

V Workshop on Fiscal Federalism: The Political Economy of Decentralization

Barcelona, June 13-14, 2013

UPDATED PROGRAM: Today

08:45 - 09:15	Opening address: Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB) (Room: Sala de Juntres)	
09:15 - 10:00	Plenary Session: "Local Governance and Economic Development: Strengthening State Capacity at the Local Level" - Frederico Finan (University of California, Berkeley) (Room: Sala de Juntres)	
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 - 12:15	Session 1a - ALLOCATION OF TRANSFERS (Room: Sala de Juntres) Chair: Pilar Sorribas-Navarro (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB) "Sending the Pork Home: Birth Town Bias in Transfers to Italian Municipalities" Felipe Carozzi (CEMFI), Luca Repetto (CEMFI) Discussant: Pilar Sorribas-Navarro "Fiscal-Capacity Equalization-Grants with Taxpayers' Lobbying" Alejandro Esteller-Moré (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB), Umberto Galmarini (Università dell'Insubria), Leonzio Rizzo (Università di Ferrara) Discussant: Michaela Redoano	Session 1b - GENDER (Room: E) Chair: Monica Martinez-Bravo (CEMFI) "What Happens When a Woman Wins an Election? Evidence from Close Races in Brazil" Fernanda Brollo (University of Alicante), Ugo Troiano (University of Alicante) Discussant: Johanna Rickne "Gender Quotas and the Crisis of the Mediocre Man: Theory and Evidence from Sweden" Timothy Besley (London School Economics), Olle Folke (Columbia University, SIPA & Research Institute for Industrial Economics), Torsten Persson (IIES, Stockholm University), Johanna Rickne (Research Institute for Industrial Economics & Uppsala Center for Labor Studies) Discussant: Fernanda Brollo
	Session 2a - DECENTRALIZATION I (Room: Sala de Juntres) Chair: Federico Revelli (University of Torino) "Partial Fiscal Decentralization and Public-Sector Heterogeneity: Theory and Evidence from Norway" Lars-Erik Borge (Norwegian University of Science and Technology), Jan K. Brueckner (University of California, Irvine) Jørn Rattsø (Norwegian University of Science and Technology) Discussant: Federico Revelli "Political Economy of Centralized Redistribution and Local Government Fiscal Structure" Stephen Calabrese (Carnegie Mellon University) Discussant: Amedeo Piolatto	Session 2b - POLITICAL COMPETITION (Room: E) Chair: Albert Solé-Ollé (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB) "Divided We Reform? Evidence from US Welfare Policies" Andreas Bernecker (University of Mannheim) Discussant: Albert Solé-Ollé "Seat Competitiveness and Redistricting: Evidence from Voting on Municipal Mergers" Ari Hyytinen (University of Jyväskylä & Yrjö Jahnsson Foundation), Tuukka Saarimaa (Government Institute for Economic Research VATT), Janne Tukiainen (Government Institute for Economic Research VATT) Discussant: Olle Folke
14:00 - 15:30	WORKING Lunch (Location: Hall Aula Magna)	
15:30 - 18:00	Session 3 - EFFECTS OF TRANSFERS I and MERGERS (Room: Sala de Juntres) Chair: Daniel Wilson (Fed San Francisco) "The Long-run and Intergenerational Education Impacts of Intergovernmental Transfers" Irineu de Carvalho Filho (International Monetary Fund & Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar), Stephan Litschig (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona GSE) Discussant: Daniel Wilson "The Effects of Unemployment Benefits on Migration in Lagging Areas" Jordi Jofre-Monseny (IEB and University of Barcelona) Discussant: Stephan Litschig "Local Representation and Strategic Voting: Evidence from Electoral Boundary Reforms" Tuukka Saarimaa (Government Institute for Economic Research VATT), Janne Tukiainen (Government Institute for Economic Research VATT) Discussant: Edoardo di Porto	
	20:30	Dinner

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The event will take place at Avinguda Diagonal 696 BUILDING

