Thursday, May 29th

Morning sessions Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó

Morning session 1: Politicians and leaders 1

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

9:00 - 9:45 “Does Oil Make Leaders Unaccountable? Evidence from Brazil’s Off-shoring Boom”
Claudio Ferraz (PUC Rio), Joanna Monteiro
Discussant: Joachim Voth (University of Zurich)

9:45 - 10:30 “Rules Rather Than Discretion: Teacher Hiring and Rent Extraction”
Ricardo Estrada (Paris School of Economics)
Discussant: Darío Maldonado (Universidad del Rosario)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

Morning session 2: Institutions

11:00 - 11:45 “The Size of Local Legislatures and Women’s Political Representation. Evidence from Brazil”
Ricardo de Abreu Madeira (University of São Paulo), Gabriel Barreto Corrêa
Discussant: Adriana Camacho (Universidad de Los Andes)

11:45 -12:30 “Political Inequality and the Origins of Distrust: Evidence for Colombia”
Daphne Alvarez (U. Munich)
Discussant: Daniel Gómez (Fedesarrollo)

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch

Afternoon Sessions Chair: Marcela Eslava

2:00 - 3:00 Keynote Presentation "Sovereign Debt and Financial Folly: Lessons from the First Serial Defaulter in History" Joachim Voth (University of Zurich)
Afternoon session: State Capacity

3:00 - 3:45  “Endogenous State Weakness: Paramilitaries in Rio de Janeiro”
Benjamin Lessing (University of Chicago)
Discussant: Leopoldo Fergusson (Universidad de Los Andes)

3:45 – 4:00  Coffee break

4:00 – 4:45  “Political Constraints and State Capacity: Evidence From a Land Allocation Program in Mexico”
Leopoldo Fergusson (Universidad de Los Andes), Horacio Larreguy, Juan Felipe Riaño
Discussant: Claudio Ferraz (PUC Rio)

4:45 – 5:30  “Consolidating Order and Prosperity: State Formation with Endogenous Military and Productive Capabilities”
Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley), Pablo Hernández and Sebastián Mazzuca
Discussant: Benjamin Lessing (University of Chicago)

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Morning Session 1: Politicians and leaders 2

Julien Labonne (Oxford University)
Discussant: Rafael Santos (Universidad de Los Andes)

9:15 - 10:00  “Balancing the Power to Appoint Officers”
Danilo Santa Cruz Coelho (IPEA), Salvador Barverá
Discussant: Oskar Nupia (Universidad de Los Andes)

10:00 – 10:30  Coffee break
Morning Session 2:

10:30 - 11:15  “Political Budget Cycles, Information and Development”  
**Jorge Lorca** (University of Minnesota)  
Discussant: Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes)

11:15 - 12:00  “Political Advertising in Consolidating Democracies: Radio ads, Clientelism, and Political Development in Mexico”  
**Horacio Larreguy Arbesu** (Harvard U.), John Marshall, James M Snyder  
Discussant: Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley)

12:00 - 12:45  “Who monitors the monitor? Effect of Party Observers on Electoral Outcomes”  
**Agustin Casas** (U. Carlos III), Guillermo Dias, Andrade Trindade  
Discussant: Julien Labonne (University of Oxford)

12:45 -          Closing remarks, lunch