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Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó, UC Berkeley

The Political Economy of Robust Control
Hannes Mueller, IAE (CSIC)

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Edited Democracy? Evidence of Media Slant in the Coverage of Presidential Debates
Luis Meloni, EESP-FGV

Sunlight Disinfects? The Limitations of Media Oversight in Weak Democracies
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Chair: Alvaro Forteza, UDELAR

Early Human Capital and Development: The Case of Latin America
Marta Reynal-Querol, UPF

Frontier Culture: The Roots and Persistence of “Rugged Individualism” in the United States
Martin Fiszbein, Boston University

Following the Poppy Trail: Causes and Consequences of Mexican Drug Cartels
Martin Rossi, U San Andrés

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Stop Suffering! Economic Downturns and Pentecostal Upsurge
Francisco Costa, EPGE-FGV