

LSE-IDB Annual Conference on Latin America and the Caribbean

October 4th 2017, held at The Law Society, 113 Chancery Lane, London.

Skills for Development in a Changing World

The conference addresses a defining issue of the age, the relationship between the acquisition of skills that are suitable for the rapidly changing conditions of contemporary labour markets, technological transitions and innovation frontiers. Prompted by the release of the IDB 2017 Flagship report, *Learning Better: Public Policy for Skills Development*, the conference will consider how governments should react to the rapidly changing demands in the labour market, and how solid evidence can guide effective public policy to meet these challenges. What skills are required as manual roles or a labour-intensive service sector become less important; or, as governments and civil society organisations promote small and medium size enterprises? How are we to understand ‘skills’ in the ‘creative industries’, the ‘smart’ or ‘gig’ economy in developing countries, and as new flows of information become available through social media and other platforms? Panelists will explore the implications of a new ‘skills economy’ for the lifecourse, the transitions through childhood to adulthood, the gender divisions of labour and the future role of social institutions such as the family, household, or organisations such as the vocational training centres, schools and church. The conference will include input from private sector organisations to discuss how they foresee ‘skills’ in the future.

Programme

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| 8.30-9.00 | Registration |
| 9.00-9.15 | Welcome: Professor Gareth A Jones (LSE) & Ignacio Corlazzoli (IDB Representative in Europe) |
| 9.15-9:45 | ‘Skills’, a Challenge and an Opportunity for Development

Opening remarks by Dame Minouche Shafik (Director, LSE) and Dr Santiago Levy (Vice President for Sectors & Knowledge, IDB). |
| 9.45-11.15: | Panel I: Learning during childhood and adolescence: the importance of schools and parents |
| Presenter: | Matias Busso (IDB, editor Development in the Americas 2017 Report) |

Round Table Discussion

Professor Kitty Stewart (CASE, LSE)
Dr Miguel Székely (Director, Center for Education & Social Studies, Mexico)
Professor Sandra Jovchelovitch (Dept. Psychological & Behavioural Science, LSE)
Professor Sonia Livingstone (Dept. Media & Communications, LSE)

Moderator: Professor Tim Leunig (Chief Scientific Adviser & Chief Analyst at Department for Education)

11.15-11:30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **Panel II: Promoting skills for the Labour Market**

Presenter: Julian Messina (IDB, editor Development in the Americas 2017 Report)

Round Table Discussion

Dr Marco Manacorda (QMUL & CEP/LSE)

Dr Kirsten Sehnbruch (Universidad Diego Portales, Chile & LSE)

Dr Sergio Urzua (University of Maryland)

Moderator: tbc

13.00-14.00 Lunch [provided]

14.00-15.30 **Panel III: Skills for Tomorrow: Innovation, Productivity & Technology**

Keynote speech: Professor Steve Machin (LSE)

Round Table Discussion

Julian Messina (IDB)

Irene Mia (Director, Thought Leader, The Economist Intelligence Unit)

Joe Dromey (Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for Public Policy Research)

Eze Vidra (Chief Innovation Office, TrialReach)

Moderator: Professor Ken Shadlen (LSE)

15.30-16.00: Tea Break

16.00-17.20: **Panel: The Skills Debate: the future for Education and Development**

Chair: Professor Jean-Paul Faguet (LSE)

Participants:

Dr Santiago Levy (IDB),

Montserrat Gomendio (OECD),

Professor Sandra McNally (Director, Education and Skills Programme, CEP/LSE)

Professor Orazio Attanasio (UCL, Institute for Fiscal Studies)

Hugh Maclean (Director, Education Support Programme, Open Society Foundation)

17.20: **Closing Remarks:** Professor Gareth A Jones (LSE) & Ignacio Corlazzoli (IDB)

-Announcement of LSE-IDB Postgraduate Prize for 2018-