



CLOSING THE GAP: EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY POLICIES IN LAC

**October 10, 2002
Banco de España, Alcalá 522, Madrid**

Preliminary Agenda

Opening Session and Welcome Remarks

- 9:00- 9:15 a.m. Gonzalo Gil, Deputy Governor of Banco de España
- 9:15-10:00 a.m. **Keynote address**
Paul David, Stanford University: "Government Policy for the Knowledge Economy"
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. Introduction by Rodrigo Rato, Second Vice President and Minister of Economy, Spain
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. **The Challenges Ahead**
David de Ferranti, Vice President, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, The World Bank

Coffee Break

Session 1: Overview Policy Implications of Technology-Skill Complementarities

- 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. *Chair:* Ernesto May, Director of Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, The World Bank
- Speakers:*
- Daron Acemoglu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology: "The Technology-Skill Complementarity Hypothesis—Theory and Evidence for OECD Countries"
 - Guillermo Perry, Chief Economist for the Latin American and the Caribbean Region, The World Bank: "Conceptual Framework, Main Findings and Principal Policy Implications"
- Discussants:*
- Gilles Saint-Paul, University of Toulouse
 - Andres Rodriguez-Clare, Harvard University

Lunch

Session 2

2:30-4:00 p.m.

Education and the Knowledge Economy

Chair: Paulo Renato de Souza, Minister of Education, Brazil

Speakers:

- Stephen Machin, University College London: “Education Policy in the Knowledge Economy--Theory and Evidence in the US and Europe”
- Norbert Schady, Carolina Sanchez-Paramo, and Indermit Gill: “Flagship Findings & Implications for Education & Training Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean”

Discussants:

- Jose Joaquin Brunner, Director of the Education Program, Fundación Chile
 - Eduardo Doryan, Special Representative to the UN
 - Lant Pritchett, Harvard University
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Coffee Break

Session 3

4:15 -5:45 p.m.

Technology and the Knowledge Economy

Chair: Ramon Marimon, Professor of Economics, Pompeu Fabra University

Speakers:

- Magnus Blomstrom, Stockholm School of Economics: “Technology Policy in the Knowledge Economy: Theory and Evidence from Scandinavia and Asia”
- Luis Guasch, Regional Advisor, Regulation and Competition, LAC Region, The World Bank: “Flagship Findings & Implications for R&D and Trade Policies in LAC”

Discussants:

- Jean Guinet, Senior Economist, OECD
 - Eduardo Bitran, President, Fundacion Chile
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Closing Remarks

Sebastian Edwards, President of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association
Guillermo Perry, Chief Economist, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, The World Bank
