

## 2008-09 Political Economy Seminars

### Spring 2009

Date	Speaker	Title
Apr 7	<b>Witold Henisz</b> University of Pennsylvania Visiting Stanford	Preferences, Structure and Influence: The Engineering of Consent
Apr 21	<b>Fred Finan</b> UCLA	Electoral Accountability and Corruption: Evidence from the Audits of Local Governments
May 5	<b>Robert Powell</b> UC Berkeley	Persistent Fighting to Forestall Adverse Shifts in the Distribution of Power
May 19	<b>Romain Wacziarg</b> UCLA	War and Relatedness
Jun 2	<b>Vijayendra Rao</b> Development Economics Research Group, World Bank	Development Economics Research Group, World Bank Is Deliberation Equitable? Dignity through Discourse

### Winter 2009

Date	Speaker	Title
Jan 13	<b>Chris Meissner</b> UC Davis	On the Looting of Nations
Jan 27	<b>Andrew Healy</b> Loyola Marymount University	Individual Unemployment, Layoffs, and Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections
Feb 10	<b>Leeat Yariv</b> California Institute of Technology	Sequential Deliberation
Feb 24	<b>Sendhil Mullainathan</b> Harvard University	Misperception in Choosing Medicare Drug Plans
Mar 3	<b>Daron Acemoglu</b> Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Dynamics and Stability of Constitutions, Coalitions, and Clubs
Mar 10	<b>Jim Snyder</b> Massachusetts Institute of Technology	The Returns to U.S. Congressional Seats in the Mid-19th Century

### Fall 2008

Date	Speaker	Title
Sep 23	<b>John Matsusaka</b> University of Southern California	Popular Control of Public Policy
Oct 7	<b>Asim Khwaja</b> Harvard University	Estimating the Impact of the Hajj: Religion and Tolerance in Islam's Global Gathering
Oct 21	<b>Lakshmi Iyer</b> Harvard University	Traveling Agents: Political Change and Bureaucratic Turnover in India

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Nov 4	<b>Andrea Vindigni</b> Princeton University	A Theory of Military Dictatorships
Nov 5	<b>Steven Callander</b> Northwestern University	Searching for Good Policies
Nov 18	<b>Brian Knight</b> Brown University	Media Bias and Influence: Evidence from Newspaper Endorsement
Dec 2	<b>Francesco Trebbi</b> University of Chicago	The Political Economy of the US Mortgage Default Crisis

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