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14th Meeting, Bogota, May 30-31, 2013**

ALL TIMES STILL SUBJECT TO CHANGES

Thursday, May 30th

8:45 -9:00 Opening remarks. Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes)

Morning Session: Elections and the public budget

9:00 - 9:45 “Strategic spending in voting competitions with social networks”
Carlos Lever (Bank of Mexico)
Discussant: TBC

9:45 - 10:30 “Natural Disasters and Clientelism: the Case of Floods and Landslides in Colombia”
Jorge Gallego (New York University)
Discussant: Roberto Steiner (Fedesarrollo)

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

10:50 - 11:35 “Chasing votes with the public budget”
Ana María Tribín (Brown)
Discussant: TBC

11:35 - 12:20 “Tenure in office and public procurement”
Decio Coviello (Institute of Applied Economics, HEC Montréal), Stefano Gagliarducci
Discussant: Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley Haas School of Business)

12:20 – 2:00 Lunch

Afternoon session: Media and information

2:00 - 2:45 “Sunlight Disinfects? Free Media in Weak Democracies”
Leopoldo Fergusson (Universidad de Los Andes), Juan Fernando Vargas, Mauricio Vela
Discussant: Joana Monteiro

2:45 – 3:30 “The role of media networks in compensating political disadvantages: evidence from radio networks in Brazil”
Joana C. M. Monteiro (IBRE / FGV), Horacio A. Larreguy A
Discussant: Leopoldo Fergusson (Universidad de Los Andes)



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3:30 – 3:50 Coffee break

3:50 – 4:35 “How Do Voters Respond to Information? Evidence from a Randomized Campaign”
Tommaso Nannicini (Bocconi University), Chad Kendall, Francesco Trebbi
Discussant: Claudio Ferraz (PUC)

4:35 – 5:30 “The role of media networks in compensating political disadvantages: evidence from radio networks in Brazil”
Joana C. M. Monteiro (IBRE / FGV), Horacio A. Larreguy A
Discussant: Leopoldo Fergusson (Universidad de Los Andes)

Friday, May 31st

Morning Session 1: Institutions

9:00 - 9:45 Institutional Change and Elite Persistence: The 19th Century Caribbean Colonies
Christian Dippel (UCLA Anderson School of Management)
Discussant: Frederico Finan (UC Berkeley)

9:45 - 10:30 “The relationship between federal budget amendments and local electoral performance”
Sergio Pinheiro Firpo (Sao Paulo School of Economics), Vladimir Ponczek, Viviane Sanfelice
Discussant: Carlos Scartascini (IADB)

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

Morning session 2: Taxation

10:50 - 11:35 “Ideology and Taxation in Latin America”
Ernesto Stein (IDB), Lorena Caro
Discussant: Mónica Pachón (Universidad de Los Andes)

11:35 -12:20 “Tax Compliance and Enforcement in the Pampas. Evidence from a Field Experiment”
Carlos Scartascini (IDB), Lucio Castro
Discussant: Adriana Camacho (Universidad de Los Andes)

12:20 – 12:30 Closing remarks

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch