

Spring 2018

Seminar meets Thursdays in **Littauer M-15** from 1:00-2:00PM. Lunch is provided.

Note: On March 1, March 8 and April 26 there will be two presentations (approximately 25 minutes each).

Date	Speaker	Title
Feb. 1	Henrik Sigstad (Harvard University)	"Subversion of Justice: Evidence from Brazil"
Feb. 8	Thomas Spycher (University of St. Gallen)	"Culture, Saving and Consumption: Evidence from the Youth"
Feb. 15	Shushu Liang (Harvard University)	"Chinese Local Officials and GDP Data Manipulation: Evidence from Night Lights Data"
Feb. 22	Michael Thaler (Harvard University)	"Motivated Reasoning and Political Beliefs: Theory and Evidence from an Online Pilot Experiment"
Mar. 1	Alejandro Lagomarsino (Harvard University) & Brian Wheaton (Harvard University)	"Retargeting Cash Transfer Programs in Uruguay" & "Did Russian Influence Operations Swing the 2016 Election for Trump? Evidence from a Novel Twitter Dataset"
Mar. 8	Oeyvind Skorge (Post Doc, WCFIA) & Will Bruno (Harvard University)	"Petitions and the electoral mobilization of women" & "How Tipping Points on Race and Party Affiliation Affect Neighborhood Party Composition"
Mar. 15	No Meeting	Spring Break
Mar. 22	Egor Abramov (Harvard University)	"Media Polarization: Citation and Columnist Pattern Analysis"
Mar. 29	Siddarth George (Harvard University)	"How do Political Dynasties Affect Economic Development? Evidence from India"

Apr. 5	No Meeting	Visiting Days
Apr. 12	Moya Chin (Harvard University)	"Electoral Systems and Political Incentives"
Apr. 19	Federica Izzo (LSE)	
Apr. 26	Valentin Bolotnyy (Harvard University) & Max Winkler (University of Zurich)	"Absenteeism in Government Work: Lessons from the MBTA" & "Folklore and Cultural Change"