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This course enhance your knowledge of methods that are widely employed in contemporary microeconometrics to some specific topics in Political/Public/Development Economics

The format of the course is presentations and discussions of papers and econometric strategies. The course is aimed at second, third and fourth year Master/PhD students.

In order to satisfy the requirements students are expected to present papers listed in the syllabus below, as well as handing in questions on the papers being presented. For each of the sections, one student will present and students who are not presenting will in beforehand read the relevant paper and hand in three questions the day before the presentation. The student presenting should structure the presentation as follows: (1) motivation and general background, (2) method and data, (3) main results in the paper, (4) critical discussion. Each presentation will be followed by a general discussion based on the questions handed in by the audience. Each section consists of roughly 1 hour presentation followed by 30 minutes discussion. At the end of the course, unpublished paper will be distributed among students and each student will have to perform one referee report.

The syllabus shows the topics we will study and is a selection of papers with recent contributions. All papers are empirical and several of the papers are using self-collected data and a randomized or experimental approach.

Allocation of Public Goods/ Effects of Windfalls of resources

*Soll'e-Oll'e, A. and P. Sorribas-Navarro (2008): "The Effects of Partisan Alignment on the Allocation of Intergovernmental Transfers. Differences-in-differences Estimates for Spain," *Journal of Public Economics* 92, pp. 2302–2319.

***Brollo, F., T. Nannicini, R. Perotti, and G. Tabellini (2010): "The Political Resource Curse," NBER Working Paper.

**Litschig, S. (2008a): "Intergovernmental Transfers and Elementary Education: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Brazil," mimeo, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

**Caselli, F. and G. Michaels (2009): "Do Oil Windfalls Improve Living Standards? Evidence from Brazil," mimeo, London School of Economics

Political Accountability

***Ferraz, C. and F. Finan (2008): "Exposing Corrupt Politicians: The Effects of Brazil's Publicly Released Audits on Electoral Outcomes," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123, pp. 703–745.

***Ferraz, C. and F. Finan (2009): "Electoral Accountability and Corruption: Evidence from the Audit Reports of Local Governments", *American Economic Review*, forthcoming.

*Brollo, F., (2009): "Who Is Punishing Corrupt Politicians: Voters or the Central Government? Evidence from the Brazilian Anti-Corruption Program", IGIER Working Paper.

**Olken, A. Benjamin (2007). "Monitoring Corruption: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Indonesia." *Journal of Political Economy* 115(2).

**Bursztyn, L. (2011) Electoral Incentives and Public Education Spending: Evidence from Brazil.

** Banerjee, Kumar A. C., Pande R, Su F., (2010) Do Informed Voters Make Better Choices? Experimental Evidence from Urban India

Selection of Politicians.

***Brollo, F., T. Nannicini, R. Perotti, and G. Tabellini (2010): "The Political Resource Curse," NBER Working Paper.

***Gagliarducci, S. and T. Nannicini (2009): "Do Better Paid Politicians Perform Better? Disentangling Incentives from Selection," IZA discussion paper No. 4400

***Ferraz, C., Finan, C., 2009. Motivating Politicians: The Impacts of Monetary Incentives on Quality and Performance. NBER Working Paper 14906.

Political Competition

***Lee, D.S. (2008): "Randomized Experiments from Non-random Selection in the U.S. House Elections," *Journal of Econometrics*, 142(2), 675–697.

***Lee, D.S., E. Moretti, and M.J. Butler (2004): "Do Voters Affect or Elect Policies? Evidence from the U.S. House," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 119, 807–859.

**Ferreira, F. and J. Gyourko (2009): "Do Political Parties Matter? Evidence from U.S. Cities," *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 124(1), 349–397.

***Brollo, F. and Nannicini, T. (2010): "Tying Your Enemy's Hands in Close Races: The Politics of Federal Transfers in Brazil", IGIER working paper.

**Pettersson and Lidbom (2008): "Do parties matter for economic outcomes? A regression-discontinuity approach", Journal of the European Economic Association

Media, Information and Political Economy

**S. DellaVigna and E. Kaplan. The Fox News Effect: Media Bias and Voting. Quarterly Journal of Economics. 122: 1187-1234. 2007.

*Ruben Durante and Brian Knight. Partisan Control, Media Bias, and Viewer Responses: Evidence from Berlusconi's Italy. NBER Working Paper 14762, 2009.

**Gerber, Alan S., Dean Karlan and Daniel Bergan, "Does the Media Matter? A Field Experiment Measuring the Effect of Newspapers on Voting Behavior and Political Opinions", 2009, 35-52.

**Olken, Benjamin A., "Do Television and Radio Destroy Social Capital? Evidence from Indonesian Villages", American Economic Journal: Applied Economics 1:4, 2009, 1—33.

*Eisensee, Thomas and David Strömberg (2007). "News Floods, News Droughts, and U.S. Disaster Relief." Quarterly Journal of Economics, 122(2).

