



**THE POLITICAL ECONOMY GROUP – LACEA
12th ANNUAL MEETING
CARTAGENA (COLOMBIA) MAY 26th-27th, 2011**

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Political Economy Group of LACEA (PEG) has held annual meetings since 1998. The 2011 meeting of the PEG will take place in Cartagena, Colombia, on May 26th and 27th, and will be organized by Universidad de Los Andes and Fedesarrollo. As in previous years, the 2010 meeting aims to promote the discussion of connections between economics and politics. Jeffrey Frieden, from Harvard University, will give a keynote presentation.

We are inviting contributions to be considered for presentation at the meeting. The accepted contributions are expected to be relevant for understanding the most demanding problems of Latin America and Caribbean countries. This allows for contributions addressing issues in other regions when those issues are deemed relevant to the Latin American context. The focus of the meeting will be on the connection between economics and political institutions broadly understood, including legislatures, courts, executives, political parties, elections, weakly institutionalized environments, the institutions of federalism and the workings of the public service. Studies of specific Latin American countries as well as comparative institutional analyses are also welcome.

Papers must be submitted no later than March 14th of 2011 for consideration for the meeting. A program committee integrated by Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley), Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes), Claudio Ferraz (PUC Rio), Frederico Finan (UC Berkeley), Ernesto Stein (IDB), and Roberto Steiner (Fedesarrollo) will select the papers to be presented. Submitted papers will be judged on their academic merit and on how closely they fit the focus of the meeting. Both theoretical and empirical contributions are welcome, as well as work by young scholars and graduate students. The organization has some funds to finance travel expenses of those participants not able to obtain full funding from their own sources. Additionally, two of the selected papers, authored by junior researchers from the region, will benefit from detailed comments and follow up by a field expert. This is made possible by a grant from the Global Development Network's mentoring program.

If you are interested in submitting a paper, please do so no later than March 14th 2011. The selection process will be completed by April 14th, 2011. Papers must be written in English to be considered. Each author can submit and present at most one paper. Full papers, in PDF format, should be sent to:

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Please provide complete contact details in your submission, including affiliation and position.

For information on attending the meeting as part of the audience, please contact Karina Ricaurte at the email address listed above.