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**University of Houston, Classroom and Business Building (CBB), Room 122**

**Friday November 14th**

**Panel on Gender and Politics 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM**

Discussant: Mark P Jones (Rice University)

Authors: Jennifer H. Clark, Amalia Mena, and Veronica Caro (University of Houston)

Paper Title: “Gender Quotas and Women's Substantive Representation in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies.”

Authors: Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Catherine Reyes-Housholder (Rice University)

Paper Title: “The Presence of Presidentas: Impact on Women’s Political Activity?”

Author: Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Texas A&M University)

Paper Title: “Minorities not tokens, toward gender equality within cabinets.”

**Panel on Law and Courts 2:45 PM to 4:15 PM**

Discussant: Amanda Driscoll (Florida State University)

Author: Daniel Brinks (University of Texas, Austin)

Paper Title: “New Courts for New Democracies: Changes in Constitutional Justice in Latin America since 1975”

Author: Julio Rios-Figueroa (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas)

Paper Title: “Constitutional Courts as Mediators: Civil-Military Relations and Democracy in Latin America.”

Author: Lydia Tiede (University of Houston)

Paper Title: “The Political Determinants of Judicial Dissent: Evidence from the Chilean Constitutional Tribunal.”

**Panel on Electoral Rules and Political Outcomes 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**

Discussant: Johnathan Slapin (University of Houston)

Author: Francisco Cantu (University of Houston)

Paper Title: “Groceries for votes? Clientelistic strategies in Mexico's 2012 presidential election.”

Author: Eric Magar (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México)

Paper Title: “Automated Redistricting and Partisan Strategic Interaction in Mexico.”

Author: Carolina Tchintiaian (Rice University)

Paper Title: “The impact of ballot designs on electoral outcomes and legislative behavior.”

**Saturday November 15th**

**Panel on Representation and Ideology 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM**

Discussants: Ryan Kennedy and Francisco Cantu (University of Houston)

Author: Olivia Miljanic (University of Houston)

Paper Title: “Riding the Pink Tide: Labor Organizations and Latin America's Left Turn.”

Author: Patricio Navia (New York University)

Paper Title: “Democratic values before, during and after authoritarian rule: The case of Chile, 1972-2013 “

Author: Sebasitán M. Saiegh (University of California, San Diego)

Paper Title: “Using Joint Scaling Methods to Study Ideology, and Representation: Evidence from Latin America.”

Author: Iñaki Sagarzazu (University of Glasgow)

Paper Title: “Chavism as a polarizing theme in Argentina's domestic debate: Media Framing Effects and Public Opinion

**Panel on Political Parties and Legislative Behavior 10:35 AM to 12:00 PM**

Discussant: Leslie Schwindt-Bayer (Rice University)

Author: Eduardo Alemán (University of Houston)

Paper Title: “Party Unity and Dissent in Congressional Votes”

Author: Amanda Driscoll (Florida State University)

Paper Title: “Why Electing Good Candidates is bad for Poor Voters: Evidence from a Pair of Field Experiments in Brazil.”

Author: Taeko Hiroi (University of Texas, El Paso)

Paper Title: “Fire from Friends? Legislative Coalitions and Obstructionism in the Brazilian Congress.”