



**AFEPA Workshop**  
**Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)**  
**Castelldefels (Barcelona), Spain, July 24-28, 2017**

## **Perspectives on International Agriculture and Rural Development**

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**The workshop will focus on current global agricultural development issues with particular attention to developing countries. It will include the following four modules:**

**I: The importance of agriculture in global economic development** – foundations of agricultural growth, agricultural policy and food security; history and trends; links between rural poverty, trade, food and agricultural development

**II: Climate change, agriculture and food security** - the biggest challenge confronting humankind; can agriculture adapt to a changing climate? could agriculture mitigate climate change?

**III: The key role of national, regional and international agricultural research in the transformation of agriculture**

**IV: The way forward: territorial rural development** - the rural urban interface, the rural economy, importance of non-farm employment.

**Instructor:** Ruben Echeverría has worked on agricultural and rural development issues for over 35 years. He holds a B.Sc. in Agriculture from the University of Uruguay and a M.Sc. and PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota, USA. He spent a pre-doc at CIMMYT (Mexico) and a post-doc at ISNAR (Netherlands). In 1992, he joined the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, D.C. where he worked in the preparation of several agricultural, environmental and rural development projects (loans and grants) in Latin America. From 2000 to 2004, he was Director of Agriculture and Rural Development from where he promoted the development of a regional rural development strategy for LAC; the creation of the Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology (Fontagro); and the creation of the Inter-Agency Group for Rural Development in LAC. From 2004 to early 2009, he was the Executive Director of

the Science Council of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), based at FAO (Rome). Since 2009 Dr. Echeverría is the Director General of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture - CIAT based in Colombia. Ruben is a member of several professional associations and boards and is professionally interested in motivating students to work on food security and climate smart agricultural policies.

**Pre-requisite:** Intermediate micro-economics

**Time schedule:** Monday, July 23 – Thursday, July 27 (8.00 to 13.00)  
Friday, July 28: evaluation test (9.00 to 11.00)

**More information:** AFEPA Master [master-afepa@uclouvain.be](mailto:master-afepa@uclouvain.be)

**Application to the workshop:** In addition to the students currently studying in their AFEPA Master's programme, this workshop is open to another twelve graduate students for an administrative fee of €142. This fee does not include travel, food and lodging.

Interested graduate students who meet the pre-requisite in intermediate micro-economics and are fluent in English are invited to submit their application with an attached zip file named "AFEPA workshop [last name]" containing a short CV and all their university transcripts to [master-afepa@uclouvain.be](mailto:master-afepa@uclouvain.be) by May 31, 2017. Their admission will be announced by June 16 and the €142 fee will have to be paid by June 23 to reserve a place in the workshop. All admitted students will have to take the evaluation test planned on Friday morning. A certificate of attendance will only be delivered if all elements of the workshop are completed, including homework and evaluation test.

**Accommodation:** Admitted participants will be able to book a double student room at Castelldefels at the cost of €29,50/night/person if the reservation is secured by June 30. We encourage this reservation for convenience but also for networking purpose.