**NARSC 2019**

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**Call for Submissions**

**Special Session(s) on**

**Early Child Conditions and Development**

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The role of initial child conditions is being deeply discussed by physicians, neuroscientists, economists and others. Furthermore, human capital accumulation is an important determinant of regions productivity and growth, but is also constrained by environmental conditions. In this sense, there is a large literature that discusses the early child conditions and their effects on future outcomes, like school achievement and labor market gains.

Thus, it is worth questioning the ability of the government and parents of affected children to undo (or at least mitigate) the impacts of adverse shocks in the early life. The climate shocks, for example, are one of the main adversities faced by families in developing countries. These poverty-related adversities and other challenges let millions of children at risk of not reaching their full potential and these will directly impact on productivity and regions development.

The aim of the section (s) on early child conditions and development is to discuss how the environment could affect the development of children cognitive and non-cognitive abilities and consequently their later development of productive capacities.

Specific topics in this section may include, but are not limited to:

1. Adverse climate conditions on early child, human capital accumulation and future labor market outcomes
2. Adverse environment conditions on early child and future choices and results
3. Nutritional and health conditions on early childhood and future earnings
4. Mother health, early child conditions and future results

Please let me know if you are interested by sending an email to [flavia.chein@ufjf.edu.br](mailto:flavia.chein@ufjf.edu.br) with the name of authors and their affiliations with contact details, the title of the proposed presentation and the abstract. The abstract should be 2,000 to 5,500 characters and space.

**The deadline for submission of sessions is July 1, 2019.** Thus I need commitments and abstracts before **June 25**, 2019 in order to have time to put the sessions together.

*If you will not have a paper to present, but would be interested in participating as a discussant, let me know.*

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