*Jensen, Robert, and Emily Oster (2008). .The Power of TV: Cable Television and Women.s Status in India..forthcoming Quarterly Journal of Economics.

*La Ferrara, Eliana, Alerto Chong, and Suzanne Duryea (2008), .Soap Operas and Fertility: Evidence from Brazil..Working paper. Department of Economics. Bocconi University.

**Olken, Benjamin (2008). .Do Television and Radio Destroy Social Capital?. NBER Working Paper No.12561.

**Reinikka, Ritva, and Jakob Svensson (2004), .Local Capture: Evidence from a Central Government Transfer Program in Uganda..Quarterly Journal of Economics 119:2, pp. 679-705

*Björkman, Martina and Jakob Svensson (2007), "Power to the People: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment on Community-based Monitoring in Uganda." Forthcoming in The Quarterly Journal of Economics 124:2.

**Stromberg, D. (2004): Radio's Impact on Public Spending, Quarterly Journal of Economics, 119, pp.

189–221.

Gender and Political Economy

**Beaman, Lori, Raghavendra Chattopadhyay, Esther Dufflo, Rohini Pande, and Petia Topolova (2008). .Powerful Women: Does Exposure Reduce Bias?., Mimeo. MIT.

**Chattopadhyay, Raghavendra, and Esther Dufflo (2004). "Women as Policy Makers: Evidence from a Randomized Policy Experiment in India." *Econometrica* 72(5).
Fisman, Raymond (2001). .Estimating the Value of Political Connections., *American Economic Review* 91(4), 1095-1102.

**Gagliarducci, S. and D. Paserman (2010): “Gender interactions within hierarchies: evidence from the political arena”, Unpublished Paper.

**Ferreira F. and Gyourko J. (2011): “ Does Gender Matter for Political Leadership? The Case of U.S. Mayors”. Working Paper

Political Institutions/Property rights

**Alston and Muller (2010) Property Rights, Land Conflict and Tenancy in Brazil. NBER Working Paper 15771

**Fisman, Raymond, and Edward Miguel (2007). "Corruption, Norms, and Legal Enforcement: Evidence from Diplomatic Parking Tickets." *Journal of Political Economy* 115(6).

**Gagliarducci, S. and Nannicini, T. (2008): "Electoral Rules and Politicians' Behavior: A Micro Test", IZA Discussion Paper 3348, revise-and-resubmit at the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

Culture, Ethnicity, and the Formation of Beliefs

**Near and Dear? Evidence from India on the Impact of Neighbor Diversity on Ethnic Attitudes"

**Clingsmith, David, Asim Ijaz Khawaja, and Michael Kremer (2008). .Estimating the Impact of the Haji: Religion and Tolerance in Islam.s *Global Gathering*.. Forthcoming in *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 124:3

Conditional cash transfer programs

*Angelucci, Manuela, Giacomo de Giorgio, Marcos A.Rangel, and Imran Rasul (2008). "Family Networks and School Enrollment: Evidence from a Randomized Social Experiment". Mimeo. Department of Economics, University of Arizona.

**Angelucci, Manuela, and Giacomo di Giorgio (2008), "Indirect Effects of an Aid Program: How do Cash Transfers Affect Non-Eligibles Consumption?". Forthcoming in *The American Economic Review*

**Bobonis, Gustavo, and Frederico Finan (2008). "Neighborhood Peer Effects in Secondary School Enrollment Decisions." *Review of Economics and Statistics* .

*Schultz, T. Paul (2004). "School Subsidies for the Poor: Evaluating the Mexican Progresa Poverty Program." *Journal of Development Economics* 74 (2004). 199.250.

Crime/Violence and Economics

**Bayer, Patrick, Randi Hjalmarsson, and David Pozen (2007). "Building Criminal Capital behind Bars: Peer Effects in Juvenile Corrections." Forthcoming in *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 124:1.

*Kuziemko, Ilyana (2006). "Does the Threat of the Death Penalty Affect Plea Bargaining in Murder Cases? Evidence from New York's 1995 Reinstatement of Capital Punishment". Working paper. Department of Economics. Princeton University.

**Pop-Eleches C. 2006. The impact of an abortion ban on socio-economic outcomes of children: evidence from Romania. *J. Polit. Econ.*

**Levitt SD. 2002. Using electoral cycles in police hiring to estimate the effects of police on crime: Reply. *Am. Econ. Rev.* 92(4):1244–50

**McCrary J. 2002. Using electoral cycles in police hiring to estimate the effect of police on crime: comment. *Am. Econ. Rev.* 92(4):1236–43

** Benmelech E., Klor C. B. E. , NBER Working Paper No. 16493). Counter-Suicide-Terrorism: Evidence from House Demolitions

** Jaeger D. A., Klor E. F., Miaari S. H., Paserman M. D. NBER Working Paper No. 13956 The Struggle for Palestinian Hearts and Minds: Violence and Public Opinion in the Second Intifada