09:00 - 10:45	<p>Session 4a - EFFECTS OF TRANSFERS II (Room: Sala de Juntres)</p> <p>Chair: Teresa García-Milà (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)</p> <p>“Are State Governments Roadblocks to Federal Stimulus Spending? Evidence From Highway Grants in the 2009 Recovery Act” Sylvain Leduc (Fed San Francisco), Daniel Wilson (Fed San Francisco) Discussant: Teresa García-Milà</p> <p>“Resource Windfalls and Public Goods: Evidence From a Policy Reform” Michele Valsecchi (University of Gothenburg), Ola Olsson (University of Gothenburg) Discussant: Felipe Carozzi (CEMFI)</p>	<p>Session 4b - DECENTRALIZATION I (Room: E)</p> <p>Chair: Massimo Bordignon (Catholic University, Milan & CESifo)</p> <p>“The Political Economy of Pricing and Investment in Congestible Facilities in a Federal State” Bruno De Borger (University of Antwerp), Stef Proost (University of Antwerp) Discussant: Federico Boffa</p> <p>“Centralization and Accountability: Theory and Evidence from the Clean Air Act” Federico Boffa (Università di Macerata & IEB), Amedeo Piolatto (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB) Giacomo A. M. Ponzetto (CREI, Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Barcelona GSE) Discussant: Massimo Bordignon</p>
10:45 - 11:15	Coffee break	
11:15 - 13:45	<p>Session 5a - FISCAL RULES (Room: Sala de Juntres)</p> <p>Chair: Dirk Foremny (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>“Spending within Limits: Evidence from Municipal Fiscal Restraints” Leah Brooks (Division of Research and Statistics Federal Reserve Board of Governors), Yosh Halberstam (University of Toronto), Justin Phillips (Columbia University) Discussant: Dirk Foremny</p> <p>“Tax Limits and Local Democracy” Federico Revelli (University of Torino) Discussant: Leah Brooks</p> <p>“Sovereign Bond Market Reactions to Fiscal Rules and No-Bailout Clauses – The Swiss Experience” Lars P. Feld (Walter Eucken Institut & University of Freiburg), Alexander Kalb (BayernLB, Department of Risk & Sector Analysis), Marc-Daniel Moessinger (Center for European Economic Research ZEW), Steffen Osterloh (German Council of Economic Experts) Discussant: Gilberto Turati</p>	<p>Session 5b - ACCOUNTABILITY (Room: E)</p> <p>Chair: Amedeo Piolatto (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>“Political Competition, Tax Salience and Accountability: Theory and Some Evidence from Italy” Emanuele Bracco (University of Lancaster), Francesco Porcelli (University of Warwick), Michaela Redoano (University of Warwick) Discussant: Lars-Erik Borge</p> <p>“The Role of Local Officials in New Democracies: Evidence from Indonesia” Mónica Martínez-Bravo (CEMFI) Discussant: Michele Valsecchi</p> <p>“Dress-Up Contest: A Dark Side of Fiscal Decentralization” Ruixin Wang (Tilburg University), Wendun Wang (CentER, Department of Econometrics and Operations Research, Tilburg University) Discussant: Rafael Parchet</p>
13:45 - 15:00	WORKING Lunch (Location: Hall Aula Magna)	
15:00 - 16:45	<p>Session 6a - POLITICAL SELECTION (Room: Sala de Juntres)</p> <p>Chair: Giacomo Ponzetto (CREI)</p> <p>“Fiscal Federalism and Political Selection” Massimo Bordignon (Catholic University, Milan & CESifo), Matteo Gamalerio (University of Warwick), Gilberto Turati (University of Turin & CIFREL, Catholic University, Milan) Discussant: Giacomo Ponzetto</p> <p>“Preferential Voting and the Selection of Party Leaders: Evidence from Sweden” Olle Folke (Columbia University, SIPA & Research Institute for Industrial Economics), Torsten Persson (IIES, Stockholm University), Johanna Rickne (Research Institute for Industrial Economics & Uppsala Center for Labor Studies) Discussant: Monica Martinez-Bravo</p>	<p>Session 6b - TAX COMPETITION (Room: E)</p> <p>Chair: Alejandro Esteller-Moré (Universitat de Barcelona & IEB)</p> <p>“Are Local Tax Rates Strategic Complements or Strategic Substitutes?” Raphael Parchet (University of Basel / University of Lausanne) Discussant: Jordi Jofre-Monseny</p> <p>“City Competition for the Creative Class” Thiess Buettner (Friedrich-Alexander-University (FAU) Nuremberg), Eckhard Janeba (University of Mannheim) Discussant: Stephen Calabrese</p>
16:45 – 17:30	Plenary Session: “Will the German Debt Brake Succeed? Survey Evidence from State Politicians” - Eckhard Janeba (University of Mannheim) (Room: Sala de Juntres)	
17:30	Farewell drink (Location: Hall Aula Magna)	