

PROGRAM

# 13th Annual Meeting of AL CAPONE

(America Latina Crime and Policy Network)

Friday, May 10 - Saturday, May 11, 2024

*The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS) at Harvard University and the America Latina Crime and Policy Network (AL CAPONE) –a network of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) present the 13th Annual Meeting of AL CAPONE.*

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| Friday, May 10   CGIS South - S020 Belfer Case Study Room |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am                                         | Arrival and Breakfast                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9:00 am - 9:15 am                                         | Welcome and opening remarks – <b>Sol Carbonell</b> (DRCLAS Interim Executive Director, Harvard University) and <b>Juan Vargas</b> (AL CAPONE Director, U.Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto)                                                                                                                                               |
| 9:15 am - 10:45 am                                        | <b>Session 1: Mafia</b><br>Chair: Ernesto Schargrodsky (CAF and UTDT)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9:15 am - 10:00 am                                        | "The Institutional Role of the Italian Mafia: Enforcing Contracts When the State Does Not"<br><b>Federica Braccioli</b> (BSE and IAE-CSIC).<br>Discussant: <b>Ana Arjona</b> (Northwestern University)                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:00 am - 10:45 am                                       | "Once Upon a Time in America: the Mafia and the Unions"<br><b>Marta Troya-Martinez</b> (New Economic School and UAB).<br>Discussant: <b>Nicola Mastrorocco</b> (U. Bologna)                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10:45 am - 11:00 am                                       | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11:00 am - 12:30 pm                                       | <b>Session 2: Youth Crime Prevention</b><br>Chair: Natalia Garbiras-Diaz (Harvard HBS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 11:00 am - 11:45 am                                       | "Breaking the Gang: A Preventive Approach to Reduce Recruitment in Schools"<br><b>Felipe Coy</b> (Princeton University).<br>Discussant: <b>Santiago Tobón</b> (U. EAFIT)                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11:45 am - 12:30 pm                                       | "After-school activities and crime: evidence from London’s youth clubs" <b>Carmen Villa</b> (Warwick and IFS).<br>Discussant: <b>Santiago Perez-Vincent</b> (Inter-American Development Bank)                                                                                                                                            |
| 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm                                        | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm                                         | <b>Policy Panel – “Crime Reduction Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean”</b><br><br><b>Marcela Melendez</b> (World Bank), <b>Juanita Goebertus</b> (Human Rights Watch), <b>Pablo Javkin</b> (mayor of Rosario) , <b>Claudia López</b> (former mayor of Bogota).<br>Moderator: <b>Yanilda González</b> (Harvard Kennedy School) |
| 2:30 pm - 2:40 pm                                         | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2:40 pm - 4:10 pm                                         | <b>Session 3: Economic Shocks and Crime</b><br>Chair: Santiago Tobón (U. EAFIT)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2:40 pm - 3:25 pm                                         | "Small Children, Big problems? Childbirth and Crime"<br><b>Diogo Britto</b> (Milan Bicocca-CLEAN).<br>Discussant: <b>Ernesto Schargrodsky</b> (CAF and UTDT)                                                                                                                                                                             |



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| 3:25 pm - 4:10 pm                                                  | "The Hidden Side of Progress: Innovation, Job Loss, and Violence" <b>Thiago Lobo</b> (EESP-FGV).<br>Discussant: <b>Andrés Zambrano</b> (World Bank)                                                                             |
| 4:10 pm - 4:30 pm                                                  | <b>Coffee Break</b> (Feat. Arnold Ventures – Research on Criminal Justice and Funding Opportunities)                                                                                                                            |
| 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm                                                  | <b>Keynote Lecture – “‘Something Works’ in U.S. Jails: Misconduct and Recidivism Effects of the IGNITE Program”</b><br><br><b>Crystal Yang</b> (Harvard Law School).<br>Chair: Juan Vargas (U.Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto) |
| 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm                                                  | <b>Conference Dinner (by invitation only)</b><br><i>sponsored by Arnold Ventures <a href="http://www.arnoldventures.org">www.arnoldventures.org</a></i>                                                                         |
| <b>Saturday, May 11   CGIS South - S020 Belfer Case Study Room</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 9:00 am - 9:45 am                                                  | <b>Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9:45 am - 11:15 am                                                 | <b>Session 4: Drugs</b><br>Chair: Joana Monteiro (FGV/EBAPE)                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 9:45 am - 10:30 am                                                 | "Throwing Gasoline on cocaine production: The Effect of a Supply Shock on Violence" <b>Monica Beeder</b> (Norwegian School of Economics).<br>Discussant: <b>Daniel Mejía</b> (U. Andes)                                         |
| 10:30 am - 11:15 am                                                | "Landing on Water: Air Interdiction, Drug-Trafficking Displacement, and Violence in the Brazilian Amazon" <b>Leila Pereira</b> (INSPER). <b>Michael Weintraub</b> (U. Andes)                                                    |
| 11:15 am - 11:30 am                                                | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11:30 am - 1:00 pm                                                 | <b>Session 5: Police Behavior</b><br>Chair: Daniel Ortega (CAF)                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 11:30 am - 12:15 pm                                                | "Motorized and More Motivated? Militarized Patrols and Crime in Ceara, Brazil" <b>Joana Monteiro</b> (FGV/EBAPE).<br>Discussant: <b>Diogo Britto</b> (Milan Bicocca-CLEAN)                                                      |
| 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm                                                 | "Strategic Bureaucratic Opacity: Evidence from Death Investigation Laws and Police Killings"<br><b>Stephen Kastoryano</b> (U. Reading).<br>Discussant: <b>Natalia Garbiras-Diaz</b> (Harvard HBS)                               |
| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm                                                  | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm | <b>Session 6: Criminal Justice in LAC</b><br>Chair: Michael Weintraub (U. Andes)                                                                                                                                                 |
| 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm | "Do rehabilitative prison policies work? Evidence from El Salvador" <b>Matthew Pecenco</b> (Brown University).<br>Discussant: <b>Joana Monteiro</b> (FGV/EBAPE)                                                                  |
| 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm | "On the Tension Between Due Process Protection and Public Safety: The Case of an Extensive Procedural Reform in Colombia" <b>Daniel Mejía</b> (U.Andes).<br>Discussant: <b>Juan Vargas</b> (U. Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto) |
| 3:30 pm - 3:45 pm | <b>Coffee Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm | <b>Session 7: Miscellaneous</b><br>Chair: Rafael Di Tella (Harvard Business School)                                                                                                                                              |
| 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm | "When fear governs: The impacts of homicidal violence on support for hardline security policies"<br><b>Santiago Tobón</b> (EAFIT).<br>Discussant: <b>Daniel Ortega</b> (CAF)                                                     |
| 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm | "How do you say Plata o Plomo around the world? Bribes, violence, and elections in different countries"<br><b>Giovanna Marcolongo</b> (Bocconi-CLEAN).<br>Discussant: <b>Rafael Di Tella</b> (Harvard HBS)                       |
| 5:15 pm - 5:30 pm | <b>Closing Remarks</b><br><b>Rafael Di Tella</b> (Harvard HBS) and <b>Ernesto Schargrodsky</b> (CAF and UTDT)                                                                                                                    |