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**Conference Program**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of LACEA's Political Economy Group**  
**Cartagena, May 20-21, 2010**

Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**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**

4:20 - 5:20 “Conscription and Crime: Evidence from the Argentine Draft Lottery”  
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 21<sup>st</sup>

**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**