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2nd Annual Conference

May 15-16, 2015

Location:

Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies
Harvard University
27 Kirkland Street at Cabot Way
Cambridge, MA 02138

Friday, May 15

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Location: Atrium, Center for European Studies (CES)

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session 1: Violence: Lynching, Widow-Burning, and Purges

Discussants: **Steven Wilkinson** and **David Stasavage**

- **Michael Weaver**, Yale University
“Publicity and the De-Legitimation of Lynching”
- **Matthew Reichert**, Harvard University
“Understanding Mass Purges: Testing Hypotheses in the High Stalinist Case”
- **Parashar Kulkarni**, New York University
“Cultural Prerequisites to Effective Property Rights: Evidence from Inheritance Rights of Widows in Colonial India”

Location: Lower Level Conference Room, CES

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Location: Atrium, CES

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Session 2: Economic Development: Causes and Consequences

Discussants: **Carles Boix** and **Daniel Ziblatt**

- **Brendan McElroy**, Harvard University
“Landed Elites and Human Capital-Promoting Institutions: Evidence



from Imperial Russia”

- **Joan Cho**, Harvard University
“Constructing Labor: Long-term Effect of Industrialization on Labor Mobilization in South Korea”
- **Scott F. Abramson**, Princeton/EUI/Rochester University
“The Resource Curse in the Long-Run: Evidence From Nineteenth Century Coal Extraction in European Regions”

Location: Lower Level Conference Room, CES

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Coffee Break

Location: Atrium, CES

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Session 3: The Evolution of Democracy in Europe

Discussant: **Daniel Ziblatt**

- **Laura Bronner**, LSE/Harvard
“Picky Progressives: Why Did MPs Support Some Aspects of Democracy but Not Others?”
- **David Stasavage**, NYU
“What Can We Learn from the Early History of Sovereign Debt?”
- **Carlos Rivera**, Princeton University
“Dynasties as Substitutes for Party Organization: The Case of England During the Second Reform Act”

Location: Lower Level Conference Room, CES

Saturday, May 16

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast

Location: Atrium, CES

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Session 4: The Reform of Electoral Institutions

Discussant: **Carles Boix**

- **Giancarlo Visconti**, Columbia University
“The Historical Adoption of Proportional Representation in Latin America”
- **Mayya Komisarchik**, Harvard University
“Electoral Protectionism in the U.S. South”

Location: Lower Level Conference Room, CES



11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

Location: Atrium, CES

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session 5: Veterans, War, and Political Change

Discussants: **David Stasavage** and **David Wilkinson**

- **Emily West**, NYU
“The Dearest of Dead Letters: Reassessing the Impact of the Civil Rights Cases of 1883”
- **Steven Wilkinson**, Yale University
“War and Political Change: French veterans of the American War of Independence and the French Revolution”

Location: Lower Level Conference Room, CES

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

Location: Atrium, CES