

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

Barcelona, June 15-16, 2017



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June 15, 2017 – LOCATION: Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Barcelona
The event will take place at “SALA DE JUNTES” - Avinguda Diagonal 696 BUILDING

8:45 - 9:00	Registration Welcome Reception
9:00 - 10:00	Plenary Session: “From Weber to Kafka: Political Instability and the Rise of an Inefficient Bureaucracy” Massimo Morelli (Bocconi University)
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee break
10:30 - 12:45	Session 1 “Convicting Corrupt Officials” Sebastian Axbard (Queen Mary, University of London) Discussant: Gianmarco Danielli (Universitat de Barcelona and IEB) “Public Good under Appointed versus Elected Mayors: Policing and Crime in Belgium” Andrea Colombo (Université Libre de Bruxelles, ECARES) and Ilan Tojerow (Université Libre de Bruxelles, CEB, DULBEA, IZA) Discussant: Daniel Montolio (Universitat de Barcelona and IEB) “Exposition to Corruption and Political Participation: Evidence from Italian Municipalities” Tommaso Giommoni (Bocconi University) Discussant: Giorgio Gulino (University of Bergamo)
12:45 – 14:00	Working Lunch
14:00 - 16:15	Session 2 “In or Out? The Effects of Supranational Integration on Polarization” Konstantinos Matakos (King's College, London), Nikitas Konstantinidis (IE Madrid) and Hande Mutlu-Eren (NYU) Discussant: Francesc Amat (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) “The Political Geography of the Eurocrisis” Pablo Beramendi (Duke University) and Daniel Stegmueller (Duke University) Discussant: Konstantinos Matakos (King's College, London) “Preference Shocks that Destroy Party System” Enriqueta Aragonés (IAE-CSIC and Barcelona GSE) Discussant: Amedeo Piolato (Universitat de Barcelona and IEB)
16:15 – 16:45	Coffee break
16:45 – 18:15	Session 3 “Globalization and Political Structure” Giacomo Ponzetto (CREI), Gino Gancia (CREI) and Jaume Ventura (CREI) Discussant: Pablo Beramendi (Duke University) “The Institutional Determinants of Southern Secession” Mario Chacon (New York University (Abu Dhabi)) and Jeff Jensen (New York University (Abu Dhabi)) Discussant: Giacomo Ponzetto (CREI)

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09:00 - 10:30	<p>Session 4</p> <p>"The Power of Money. The Consequences of Electing a Donor Funded Politician" Nelson A. Ruiz (London School of Economics) Discussant: Katharina Hofer (University of St.Gallen)</p> <p>"Shirk or Work? On How Legislators React to Monitoring" Katharina Hofer (University of St.Gallen) Discussant: Nelson A. Ruiz (London School of Economics)</p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 13:15	<p>Session 5</p> <p>"Municipal Mergers and Local Activity: Evidence from Germany" Gabriel Loumeau (ETH Zurich), Peter H. Egger (ETH Zurich), Marko Köthenbürger (ETH Zurich), Discussant: Sergio Galletta (University of Lugano, IEB and IdEP)</p> <p>"Sources of Revenue and Government Performance: Evidence from Colombia" Luis R. Martinez (University of Chicago) Discussant: Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona and IEB)</p> <p>"Tax Mimicking in Local Business Taxation: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Portugal" Mariana Lopes da Fonseca (Max-Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance) Discussant: Gabriel Loumeau (ETH Zurich)</p>
13:15 - 14:30	Working Lunch
14:30 - 16:45	<p>Session 6</p> <p>"Separated Under the Same Roof: The Fiscal Inefficiency of Political Fragmentation" Giorgio Gulino (University of Bergamo), Matteo Cervellati (University of Bologna) and Paolo Roberti (University of Bologna) Discussant: Paul Vertier (Science Po)</p> <p>"Norms in Bargaining: Evidence from Government Formation in Spain" Carlos Sanz (Bank of Spain) and Thomas Fujiwara (Princeton) Discussant: Albert Falcó (Universitat de Barcelona)</p> <p>"Distributive Politics inside the City? The Political Economy of Spain's Plan E" Felipe Carozzi (London School of Economics) and Luca Repetto (Uppsala University) Discussant: Marta Curto-Grau (Universitat de Barcelona, IPERG and IEB)</p>
16:45 – 17:15	Coffee break
17:15 - 18:15	<p>Plenary Session: "What We Know (And Don't Know) About Political Selection" Ernesto Dal Bo (U. California – Berkeley)</p>