

**“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*