Keynote presentation:
"Special interest politics and the exchange rate".

- **Jeffry Frieden** - (Harvard University)

Contributed presentations:

“Civil War and Foreign Influence”

- **Facundo Albornoz-Crespo** - (University of Birmingham) and Esther Hauk  
  **Discussant**: Mauricio Olivera

“The Risk of Civil Conflicts and Political Institutions.”

- **Álvaro Aguirre** - (University of Pennsylvania)  
  **Discussant**: Juan Fernando Vargas (Universidad del Rosario)

“Tax Me, But Spend Wisely: The Political Economy of Taxes, Evidence from Brazilian Local Governments.”

- **Lucie Gadenne** - (Paris School of Economics)  
  **Discussant**: Ernesto Stein

“The long trace of inequality: evidence from Cundinamarca, Colombia”

- **Juan Sebastián Galán** - (Universidad de Los Andes - IADB)  
  **Discussant**: Frederico Finan


- **Camilo García-Jimeno** - (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)  
  **Discussant**: Jimena Hurtado (Universidad de los Andes)
“Politics and Preschool: The Political Economy of Investment in Pre-Primary Education.”

- Katrina Kosec – (Universidad de Stanford)  
  **Discussant:** Darío Maldonado

“Anti-poverty programs and Presidential election outcomes: Familias en Acción in Colombia.”

- Oscar Nupia - (Universidad de los Andes)  
  **Discussant:** Claudio Ferraz

“The Wealth of Politicians and Rents to Political Office in the U.S., 1845-1875.”

- Pablo Querubín - (Harvard University) and James M. Snyder, Jr.  
  **Discussant:** Ernesto Dal Bó (Mentoring program)


- Martín Rossi - (Universidad de San Andres).  
  **Discussant:** Pablo Querubín (Harvard University)

“The role of central bank independence on optimal taxation and seigniorage.”

- Guillermo Vuletin - (Colby College) and Roberto Delhy Nolivos  
  **Discussant:** Roberto Steiner

“Varieties of Economic Inequality and Violent Conflict: A Hypothesis for Colombia.”

- Juan Fernando Vargas - (Universidad del Rosario) and Leopoldo Fergusson  
  **Discussant:** Marcela Eslava (Universidad de los Andes)