y desalineamientos del tipo de cambio nominal en Bolivia (1990–2024) Beatriz Cristina Muriel Hernández (Fundación INESAD)		F2 · Forecasting & Spatial Methods From Seasonality to Semantics: Benchmarking a Hybrid Probabilistic Forecasting System for Roadblocks in Bolivia Rodrigo Vargas Sainz (Universidad Privada de Santa Cruz de la Sierra) Smog, Not Lights. Tracking Bolivia's 2024–2026 Recession from Space Ahmed Eid Valdiviezo (Suyana Climate Insurance - AI Analytics) Predicting and monitoring local development from outer space: Evidence from the Bolivian municipalities Carlos Mendez (Nagoya Univeristy, Japan)		F3 · Conflict, Political Economy & Resilience Vote counting dynamics and a real-time test to identify fraud: Presidential elections in the U.S., Peru, and Bolivia Diego Escobari (The University of Texas RGV) Free-Market Beliefs and the Intergenerational Transmission of Values Antonio Saravia (Mercer University) Más allá del número de protestas: violencia, interrupciones de movilidad y resiliencia del turismo receptor en Bolivia Esteban Michel Herrera (Universidad Privada Boliviana)	
17:00–17:15 Coffee break					
17:15–18:45				1 h 30 min	
SEMI-PLENARY SESSION Plenary Special Session by IDB - LAC Crece Session title & presenters — to be confirmed					
18:45–19:45 Farewell Cocktail					