“Growth and Development”
Laboratory for Aggregate Economics and Finance (LAEF)
University of California, Santa Barbara
November 12-13, 2010

Friday, November 12, 2010
The Garden Room at The Upham

*note that speakers are highlighted in author listings*

- 10:00-11:00: Distortions, Infrastructure, and Labor Supply in Latin American Countries
  German Cubas *(Banco Central del Uruguay)*

- 11:00-11:15: Coffee Break

- 11:15-12:15: Castes and Labor Mobility
  Viktoria Hnatkovska, *(University of British Columbia)*, Amartya Lahiri *(University of British Columbia)* and Sourabh B. Paul *(University of British Columbia)*

- 12:15-2:00: Lunch – Louie’s Bistro (courtyard)

- 2:00-3:00: Explaining Educational Attainment across Countries and over Time
  Diego Restuccia *(University of Toronto)* and Guillaume Vandenbroucke *(University of Iowa)*

- 3:00-3:15: Coffee Break

- 3:15-4:15: Beyond GDP? Welfare across Countries and Time
  Charles A. Jones *(Stanford GSB and NBER)* and Peter Klenow *(Stanford University and NBER)*

- 4:15-4:30: Coffee Break

- 4:30-5:30: The Macroeconomics of Microfinance
  Francisco J. Buera *(UCLA)*, Joseph P. Kaboski *(University of Notre Dame)* and Yongseok Shin *(Washington University, St. Louis)*

8:00: Dinner – El Paseo Mexican Restaurant
Saturday, November 13, 2010
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- 10:00-11:00: Catching Up and Falling Behind
  Nancy L. Stokey (University of Chicago)

- 11:00-11:15: Coffee Break

- 11:15-12:15: Crisis and Productivity
  Benjamin Bridgman (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

- 12:15-2:00: Lunch – Bistro Salad and Sandwich Buffet (courtyard)

- 2:00-3:00: Informal Sector, Productivity and Tax Collection
  Julio C. Leal-Ordóñez (CIDE, Mexico City)

- 3:00-3:15: Coffee Break

- 3:15-4:14: The Intensive Margin of Technology Adoption
  Diego Comin (Harvard University and NBER) and Martí Mestieri (MIT)

- 4:15-4:30: Coffee Break

- 4:30-5:30: The World Distribution of Productivity: Country TFP Choice in a Nelson-Phelps Economy
  Erika Färnstrand (Research Institute of Industrial Economics-IFN) and Per Krusell
  (Institute for International Economics Studies-IIES, CAERP, CEPR, and NBER)

8:00: Dinner – Coast Restaurant at the Canary Hotel