

## WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL ECONOMY & FISCAL FEDERALISM: “Economic shocks, government quality and political disintegration”

Barcelona, 15-16 June 2017

Different types of economic shocks hit countries periodically. Recent examples include the global financial crisis or the exposure to trade with China. The ability to respond to these shocks depends, among others, on government quality: countries with more accountable governments and/or with higher state capacity enact faster and more effective policies. Crisis might also affect government quality: increasing government fragmentation and polarization, and affecting the selection of politicians or political norms and institutional legitimacy. Crisis might also foster nationalism and lead to political disintegration, as exemplified by the recent rise of secessionism or by the crisis of the European Union.

The workshop will focus on the interplay between economic shocks, government quality and the vertical structure of government. Papers on the causes and consequences of government quality, the political economy of secessionism and political unions, and the political economy of federalism and local government in general are also welcome.

### Topics of interest:

- Political fragmentation & polarization
- Selection of politicians
- Political norms and institutional legitimacy
- Accountability v. state capacity
- Secessionism and political unions
- Federalism and local government

### Keynote speakers:

Massimo Morelli  
(Bocconi University)

Ernesto Dal Bó  
(University of California, Berkeley)

### Deadlines:

- Submission of papers: April 7, 2017
- Acceptance of papers: April 21, 2017
- Registration: April 24 to June 9

### Registration and further information:

Manuscripts must be submitted by email ([ieb.workshop@ub.edu](mailto:ieb.workshop@ub.edu)) in PDF format indicating in the subject the name of the workshop ('Political Economy & Fiscal Federalism'). We will provide accommodation, coffee breaks and lunches for presenters.

Registration is required to attend the workshop. We will open the seats once the program is done.

We would like to inform you that the Workshop on Economics of Taxation "Inequality in a globalized world: a challenge for taxation" will also take place during this week, June 13-14, 2017.

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