



RIDGE/LACEA-PEG WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL ECONOMY

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Conference venue: Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administración,
Aulario Ciencias Sociales,
Room 301,
Gonzalo Ramírez 1915,
Montevideo

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Day 1 – Monday, May 21

9.00 – 9.15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

9.15 – 10.45 ● **Session 1. Bureaucracy**

Chair: Fred Finan, UC Berkeley

● **Teacher Wages, the Recruitment of Talent, and Academic Achievement in Rural Peru**

Gianmarco León, UPF

● **Motivating Bureaucrats With Non-monetary Incentives When State Capacity Is Weak: Evidence From Large-scale Field Experiments**

Stanislao Maldonado, U Rosario

10.45 – 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 – 12.45 ● **Session 2. Protests and Unrests**

Chair: Fred Finan, UC Berkeley

● **Rage Against the Machines: Labor-saving Technology and Unrest in England, 1830-32**

Bruno Caprettini, University of Zurich

● **Collective Action in Networks: Evidence From the Chilean Student Movement**

Felipe Gonzalez, PUC-Chile

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 16.15 ● **Session 3. Corruption and Lobbying**

Chair: Claudio Ferraz, PUC-Rio

● **Corruption and Firms: Evidence from Randomized Audits in Brazil**

Emanuele Colonnelli, Stanford University

● **Corruption, Customs Reform and Firm Growth: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Colombia**

Rachid Laajaj, U Los Andes

● **The Revolving Door for Political Elites: An Empirical Analysis of the Linkages between Government Officials' Professional Background and Financial Regulation**

Elisa Maria Wirsching, EBRD

16.15 – 16.30 **Coffee break**

16.30 – 17.15 ● **Session 4. Reservations and Governance**

Chair: Claudio Ferraz, PUC-Rio

● **Reservations and the Politics of Fear**

Patrick Francois, UBC

19.00 – 21.30 **Dinner**

Day 2 – Tuesday, May 22

10:00 – 10:45 ● **Session 1. Uncertainty and Globalization**

Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó, UC Berkeley

● **The Political Economy of Robust Control**

Hannes Mueller, IAE (CSIC)

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 – 12:45 ● **Session 2. Information and Elections**

Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó, UC Berkeley

● **Edited Democracy? Evidence of Media Slant in the Coverage of Presidential Debates**

Luis Meloni, EESP-FGV

● **Sunlight Disinfects? The Limitations of Media Oversight in Weak Democracies**

Juan Vargas, U Rosario

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 16:15 ● **Session 3. Historical Persistence**

Chair: Alvaro Forteza, UDELAR

● **Early Human Capital and Development: The Case of Latin America**

Marta Reynal-Querol, UPF

● **Frontier Culture: The Roots and Persistence of “Rugged Individualism” in the United States**

Martin Fiszbein, Boston University

● **Following the Poppy Trail: Causes and Consequences of Mexican Drug Cartels**

Martin Rossi, U San Andrés

16:15 – 16:45 **Coffee break**

16:45 – 17:30 ● **Session 4. Politics and Religion**

Chair: Alvaro Forteza, UDELAR

● **Stop Suffering! Economic Downturns and Pentecostal Upsurge**

Francisco Costa, EPGE-FGV