



X IBERO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON LOCAL FINANCING

September 1-2, 2021
Washington DC

CALL FOR PAPERS - PETICIÓN DE TRABAJOS – CHAMADA DE TRABALHOS

On September 1 and 2, 2021, the tenth version of the Ibero-American Conference on Local Financing (X-JIFL) will be held at the headquarters of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington DC. The event is organized by the Ibero-American Association for Local Financing (AIFIL), the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLAC), the Fiscal Management Division of the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB), and the International Center for Public Policy (ICePP), Andrew Young School of Georgia State University. The conference gives continuity to an initiative of academics and specialists that began in Toledo (Spain, 2011) and that, successively, took place in La Plata (Argentina, 2013), San Pablo (Brazil, 2014), Santiago de Chile (Chile, 2015), Santiago de Compostela (Spain, 2016), Córdoba (Argentina, 2017), Cartagena (Colombia, 2018), Mexico City (Mexico, 2019) and Lima (Peru, 2020).

In the previous versions of the Conference (www.aifil-jifl.org) more than 120 research papers have been presented on a wide range of topics, countries, and analytical methods, thus, showing the growing importance of local finances for the region.

The purpose of this call is to invite researchers to submit unpublished research works that, within the framework of the general theme of the JIFL, include recent findings and analytical works on local financing in Ibero-American countries. The topics where research can be presented include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **General framework of fiscal decentralization and its relationship with macroeconomic challenges.** Incorporating, among others: (i) the relationship between fiscal decentralization, economic cycle, and fiscal stability; (ii) progress in fiscal decentralization policies; (iii) treatment of regional fiscal disparities; (iv) the institutional and governance of decentralization; and (v) the political economy of fiscal decentralization.



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2. **Efficiency and quality of sub-national expenditures.** Including: (i) efficiency and equity in the provision and access to subnational public services; (ii) efficiency of public spending both in its current and capital components; (iii) transparency of public spending and the fight against corruption; (iv) use of incentives to improve the efficiency and quality of spending; (v) impact evaluations of decentralized spending; and (vi) use of new technologies to improve the quality of spending; among others.
3. **Subnational revenues.** This includes: (i) analysis of tax revenues; (ii) fees for services and other sources of own income; (iii) intergovernmental transfer systems; (iv) local collection strategies and their effectiveness; (v) tax harmonization between levels of government; (vi) behavioral economics and local taxation; (vii) cadasters and local taxation; and (viii) use of new technologies to improve the quality of spending; among others.
4. **Subnational debt and financing.** It incorporates: (i) sustainability of subnational finances; (ii) profiles and management of subnational debt; (iii) determinants of access to financing for regional governments; (iv) fiscal rules and their effectiveness; and (v) a public-private partnership for subnational financing; among others.
5. **Sustainability, environmental management, and climate change.** It includes the subnational dimension of the following topics: (i) sustainable provision of public goods and services; (ii) analysis of subnational fiscal impacts associated with natural disasters; (iii) analysis of spending on climate change or climate incidence; (iv) analysis of subnational environmental taxes; (v) analysis of energy subsidies of subnational competition; (vi) acceleration of digitization and reduction of emissions; (vii) resilient subnational public investment; and (viii) application of green procurement policies and systems.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Academic Committee in charge of evaluating and selecting research proposals is made up of four academics / experts representing the IDB, ECLAC and AIFIL and the Georgia State University of the United States respectively. The members are Emilio Pineda (IDB), Noel Perez (ECLAC), Juan Pablo Jimenez (AIFIL) and Jorge Martínez-Vázquez (GSU).

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Those interested in presenting papers to the X JIFL should send a summary of up to five pages, to the following address JIFL.contacto@gmail.com. Send a copy to the following people: Javier Suárez Pandiello (jspandi@uniovi.es); Huáscar Eguino (huascare@iadb.org); Noel Perez (noel.perez@cepal.org); and Jorge Martínez-Vázquez (jorgemartinez@gsu.edu)



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Proposals must be submitted using the minimum content described in Annex I (proposals that do not include the indicated content will not be considered). These may be presented in Spanish, English or Portuguese.

Except for specialists from international organizations (IDB, ECLAC or others), researchers are eligible to receive a subsidy to facilitate their participation, if the event is in person. This subsidy could include travel, accommodation, and food expenses exclusively.

FORMAT OF THE CONFERENCE

The format foreseen for the X JIFL consists of the presentation of a maximum of twelve research papers, which will be commented and discussed by all participants. Additionally, a half day will be dedicated to holding a workshop on a current and relevant topic of local financing (to be defined based on the accepted proposals).

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE
1. First Call for Papers	February 17, 2021
2. Second Call for Papers	March 17, 2021
3. Submission of research proposals	May 21, 2021
4. Communication of evaluation results	June 21, 2021
5. Submission of research papers and power point presentations	August 16, 2021
6. Distribution of papers to discussants and participant of the conference	August 18, 2021
7. Conference	September 1-2, 2021



ANNEX I: MINIMUM CONTENT OF RESEARCH PROPOSALS

Each proposal must contain the following information:

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Chosen topic
2. Title of the study
3. Full name of the authors
4. Institutional affiliation of each of the authors
5. Contact details of the authors (email, telephone, address of their institution).

II. PROPOSAL

1. Biographical summary of the authors (brief curriculum)
2. Summary of the presentation: maximum 500 words.
3. Keywords
4. A description of the research project (maximum 5 pages except bibliography) that includes:
 - Introduction: presentation of the topic addressed, objective of the work and relevance
 - Applied methodology - Description of the information sources.
 - Expected results.
 - Conclusions
 - Bibliography used.

Presentation format: Word file (12 cpi) in single row.