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10th Meeting, Cartagena, May 28-29, 2009

Thursday, May 28th

Morning session chair: Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes)

10:00 -10:10 Opening remarks.

10:10 - 11:00 “Vengeance.”

- **Naci Mocan** - (Lousiana State University)
Discussant: Christian Jaramillo (Universidad de Los Andes)

11:00 - 11:50 “Military Empowerment and Civilian Targeting in Civil War.”

- **Juan Fernando Vargas** - (Universidad del Rosario).
Discussant: Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley).

11:50 - 12:40 “The War on Illegal Drug Production and Trafficking: An Economic Evaluation of Plan Colombia.”

- **Daniel Mejía** - (Universidad de Los Andes) and Pascual Restrepo (Universidad de Los Andes)
Discussant: Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes)

12:40 – 2:00 Lunch

Afternoon session chair: Ernesto Dal Bó (UC Berkeley)

2:00 – 2:50 “Does Exposing Corrupt Politicians Reduce Corruption?”

- **Gustavo Bobonis** - (University of Toronto) and Luis R. Cámara Fuertes (University of Puerto Rico).
Discussant: Adriana Camacho (Universidad de Los Andes).

2:50 – 3:40 “Electoral Rules, Political Competition and Fiscal Spending: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities.”



- **João M. P. De Mello** – (PUC Rio), Marcos Chamon (IMF), and Sergio Firpo (Fundacao de Getulio Vargas).
Discussant: Naci Mocan (Luisiana State University)

3:40 – 4:00 Coffee break

4:00 – 4:50 “Vote Splitting, Reelection and Electoral Control: Political Gridlocks, Ideology and the War on Terror.”

- **Mauricio Bugarin** - (IBMEC).
Discussant: Oskar Nupia (Universidad de Los Andes).

4:50 – 5:40 “Executive Performance under Direct and Hierarchical Accountability Structure.”

- **Razvan Vlaicu** - (University of Maryland).
Discussant: Ruben Durante (Brown University)

Friday, May 29th

Morning session chair: Roberto Steiner (Fedesarrollo)

9:00 – 9:50 “The Making of Policy: Institutionalized or Not?”

- **Carlos Scartascini** - (IDB) and Mariano Tommasi (Universidad de San Andrés).
Discussant: Razvan Vlaicu (University of Maryland).

9:50 – 10:40 “Politics, policies, and the dynamics of aggregate productivity in Colombia.”

- **Marcela Meléndez** - (Fedesarrollo) and Marcela Eslava (Universidad de Los Andes).
Discussant: Mauricio Santamaría (Fedesarrollo).

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:50 “Explaining Lula: Loss-averse voters, Retrospective Evaluations and Convergence to Low Inflation Policy.”

- **Renata Rizzi**- (Universidade de São Paulo).
Discussant: Carlos Scartascini (IDB).



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11:50 – 12:40 “Partisan Control, Media Bias and Viewers’ Responses: Evidence from Berlusconi’s Italy.”

- **Ruben Durante** - (Brown University) and Brian Knight (Brown University)
Discussant: Roberto Steiner (Fedesarrollo)

12:40 – 2:00 Lunch