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## Welcome! Bienvenidos! Bem-vindos!

The Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association or Asociación de Economía de América Latina y el Caribe (LACEA) is an international association of economists with common research interests in Latin America. It was formed in 1992 to facilitate the exchange of ideas among economists and policymakers. For more information [about LACEA](#), please review its [history and Bylaws](#). We also invite you to [join LACEA](#). To search for current LACEA members, please use our [Membership Directory](#).

LACEA is generously supported by grants from the [Global Development Network](#) and the World Bank's Development Grant Facility. In addition, the annual meetings are supported by grants from The World Bank, The Inter-American Development Bank, The Ford Foundation, and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation. Click [here](#) to read more about LACEA's supporters.

### [LACEA Annual Meetings](#)

The [14th Annual LACEA Meeting](#) will take place in Buenos Aires, on October 1st -3rd, hosted by Universidad Torcuato Di Tella. The deadline for submissions is May 4th, 2009. For more information [click here](#).

The [13th LACEA Annual Meeting 2008](#) took place at IMPA (Instituto Nacional De Matemática Pura E Aplicada), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 20th to 22nd, 2008.

For information about previous annual meetings, please [click here](#).

### [LACEA and the Global Development Network - GDN](#)



Since 1999, the Global Development Network has been awarding annual grants to LACEA as part of its program on Regional Research Consortia capacity building. LACEA has been using the funds for a variety of activities. For a complete description of GDN related activities and research opportunities, please visit our [GDN subpage](#)

### [LACEA Sponsored Networks](#)

LACEA sponsors four networks in the field of Capacity Building. Each Network -- [Inequality and Poverty](#), [Political Economy](#), [Regional Integration](#), [Finance Camps](#) -- holds annual meetings in different regions of Latin America. Please take a look at their websites for more information.

### [Economia, the journal of LACEA](#)

Since 2000, LACEA has been publishing the journal *Economia*. The objective of the journal is to provide a forum for high-quality research directly applied to policy issues within and among countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

### [Carlos Diaz-Alejandro Prize](#)

LACEA's Diaz-Alejandro Prize is designed to honor the memory and contribution of Carlos Diaz-Alejandro, and to encourage high quality research on economic issues relevant to Latin America.

## What's New and Upcoming!

### [NEWS LETTER](#)

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The 10th Annual Political Economy Group Meeting will take place in Cartagena, Colombia, on May 28th and 29th, and will be organized by Universidad de Los Andes and Fedesarrollo. For more information [click here](#).

Mauricio Cardenas' introduction to the Carlos Diaz Alejandro lecture in LACEA's Annual Meeting: [click here](#).

» LACEA now offers [JSTOR Access](#) for all LACEA members! Please click on [JSTOR access for LACEA members](#), to be entitled to access the Business Collection of JSTOR.

» GDN has launched a 5-year research project on 'Strengthening Institutions to Improve Public Expenditure Accountability'. Under this [Call for Proposals](#), GDN will sponsor up to fifteen institutions.

» GDN and CIPPEC will support the production of 5 case studies on policy research institutes (PRIs) or think tanks that have worked or are currently working jointly with a

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