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November 20, 2012

Dear Dr. Castillo,

I am delighted to inform you about your selection for our internship position in the Research and Analysis Unit (RandA) at IEA Data Processing and Research Center (IEA DPC) in Hamburg, Germany.

The duration of the internship will be two weeks starting from January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Financial details of your internship are still to be discussed.

I would like to once again express our appreciation for your interest in joining our team. We look forward to the great opportunity for work collaboration both with you and the Assessment Center Mide UC you represent and hope for beneficial partnership.

Sincerely,

Andres Sandoval-Hernandez, PhD

July 11, 2013

**Juan Carlos Castillo**

Head of the Research Unit  
Assessment Center Mide UC  
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Dear Juan Carlos,

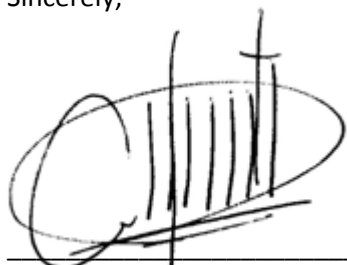
On behalf of International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), I am pleased to invite you to make an academic visit to the IEA's Research and Analysis Unit, Data Processing and Research Center (DPC) in Hamburg, Germany. This invitation is effective for the period of July 29<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

It is my understanding that you will provide your own funding to cover all the expenses associated to your visit, including health insurance for yourself and your accompanying dependents, if any; and relevant bench-fees. The IEA-DPC will provide you with a working space, a PC, office supplies, access to Internet, ICT services, consultancy and advice as needed.

You will be expected to participate in the colloquia and other research activities organized during the period of your stay at the IEA DPC, as well as, hold informal discussions with IEA-DPC staff to explore possibilities for further collaborations at the personal and institutional levels.

We are delighted that you will come to our organization and look forward to meeting you in Hamburg.

Sincerely,

**Andres Sandoval-Hernandez**

Head of the Research and Analysis Unit

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Berlin, March 23, 2015

Dear Professor Castillo,

On behalf of Professor Wolfgang Merkel, I am very pleased to invite you to the WZB Berlin Social Science Center from July 6 to July 24, 2015, as a visiting research professor. You will be affiliated with Professor Merkel's research department "Democracy and Democratization".

We look forward to having you as our guest and are delighted to have the opportunity to discuss your current work, in particular your research on justice beliefs and political participation in Latin America.

Of course you are invited to participate in our work-in-progress-meetings, enriching them with your expertise, and to join our regular departmental colloquia where members of the department and invited guests discuss each others' work.

The WZB will provide you with a fully equipped office and access to the library.

We very much look forward to welcoming you in Berlin. If you have additional questions on any of this or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I remain,  
Yours sincerely,

Editha von Colberg

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December 21, 2015

Dear Dr. Castillo,

With this letter BIGSSS would like to invite you to come to our institution as a visiting scholar in 2016.

We will be able to provide you with office space and access to the facilities that regular members of BIGSSS can rely on (e.g., access to library facilities—classical and electronic).

Your desk would be at the Jacobs University branch of BIGSSS.

We would be hoping that you give a presentation in the BIGSSS Field C Colloquium, and are available for consultation for our fellows.

We look forward to see you at BIGSSS in Bremen in 2016.

Most cordially

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Klaus Boehnke'.



## Invitation

**Date:**  
November 17, 2016

**Contact:**  
Katja Kerstiens

Dear Professor Castillo,

As Professor of Macrosociology at the Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt University, I am delighted to invite you for a research stay in my department for the months of June and July 2017. The topics of your research proposal on "The moral economy of meritocracy" are certainly linked to the research that I have conducted and that I have supervised in the last years. The empirical approach to these issues by using comparative survey data is something that I consider an area of fruitful academic collaboration and where I see possibilities to establish links with my current research as well as with members of my department.

While being here at our Institute you will be able to take part different academic activities, such as seminars, colloquiums and workshops. As you come with your own funding, what we offer to you here is a work place with internet connection as well as access to the library and other facilities at our Institute.

I am looking forward to see you here in Berlin next year.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Mau", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end.

Professor Dr. Steffen Mau

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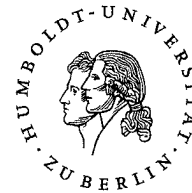
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**Report of Research Activities during Academic Visit**

**Department of Social Sciences – Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
(1<sup>st</sup> June-26 July 2017)**

Prof. Juan Carlos Castillo

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July 26, 2017

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- Final edition of paper "Perceptions and Preferences about meritocracy in Chile", submitted to a peer-reviewed journal.
- Review of empirical studies dealing with the measurement of meritocracy with survey data.
- Data analysis of ISSP 2009 survey data for a paper analyzing perceptions and beliefs about meritocracy in international comparison.
- Estimation of measurement models for meritocracy and distributive preferences.
- Proposal and estimation of a second-order confirmatory model for perceptions and preferences about meritocracy, work in progress paper to be submitted during the second semester to a peer-reviewed journal.
- Presentation of conceptual framework for empirical studies of meritocracy at seminar "Meritokratie", conducted by Prof. Mau.
- Presentation of analysis of ISSP 2009 data at Research Colloquium of Macro Sociology.
- Regular participation at Research Colloquium and Meritokratie Seminar.

Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau