



Workshop

Political Economy: Theory Meets Experiment

Program

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Program Monday, June 9th

Time	Article	Presenter
8:45 - 9.00	Welcome Address by the Organizers	
9:00 - 9:45	Rights Utility, Turnout, and the Value of Democracy	Rebecca Morton
9:45 - 10:30	Why Does Political Mobilization Work? The Role of Norms and Reciprocity	Pedro Robalo
10:30 - 11.00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Coalition Preclusion Contracts/ Vote Share Thresholds	Hans Gersbach
11:45 -12:30	How Transparency Kills Information Aggregation: Theory and Experiment	Sebastian Fehrler
12:30 - 14.00	Lunch (Kunsthaus)	
14:00 - 14:45	Reputational Concerns in Committees	Bauke Visser
14:45 - 15:30	Committee Design with Endogenous Participation	Volker Hahn
15:30 - 16.00	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 16:45	Committee Approval: A Rational Theory and an Application to an Election in Zurich	Karine van der Straeten
16:45 - 17:30	Get Rid of Unanimity: The Superiority of Majority with Veto Power	Aniol Llorente- Saguer
18:00	Welcome Reception	

Program Tuesday, June 10th

Time	Article	Presenter
9:00 - 9:45	Who Writes the Bill? The Role of the Agenda-Setter in Legislative Lobbying	Maik Schneider
9:45 - 10:30	An Experimental Study of Institutions and Lobbying	Melis Kartal
10:30 - 11.00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Turf Wars	Helios Herrera
11:45 -12:30	Gender, Efficiency and Voting	Roberto Weber
12:30 - 13.30	Lunch	
13:30 - 14:15	Party over Policy Revisited: Policy Attitudes among Ambivalent Partisans in the USA	Marco Steenbergen
14:15 - 15:00	The Mechanics of Reputational Cheap Talk: An Experiment with Crystal Balls	Marco Ottaviani
15:00 - 15.10	Break	
15:10 - 15:35	Costs of Change, Political Polarization and Re-election Hurdles	Oriol Tejada
15:35 - 16:00	Subliminal Political Poster Ads: Experimental Evidence from Switzerland and the U.S.	Livio Raccuia
17:00 - 19:00	Boat Trip on Lake Zurich	
20:00	Dinner (Waid Restaurant)	

Program Wednesday, June 11th

Time	Article	Presenter
9:00 - 9:45	Legislative Bargaining with Accountability	Niall Hughes
9:45 - 10:30	Legislative Bargaining with Heterogeneous Reservation Values: Theory and Experiments	Christoph Vanberg
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 11:45	Gambler's Fallacy and Imperfect Best Response in Legislative Bargaining	Jan Zapal
11:45 - 12:30	The Political Economy of Public Debt: A Laboratory Experiment	Salvatore Nunnari
12:30 - 12:40	Break (with Sandwiches)	
12:40 - 13:25	Collective Self-Control	Leeat Yariv
15:00	City Tour (voluntary)	
End of Workshop		

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