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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

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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)