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Workshop on Political Economy

2015 RIDGE MARCH FORUM

Montevideo, Uruguay | March 26-27, 2015

Preliminary Program

Conference venue: Centro de Formación de la Cooperación Española, located at 25 de Mayo 520, Montevideo

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

Scientific Committee

Timothy Besley (LSE)

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Alvaro Forteza (U de la República)

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Day 1 – March, Thursday 26

8:45 Accreditation and welcoming remarks

Session 1

9:45 – 10:30 **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

- **How Not to Build a State: Evidence from Colombia's False Positives**

Juan Vargas, Universidad del Rosario (co-authors: Daron Acemoglu, Leopoldo Ferguson, James Robinson)

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

Session 2

10:45 – 12:15 **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

Session 3

13:45 – 15:15

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

Session 4

15:30 – 17:00

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 Mukherjee)

Discussant: **Noam Yuchtman**, UC Berkeley

Session 5

9:00 – 10:30

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 Kauffman 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

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee break

Session 6

10:45 – 12:15

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

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**, Universidad de Montevideo

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00

Policy Debate – State Capacity

Chair: **Claudio Ferraz**, PUC-Rio

Participants:

- **Alvaro García**, Director OPP, Uruguay
- **Pablo Sanguinetti**, Chief Economist CAF
- **Ernesto Stein**, IADB
- **Ernesto Dal Bó**, UC Berkeley