

2020 RIDGE VIRTUAL FORUM

Workshop on POLITICAL ECONOMY RIDGE/LACEA-PEG

(Virtual Forum by Zoom)

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

DECEMBER, Wednesday 16 | PST Time

Session 1 | Politics, Policies and Government Spending.

9:00 – 9:45 **“From Lapdogs to Watchdogs: Random Auditor Assignment and Municipal Fiscal Performance in Italy”**
Silvia Vannutelli (Boston University).

9:45 – 10:30 **“Bargaining over Mandatory Spending and Entitlements”**
Laura Karpuska (EESP-FGV).

10:30 – 11:15 **“#EleNao: Economic Crisis, the Political Gender Gap, and the election of Bolsonaro”**
Laura Barros (Universitat Goettingen).

11:15 - 12:00 Break

Session 2 | Media.

12:00 - 12:45 **“Opposition Media, State Censorship and Political Accountability: Evidence from Chavez’s Venezuela”**
Brian Knight (Brown University).

12:45 - 13:30 **“Media, Secret Ballot and the Process of Democratization in the US”**
Juan Felipe Riaño (University of British Columbia).

DECEMBER, Thursday 17 | PST Time

Session 3 | Political Power, Money, and Politics.

9:00 - 9:45 **“Do Campaign Contribution Limits Curb the Influence of Money in Politics?”**
Nelson Ruiz (University of Oxford).

9:45 - 10:30 **“Like Father, Like Son? The Economic Impacts of Political Dynasties”**
George Siddharth (Boston University).

10:30 - 11:15 **“How Research Affects Policy: Experimental Evidence from 2150 Brazilian Municipalities”**
Diana Moreira (UC Davis).

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11:15 - 12:00

Break

Session 4 | Voting Behavior and Electoral Participation.

12:00 - 12:45

“Voting for Democracy: Chile’s Plebiscito and the Electoral Participation of a Generation”

Ethan Kaplan (University of Maryland - College Park).

12:45 - 13:30

“Does Context Outweight Individual Characteristics in Driving Voting Behavior? Evidence from Relocations within the US”

Vincent Pons (Harvard Business School).

DECEMBER, Friday 18 | PST Time

Session 5 | Asymmetric Information and Politics.

9:00 - 9:45

“Moral Hazard in Electoral Teams”

Jon Fiva (Norwegian Business School).

9:45 - 10:30

“Electoral Accountability and Political Careers”

Cesar Martinelli (George Mason).

11:15 - 12:00

Break

12:00 - 12:45

“Dishonesty and Public Employment”

Martin Rossi (University of San Andres).

12:45 - 13:30

“Dictatorship, Higher Education and Social Mobility”

Pablo Muñoz (EPGE-FGV).