



# X RIDGE FORUM

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# WORKSHOP ON POLITICAL ECONOMY

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**DAY 1 – MONDAY, MAY 20**

9.00 – 9:15 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

9.15 – 10.45 **Session 1. Immigration and Politics**

Chair: Fred Finan, UC Berkeley

**The Political Economy of Immigration Enforcement under Federalism: Conflict, Cooperation, and Policing Efficiency**

Camilo Garcia-Jimeno, Emory University (with Alberto Ciancio)

**Brothers or Invaders? How Crises-driven Migrants Shape Voting Behavior**

Juan F. Vargas, U Rosario (with Sandra Rozo, USC)

10.45 – 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 – 12.45 **Session 2. Information and Voting**

Chair: Fred Finan, UC Berkeley

**Does Information Break the Political Resource Curse? Experimental Evidence from Mozambique**

Inês Vilela, U Nova de Lisboa (with Alex Armand, Alexander Coutts, and Pedro C. Vicente)

**Provision of Information and Voting Behavior: Experimental Evidence from Education and Local Governments**

Francisco Gallego, PUC-Chile (with Loreto Cox, Sylvia Eyzaguirre, and Maximiliano Garcia)

12.45 – 14.00 **Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3. Clientelism and Corruption**

Chair: Claudio Ferraz, PUC-Rio

**Government Transparency and Political Clientelism: Evidence from Randomized Anti-Corruption Audits in Brazil**

Gustavo Bobonis, U Toronto (with Paul J. Gertler, Marco Gonzalez-Navarro, and Simeon Nichter)

**Do Ghosts Exist? Clientelistic Networks and Corruption in Public Education**

Leopoldo Fergusson, U de los Andes (with Carlos Molina and Arturo Harker)

15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00 – 17.30

#### **Session 4. Persuasion and Incentives in Voting Decisions**

Chair: Claudio Ferraz, PUC-Rio

##### **Persuasion by Populist Propaganda: Evidence from the 2015 Argentine Ballotage**

Ernesto Schargrofsky, UTDT (with Rafael Di Tella, Sebastian Galiani)

##### **Monetary Incentives to Vote: Evidence from a Nationwide Policy**

Luis Martinez, U Chicago Harris (with Mariella Gonzales, Gianmarco León)

### **DAY 2 – TUESDAY, MAY 21**

9.15 – 10.45

#### **Session 1. Polarization and Fear**

Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó, UC Berkeley

##### **The Politics of Fear: the Impact of the Ebola Outbreak on the 2014 U.S. Elections**

Filipe Campante, John Hopkins University (with Ruben Durante, and Emilio Depetris-Chauvín)

##### **Unbundling Polarization**

Nathan Canen, University of Houston (with Francesco Trebbi and Chad Kendall)

10.45 – 11.15

#### **Coffee break**

11.15 – 12.45

#### **Session 2. Wealth Redistribution and Organized Crime**

Chair: Alvaro Forteza, U de la República

##### **The Electoral Impact of Wealth Redistribution: Evidence from the Italian Land Reform**

Bruno Caprettini, U Zurich (with Lorenzo Casaburi and Miriam Venturini)

##### **Gangs of Medellín: How Organized Crime is Organized**

Santiago Tobon, U Chicago & IPA (with Gustavo Duncan, Benjamin Lessing and Christopher Blattman)

12.45 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

#### **Session 3. Culture and Institutions**

Chair: Ernesto Dal Bó, UC Berkeley

##### **Folklore**

Melanie Meng Xue, Northwestern (with Stelios Michalopoulos, Brown)

##### **The Institutional Foundations of Religious Politics: Evidence from Indonesia**

Marx Benjamin, Science Po (with Gabriel Koehler-Derrick and Samuel Bazzi)

15.30 – 16.00

**Coffee break**

16.00 – 17.45

**Session 4. Corruption in the Judiciary**

Chair: Alvaro Forteza, U de la República

**Convicting Corrupt Officials: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Cases**

Sebastian Axbard, Queen Mary

**Judicial Subversion: Theory and Evidence from Brazil**

Guilherme Lambais, UNB (with Henrik Sigstad)