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Webinar | Criminal Participation and Violence among Youth

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Young people account for a disproportionately high fraction of perpetrators and victims of violence, due in part to their involvement with criminal groups. Still, very little is known about the organization of these groups and how they function. A better understanding of how criminal organizations attract the youth and how they operate is paramount in designing an effective strategy to fight crime and curb violence, but the difficulty in "getting inside" these criminal organizations has been a major obstacle. Using a unique dataset of individuals employed in drug-trafficking gangs operating in favelas (slums) in Rio de Janeiro, researchers provide us with an unprecedented picture of the criminal entry, career, and exit alternatives among gang members.

In this webinar, **Rodrigo Soares (Columbia University)** presented the results of this study on the selection of youth into gangs, the occupational structure of these organizations, and the "careers" of gang members in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **Laura Chioda (UC Berkeley)** commented on the implications of this research. A 10-minute Q&A followed the presentations.

Speaker

• Rodrigo Soares, Lemann Professor of Brazilian Public Policy and International and Public Affairs and Affiliated Professor of Economics at Columbia University

Policy Discussant

• <u>Laura Chioda</u>, Director of Research at Institute for Business and Social Impact, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley

Moderator

• Helke Enkerlin, Policy and Implementation Manager at IPA Mexico

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