

Launch of the special issue of *CEPAL Review*, No. 132

COVID-19 and the socioeconomic crisis in Latin America and the Caribbean

Virtual meeting, 29 April 2021

10 – 11.30 a.m. (Chilean time, GMT-4)

This event is convened by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). With a view to broadening and deepening discussions on the global crisis and its effects on and prospects for recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean, *CEPAL Review* has published a special issue on the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, with Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC, and Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of the ECLAC, as guest editors. This issue features 15 articles by leading scholars of regional and international renown in the field of social sciences. With this special issue, the *CEPAL Review* complements the significant work carried out by the regional commission of the United Nations since the outbreak of the health emergency at the beginning of 2020 with a body of intellectual work that seeks to put theory into practice to help overcome the crisis and make real and effective progress towards a new development pattern with productive transformation, social inclusion and environmental sustainability, in keeping with the thinking of ECLAC.

Zoom registration and connection:

Zoom meeting: Launch of the special issue of CEPAL Review No.132

Meeting link:

<https://cepal-org.zoom.us/j/96165680389?pwd=YXpva2orZUJWMHlROU0za2tWUksydz09>

Meeting number: 961 6568 0389

Password: 443874

(Simultaneous interpretation will be provided)

Webstream:

The event will also be streamed live on the ECLAC website and at <https://live.cepal.org/>

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Agenda

Thursday, 29 April

10 – 10.10 a.m.

Welcome address

Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)

10.10 – 11 a.m.

Moderator:

Dialogue with authors of the special issue of the *CEPAL Review*

Mario Cimoli, Deputy Executive Secretary of ECLAC

- José Antonio Ocampo, Professor at the School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University and Chair of the Committee for Development Policy of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. “The COVID-19 crisis in Latin America from a historical perspective”
- Benedicte Bull, Professor in the Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM) at the University of Oslo, and Francisco Robles Rivera, Researcher at the Institute of Social Research (IIS) and Lecturer at the School of Communication (ECCC) at the University of Costa Rica. “COVID-19, elites and the future political economy of inequality reduction in Latin America”
- Leonardo Lomelí Vanegas, Tenured Professor with the Faculty of Economics of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). “The health economy in Mexico”
- Maria Savona, Professor of Innovation and Evolutionary Economics at the University of Sussex, United Kingdom, and Professor of Applied Economics at Luiss University, Rome. “A “new normal” as a “new essential”? COVID-19, digital transformations and employment structures”
- Juan Carlos Moreno Brid, Professor in the School of Economics of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and Rodrigo Alfonso Morales López, postdoctoral researcher with the School of Economics of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). “Central America and the pandemic: macroeconomic policy challenges”

11.00 – 11.25 a.m.

Comments, questions and answers

11.25 a.m.

Close of the meeting

Alicia Bárcena, Executive Secretary of ECLAC

