

WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL ECONOMY & PUBLIC FINANCE: “Corruption, lobbying, and public policy

Barcelona, 9-10 June 2015

Corruption and special interest politics might seriously distort the design and implementation of public policies and the soundness of public finances. This workshop aims at studying the effects of corruption and lobbying on public policy and at analysing the institutions that can help to mitigate them. Papers studying the connexion with public finance or taxation and papers analysing these issues in the context of local governments are also welcome. The workshop will run for 1 & ½ day and will include 12 papers.

Topics of interest:

- Corruption scandals and accountability
- Institutions and corruption
- Lobbying and public policy
- Political connections
- Political economy of public finance
- Accountability in local governments

Keynote speakers:

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Deadlines:

- Deadline for submission of papers: April 7, 2015
- Deadline for acceptance of papers: April 17, 2015
- Registration: April 7 to May 30, 2015

Registration and further information:

Manuscripts must be submitted by email (ieb.workshop@ub.edu) in PDF format indicating in the subject the name of the workshop ('Political Economy'). Attendance is free for presenters and it will include accommodation, coffee breaks and lunches. There is a registration fee for non-presenters.

Further information on the workshop will be available at the webpage of the workshop, which could be accessed through the IEB website: www.ieb.ub.edu.