



Call for papers: 2nd Research Conference on Forced Displacement

In 2019, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Bank established the Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC). In line with its mandate and recognizing the need for robust evidence to inform policy and project design, the Center is partnering with the School of Economics at Universidad de los Andes to organize the Second International Research Conference on Forced Displacement to be held on May 28-29, 2021, at Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. The conference will be preceded by a Policy Forum on Forced Displacement on May 27, 2021. The Center solicits the submission of papers on the collection and analysis of micro data on forcibly displaced populations and their hosts.

This second international conference will have a particular – albeit not exclusive – focus on research on internally displaced persons. The choice of the conference venue is therefore not accidental. Colombia has endured over 60 years of protracted conflict and has the highest number of internally displaced persons in the world. Moreover, there is a track record of policies, program design, and academic research related to the humanitarian and development responses to the displacement crisis in Colombia. The Colombian experience can be informative to promote new research and gather attention on emerging scholarship on this important topic from around the world.

Keynote speakers (tentative)

Ana María Ibáñez, *Principal Economics Advisor at the IDB and Professor at the School of Economics at Universidad de los Andes*

Edward Miguel, *Oxfam Professor in Environmental and Resource Economics, Dept. of Economics, Berkeley University of California and Faculty Director of the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)*

To be considered for inclusion on the program, completed papers or extended abstracts should be submitted to fdresearchconference@worldbank.org by October 31, 2020.

The papers chosen for the conference will be selected by a scientific committee comprised of Quy-Toan Do (World Bank), Rema Hanna (Harvard University), Andrés Moya (Universidad de los Andes), and Domenico Tabasso (JDC-UNHCR). Authors chosen to present papers will be notified by January 6, 2021. Economy air travel and accommodation expenses will be covered for one presenter for each paper.