



RIDGE/LACEA-PEG Workshop on Political Economy

Montevideo, 26-27 March 2015

Preliminary Program

Conference venue: Centro de Cooperación Uruguay – España, located at 25 de Mayo 520, Montevideo

General rules. Presentations: 30 minutes. Comments: 10 minutes. Discussions: 5 minutes.

Day 1 – Thursday, March 26

8.45 Accreditation and welcoming remarks

9.00 – 10.30 Session 1. The Origins of State Capacity

Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó, UC Berkeley

- ***State Building Through Compulsory Schooling: The Response of American States to Mass Migration in the Nineteenth Century***
Imran Rasul, UCL (co-authors: Oriana Bandiera, Myra Mohnen and Martina Viarengo)

Discussant: Claudio Ferraz, PUC-Rio

- **[On the Origins of States: Stationary Bandits and Taxation in Easter Congo](#)**
Raúl Sánchez de la Sierra, Harvard

Discussant: Juan Vargas, Universidad del Rosario

11.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.15 Session 2. The Effects of State Capacity

Chair: Claudio Ferraz, PUC-Rio

- **[State Capacity and the Quality of Policies. Revisiting the Relationship Between Openness and the Size of Government](#)**
Mariano Tommasi, Universidad de San Andrés (co-authors: María Franco Chuarie and Carlos Scatarcini)

Discussant: Monica Martinez-Bravo, CEMFI

- **[State History and Contemporary Conflict: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa](#)**
Emilio Depetris-Chauvin, Universidad de los Andes

Discussant: Ernesto Dal Bó, UC Berkeley

12.15 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.15 Session 3. Accountability and Government Performance

Chair: Frederico Finan, UC Berkeley

- **[Sources of Revenue and Government Performance: Theory and Evidence from Colombia](#)**
Luis Martínez, LSE

Discussant: Carlos Scatarcini, IADB

- ***Accountability of Public Officials under Appointments and Elections: Evidence from Indonesia***
Priya Mukherjee, Cornell

Discussant: Mariano Tommasi, Universidad de San Andrés

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Session 4. Governance in Politics and Bureaucracies

Chair: Ernesto Stein, IADB

- ***Monitoring Public Procurement. Evidence from a Regression Discontinuity Design in Chile***
Stephan Litschig, IAE (co-authors: María Paula Gerardino and Dina Pomeranz)

Discussant: Stefano Gagliarducci, Università di Roma Tor Vergata

- ***An Empirical Investigation of the Legacies of Non-Democratic Regimes: The Case of Soeharto's Mayors in Indonesia***
Monica Martinez-Bravo, CEMFI (co-author: Priya Mukjerjee)

Discussant: Noam Yuchtman, UC Berkeley

Day 2 – Friday, March 27

9.00 – 10.30 Session 5. Politics and Public Service Delivery

Chair: Claudio Ferraz, PUC-Rio

- ***The Political Economy of the Enforcement of Conditional Welfare Programs. Evidence from Brazil***
Fernanda Brollo, Warwick (co-authors: Katja Kaufmann and Eliana La Ferrara)

Discussant: Ernesto Stein, IADB

- ***Political Turnover, Bureaucratic Turnover, and the Quality of Public Services***
Laura Trucco, Harvard (co-authors: Mita Akhtari and Diana Moreira)

Discussant: Frederico Finan, UC Berkeley

11.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.15 Session 6. Persuasion and Social Norms

Chair: Alvaro Forteza, Universidad de la República

- ***Curriculum and Ideology***
Noam Yuchtman, UC Berkeley (co-authors: Davide Cantoni, Yuyu Chen, David Y. Yang and Y. Jane Zhang)

Discussant: Guillermo Cruces, CEDLAS

- ***Partisan Interactions: Evidence from a Field Experiment in the United States***
Guillermo Cruces, CEDLAS (co-author: Ricardo Pérez Truglia)

Discussant: Alvaro Forteza, Universidad de la República

12.15 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.15 Session 7. Pathologies in Politics: Nepotism and Organized Crime

Chair: Alvaro Forteza, Universidad de la República

- ***Politics in the Family: Nepotism and the Hiring Decisions of Italian Firms***
Stefano Gagliarducci, Università di Roma Tor Vergata (co-autor: Marco Manacorda)

Discussant: Stephan Listchig, IAE

- ***Organized Crime and Electoral Outcomes. Evidence from Sicily at the Turn of the XXI Century***
Paolo Vanin, University of Bologna (co-authors: Paolo Buonanno and Giovanni Prarolo)

Discussant: Ignacio Munyo, IEEM

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Policy Debate

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Scientific Committee

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