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LABOR DYNAMICS IN TIMES OF MIGRATION CRISIS – THE STRUCTURAL PROBLEM OF INFORMALITY



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ABSTRACT

This seminar challenges the view that Venezuelan migration is the main driver of rising informality in Colombia. Using dynamic models and pseudo-panels, the study shows that labor informality is largely explained by pre-existing structural traps, while migration shocks account for only a limited share of labor precariousness. The talk discusses how current policy responses misdiagnose the problem and highlights new evidence on migration, labor market inertia, and the “revolving door” mechanism that pushes workers into persistent informality.

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