Princeton University
Conference on Political Economy
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Date: April 13 - 14, 2012
Location: The Bendheim Center for Finance, 26 Prospect Avenue

Participant List

Friday, April 13th
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Presenter: Eric Weese (Yale University)
Topic: "Efficiencies of Scale in Local Public Good Provision"
Discussant: Thomas Fujiwara (Princeton University)
2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Presenter: Steven Matthews (University of Pennsylvania)
Topic: "Achievable Outcomes of Dynamic Contribution Games"
Discussant: Thomas R. Palfrey (California Institute of Technology)
4:00 - 4:15 p.m. Break
4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Presenter: Stelios Michalopoulos (Brown University)
Topic: "Divide and Rule or the Rule of the Divided? Evidence from Africa"
Discussant: Leonard Wantchekon (Princeton University)
6:00 - 10:00 p.m. Dinner

Saturday, April 14th
9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Presenter: Sandeep Baliga (Kellogg School of Management)
Topic: "The Self-Defeating Rationale For Torture"
Discussant: Stephen Morris (Princeton University)
10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Break
11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Presenter: Massimo Morelli (Columbia University)
Topic: "Strategic Mass Killings" (co-authored with Joan Esteban and Dominic Rohner)
Discussant: Tomas Sjöström (Rutgers University)
12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 - 2:45 p.m. Presenter: Razvan Vlaicu (University of Maryland)
Topic: "Hierarchical Accountability in Government: Theory and Evidence" (co-authored with Alex Whalley)
Discussant: Alex Hirsch (Princeton University)
2:45 - 3:00 p.m. Break
3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Presenter: Frederico Finan (UC, Berkeley)
Topic: "Strengthening State Capabilities: The Role of Financial Incentives in the Call to Public Service" (co-authored with Ernesto Dal Bó)
Discussant: Rohini Pande (Harvard Kennedy School)