Thursday, May 20th

Morning session: Electoral systems.

Chair: Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes).

9:00 - 9:10 Opening remarks. Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes)

9:10 - 10:10 “Electoral Systems and Economic Growth”
  Diego Aboal (University of Essex)
  Discussant: Leopoldo Fergusson (MIT)

10:10 - 11:10 “Candidate Nomination Procedures and Political Selection: Evidence from Latin America”
  Fernando Aragón (LSE)
  Discussant: Mónica Pachón (Universidad de Los Andes)

11:10 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 12:30 Keynote address
  James Snyder (MIT)
  “Direct Primary Elections in the U.S. and Latin America “

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch

Afternoon session: Institutions

Chair: Ernesto Stein (IADB)

2:00 - 3:00 “Property Rights, Land Conflicts and Tenancy in Brazil”
  Bernardo Mueller (University of Brasilia) and Lee Alston (University of Colorado and NBER)
  Discussant: Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley)

3:00 - 4:00 “Economic Development and Contracting Institutions”
  Alvaro Aguirre (University of Pennsylvania)
  Discussant: Ari Aisen (Banco de Chile)
4:00 – 4:20 Coffee break

Ernesto Schargrodsky (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella), Sebastian Galiani (Washington University, St Louis), Martin Rossi (Universidad de San Andrés)
Discussant: Juan David Barón (Banco de la República)

Friday, May 21st

Morning session 1: Corruption

Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley)

8:30 - 9:30 “An empirical study of corruption in ports”
Sandra Sequeira (LSE), Simeon Djankov (World Bank)
Discussant: Ernesto Stein (IADB)

9:30 - 10:30 “Corruption in Emission Testing Centers: Estimates from a Model of Car Owner Behavior.”
Paulina Oliva (UC Santa Barbara)
Discussant: Oskar Nupia (Universidad de Los Andes)

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee break

Morning session 2: Political Dynasties

Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley)

10:50 – 11:50 “Political Power Persistence and Economic Development: Evidence from Brazil’s Regime Transition”
Claudio Ferraz (PUC Rio), Frederico Finan (UC Berkeley)
Discussant: Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes)

11:50 - 12:50 “The Causes of Political Dynasties in Democratic Countries”
Martin Rossi (Universidad de San Andrés)
Discussant: Claudio Ferraz (PUC Rio)

12:50 – 2:30 Lunch