

3rd Antigua Experimental Economics Workshop & Conference

To continue strengthening the ties within the Latin American experimental economics community, and between Latin America and the rest of the world, *Centro Vernon Smith de Economía Experimental* at *Universidad Francisco Marroquín* hosted the **3rd Antigua Experimental Economics Workshop & Conference** on February 24-28, 2015 at Casa Popenoe in Antigua Guatemala.

The first part of the event was the Experimental Economics Workshop, held from February 24-26. The workshop was led by Ernesto Reuben (*Columbia University*), with the participation of Diego Aycinena and Lucas Rentschler (*Centro Vernon Smith de Economía Experimental*). This year we had 12 participants with different backgrounds and research experience from Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Guatemala, Honduras, Perú, Poland, Spain and the United States. The workshop included lectures and experiments on different topics such as individual decision-making, markets, gender, trust, public goods, social norms and institution formation. In addition, there was an introductory session on programming experiments using z-Tree.

The second part of the event was the Experimental Economics Conference, held from February 26-28, in which experimentalists presented their research. The Conference successfully attracted 27 participants and observers from Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Mongolia, Perú, Poland, Spain and the United States. Participants had the opportunity to attend sessions on a wide variety of topics, including market experiments, teams and group work, health and security, social preferences, common-pool resources, behavioral responses to environment, and learning and information transmission. In addition, plenary talks were given by renowned experimental economists: Ernesto Reuben (*Columbia University*): "Fairness and Coordination: The role of fairness principles in coordination failure and success", Jordi Brandts (*Instituto de Análisis Económico and Barcelona Graduate School of Economics*): "Experiments on communication" and Markus Mobius (*Microsoft Research, University of Michigan and NBER*): "Social learning experiments with real-world social networks".



"It was not just a successful academic event, it also opened our eyes to more of what has been done in the area of experimental economics. I had no idea how much progress had been made. It also allowed contact with others who share the same interests, the same intellectual curiosity, and perhaps opens the door to possible collaborations in the future. Finally, the organization was fantastic... rarely do you see such dedication to the participants on the part of conference organizers. I'm very happy and pleased to have been able to attend, with high expectations regarding academic and educational opportunities in the future."

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