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Conference Program

Friday, April 26, 2013

Sessions in DUC 276

2:00-3:30 pm Session 1- Institutional Structure

"Procedural Choice in Majoritarian Organizations"
Daniel Diermeier, Northwestern University
Carlo Prato, Georgetown University
Razvan Vlaicu, University of Maryland

"Multitask, Accountability, and Institutional Design" Ethan Bueno de Mesquita, University of Chicago Scott Ashworth, University of Chicago

"Endogenous Agendas and Seniority Advantage" Jon X. Eguia, New York University Kenneth Shepsle, Harvard University

Discussant: Sean Gailmard, University of California-Berkeley

3:30-3:45 pm *Coffee Break*

3:45-5:15 pm **Session 2 – Endogenous Coalition Formation**

"Corruption in Committees: An Experimental Study of Information Aggregation through Voting" Rebecca Morton, New York University

Xiangdong Qin, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

"Majoritarian Debate"

Catherine Hafer, New York University Dimitri Landa, New York University

"Electoral Competition through Issue Selection"

Enriqueta Aragones, Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica

Micael Castanheira, ECARES,& ULB Marco Giani, ECARES,& ULB

Discussant: Randy Calvert, Washington University in Saint Louis

5:30 pm Walk back to Knight Center

6:30pm *Cocktails & Dinner at Knight Center*

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Breakfast and sessions in DUC 276

9:00-9:30 am *Breakfast*

9:30-10:30 am **Session 3 – Dynamic Public Policy**

"The 'Great Divergence' Reconsidered: Partisan Transaction Cost Theory and Income Inequality in the American States" George Krause, University of Pittsburgh Daniel Berkowitz, University of Pittsburgh

"Dynamic Policy Competition, Ideological Polarization and the Value of Veto Rights"

Salvatore Nunnari, University of California-San Diego Jan Zapal, IAECSIC & CERGEEI

Discussant: Justin Grimmer, Stanford University

10:30-10:45 am *Coffee break*

10:45-11:45 am **Session 4 - Social Choice**

"Unifying and Extending Voting Theory Results Ranging from Nakamura's to Greenberg's Theorems" Don Saari, University of California-Irvine

"A Folk Theorem for Repeated Elections with Adverse Selection" John Duggan, University of Rochester

Discussant: Elizabeth Maggie Penn, Washington University in St. Louis

11:45 am - 2:15 pm **Poster Session with Lunch**

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2:15-3:15 pm **Session 5 - Political Thought**

"James Madison, Game Theorist"

Barry Weingast, Stanford University Jack Rakove, Stanford University

"Making Sense of Smith: Methodology"

Frank Lovett, Washington University in Saint Louis

Discussant: Ken Binmore, UCL

3:15-3:30 pm *Coffee Break*

3:30-4:30 pm **Session 6**

"The Basic Arithmetic of Legislative Decisions"
Michael Laver, New York University

"Local Politics and Economic Geography"

Marcus Berliant, Washington University in St. Louis

Takatoshi Tabuchi, University of Tokyo

Discussant: Alistair Smith, New York University

6:00 pm Bus from Knight Center to Mango Peruvian Restaurant

6:30 pm Cocktails & Dinner at Mango

Poster Presentations

"Parliamentarism or Presidentalism?"
Peter Bulsseret, Princeton University

"The Oil Curse: A Bayesian Appraisal"
Adriana Crespo-Tenorio, Washington University in St. Louis
Jeff Gill, Washington University in St. Louis

"The American Model of Income Inequality and Preferences for Tax Progressivity" Adrienne Hosek, University of California-Berkeley

"Increasing Rents and Incumbency Disadvantage" Marko Klasnja, New York University

"Interest Groups' Informational Lobbying and Politician's Information Acquisition" Chaozheng Li, University of Macau

"Deliberate Indiscretion: Bureaucratic Politics Outside the Developed Democracies" Shaun McGirr, University of Michigan

"Incredibly Loud, Extremely Close: The Impact of Costly Campaigns and Independent Expenditure on Electoral Competition"
Carlo Prato, Georgetown University
Stephanie Wolton, University of Chicago

"Legislative Institutions and Pareto Efficiency" Robi Ragan, Emory University

"Policy Instability in a Comparative Perspective: The Context of Heresthetic" Maoz Rosenthal, Binghamton University

"How The Fed Moves Markets: Equity Market Reactions to Federal Reserve Communications"

Evan Schnidman, Harvard University

"Consequences of Perceived Ambiguity" Zeynep Somer-Topcu, Vanderbilt University

"Money, Pivotalness, and Targeted Vote Maximization" Ian Turner, Washington University in St. Louis Kevin McAlister, Washington University in St. Louis