

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

Barcelona, June 9-10, 2015

## PROGRAM

**June 9, 2015 – LOCATION: Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona**  
**The event will take place at Room A - Avinguda Diagonal 696 BUILDING**

13:30 - 13:45	Registration
13:45 - 14:30	WORKING Lunch
<b>14:30 - 15:30</b>	<b>Plenary Session: "Political Rents in U.S. States" – James Snyder (Harvard University)</b>
15:30 - 17:00	<b>Session 1</b> "The Political Economy of Enforcing Conditional Welfare Programs: Evidence from Brazil" <b>Fernanda Brollo</b> (University of Warwick and CAGE), Katja Kaufmann (Bocconi University and IGER), Eliana La Ferrara (Bocconi University and IGER) <b>Discussant: Albert Solé-Ollé</b> "The Benefits of Local Party Alignment in National Elections: A Regression Discontinuity Approach" <b>Oana Borcan</b> (University of Gothenburg) <b>Discussant: Pilar Sorribas-Navarro</b>
17:00 - 18:30	<b>Session 2</b> "Liberation Technology: Mobile Phones and Political Mobilization in Africa" <b>Andrea Tesei</b> (Queen Mary University of London and CEP (LSE)), Marco Manacorda (Queen Mary University of London, CEP (LSE), IZA and CEPR) <b>Discussant: Sophie Hatte</b> "The Political Economy of Corruption in the Bureaucracy" <b>Michele Valsecchi</b> (University of Gothenburg) <b>Discussant: Stephan Litschig</b>
20:30	<b>Dinner – Nuria's Restaurant (see map)</b>

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09:00 - 10:30	<b>Session 3</b> “Bribery, Extortion, and Citizen Complaints” <b>Antonio Russo</b> (ETH Zurich and CESifo), Charles Angelucci (Columbia Business School) <b>Discussant: Thomas Groll</b> “Judicial Presence and Rent Extraction” <b>Stephan Litschig</b> (IAE and Barcelona GSE), Yves Zamboni (Universidade Federal de Pernambuco) <b>Discussant: Fernanda Brollo</b>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Session 4</b> “Social Media and Corruption” <b>Maria Petrova</b> (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Ruben Enikolopov (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Konstantin Sonin (University of Chicago) <b>Discussant: Andrea Tesei</b> “It’s Not Who You Are, It’s Who You Know: Political Connections and Advocacy NGOs” <b>Sophie Hatte</b> (University of Lausanne (HEC) - DEEP) <b>Discussant: Maria Petrova</b>
12:30 - 14:00	<b>Session 5</b> “Born in the Purple: Political Dynasties and Electoral Success” <b>Gianmarco Daniele</b> (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) <b>Discussant: TBA</b> “Vote Buying or (Political) Business (Cycles) as Usual?” <b>Zareh Asatryan</b> (ZEW Mannheim and University of Freiburg), Toke Aidt (University of Cambridge and CESifo), Lusine Badalyan (University of Bremen and Jacobs University), Friedrich Heinemann (ZEW Mannheim and University of Heidelberg) <b>Discussant: Oana Borcan</b>
14:00 - 15:00	WORKING Lunch
15:00 - 16:30	<b>Session 6</b> “Lobbying as Costly Persuasion with Legislative Subsidies” <b>Thomas Groll</b> (Columbia University), Christopher J. Ellis (University of Oregon) <b>Discussant: Giacomo Ponzetto (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)</b> “Corporate Money in Political Quid Pro Quo. Evidence from Lithuania” <b>Audinga Baltrunaite</b> (IIES, Stockholm University) <b>Discussant: Jeffrey Timmons (Instituto de Empresa (IE) Business School)</b>
16:30 - 17:30	<b>Plenary Session: “The Role of Political Frictions in Financial Crises” - Francesco Trebbi</b> (University of British Columbia)