

## 2009-10 Political Economy Seminars

### Spring 2010

Date	Speaker	Title
May 4	<b>Rohini Pande</b> Harvard University	Can Voters be Primed to Choose Better Legislators? Experimental Evidence from Rural India
May 11	<b>James Robinson</b> Department of Government Harvard University	Endogenous Checks and Balances
May 18	<b>Christopher Berry</b> University of Chicago	Agency Spending and Political Control of the Bureaucracy
Jun 8	<b>Adam Berinsky</b> Massachusetts Institute of Technology Visiting Stanford	Rumors, Truths, and Reality: A Study of Political Misinformation
Jun 15	<b>Leslie Johns</b> UCLA	Depth versus Rigidity in the Design of International Agreements

### Winter 2010

Date	Speaker	Title
Jan 12	<b>Steve Ansolabehere</b> Harvard University	Constituents' Responses to Congressional Roll Call Voting
Jan 26	<b>Saumitra Jha</b> Stanford University	Shares, Coalition Formation and Political Development
Feb 9	<b>Sandeep Baliga</b> Kellogg, Northwestern University	The Strategy of Manipulating Conflict
Feb 23	<b>Sandeep Baliga</b> Kellogg, Northwestern University	Inefficiencies from Metropolitan and Fiscal Decentralization: Failures of Tiebout Competition
Mar 30	<b>Torsten Persson</b> Stockholm University	The Logic of Political Violence

### Fall 2009

Date	Speaker	Title
Oct 8	<b>Dean Karlan</b> Yale Economics	Put Your Money Where Your Butt Is: A Commitment Contract for Smoking Cessation
Oct 20	<b>Robert Van Houweling</b> UC Berkeley	Candidate Inconsistency and Voter Choice
Nov 3	<b>Craig Volden</b> Ohio State	A Theory of Government Regulation and Self-Regulation with the Specter of Nonmarket Threats
Nov 17	<b>Christopher Paik</b> Stanford University	Special Practice Job Market Presentation

Dec 1

**Razvan Vlaicu**  
University of Maryland

Self-Organizing Legislatures: Policymaking Under Procedural  
Endogeneity

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Dec 15

**Benjamin Olken**  
MIT

How to Target the Poor: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Indonesia

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