

The Political Economy of Social Choices Workshop

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**Organizers
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PROGRAM

MEALS

Breakfast:

Monday – Friday

7:00 – 9:00 am

Restaurant Hotel Hacienda Los Laureles

Lunch:

Monday – Friday

Different times on different days (see program)

Restaurant Hotel Hacienda Los Laureles

Dinner:

Sunday – Thursday

19:00 – 21:00 pm

Restaurant Hotel Hacienda Los Laureles

Continuous Coffee Breaks

Conference Room San Felipe

Hotel Hacienda Los Laureles

MEETING ROOMS

All lectures will be held in the Conference Room San Felipe at Hotel Hacienda Los Laureles. An LCD projector, a laptop, a document camera, and blackboards are available for presentations.

SUNDAY July 26, 2015

14:00 Check-in begins (Front Desk at your assigned Hotel - open 24 hours)

19:00-21:00 Dinner, Restaurant Hotel Hacienda Los Laureles

20:30 Informal gathering Hotel Hacienda Los Laureles (if desired)
A welcome drink will be served by the hotel.

MONDAY— July 27, 2015

- 7:00-8:45 **Breakfast**
- 8:45-9:00 Introduction and Welcome
- 9:00-10:00 **Session 1:**
The paradox of grading systems
Brams and Potthoff
- 10:00-10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 10:30-11:30 **Session 2:**
Evaluating the Likelihood of the Referendum Paradox
for Mixed Voting Systems
Le Breton, Lepelley and **Merlin**
- 11:30-12:00 **GROUP PHOTO**
- 12:00-13:30 **LUNCH**
- 13:30-14:30 **Session 3:**
Ignorance and Bias in Collective Decisions
Elbittar, **Gomberg**, Martinelli and Palfrey
- 14:30-15:00 **Coffee Break**
- 15:00 **Free for the rest of the day**
- 15:00-21:00 **Guelaguetza Festival show at the Oaxaca Auditorium**
(for those that bought tickets)
- 19:00-21:00 **DINNER for those not attending the show**

TUESDAY— July 28, 2015

7:00-9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00-10:00 **Session 4:**
Informational lobbying and agenda distortion
Dellis and Cotton

10:00-11:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-11:30 **Session 5:**
Electing the agenda setter
Erikson and Ghitza

11:30-12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00-1:00 **Session 6:**
The effects of malapportionment, turnout and gerrymandering
Magar, Altaman, McDonald and Trelles

1:00-14:30 **LUNCH**

14:30-15:30 **Session 7:**
Probabilistic Voting over Income Taxes with International Migration
Brett

15:30-16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00-17:00 **Session 8:**
Modeling Election and Referenda in Ireland
Schofield and **Simoneau**

17:00-19:00 Time off

19:00-21:00 **DINNER**

WEDNESDAY— July 29, 2015

7:00-9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00-10:00 **Session 9:**
Modelling the effect of campaign advertising on US Presidential elections when differences across states matter.
Gallego and Schofield

10:00-10:30 **Coffee Break**

10:30-11:30 **Session 10:**
Paths to victory in Presidential Elections:
The setup Power of Non-Competitive States
Kilgour and Brams

11:30-12:00 **Coffee Break**

12:00-1:00 **Session 11:**
Spatial Model of U.S. Presidential Election in 2012
Schofield and Kim

12:30-14:00 **LUNCH**

14:00-15:00 **Session 12:**
Measuring Electoral Competitiveness:
The Parliamentary System of Canada, 1867 – 2011
Ferris, **Winer** and Grofman

15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30-16:30 **Session 13:**
Measuring Campaign Spending Effects
in Post-Citizens United Congressional Elections
Schofield and **Barutt**

16:30-17:30 Informal discussion

17:30-19:00 Time off

19:00-21:00 **DINNER**

THURSDAY— July 30, 2015

7:00-9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00-10:00 **Session 14:**
Measurement Scales Welfarist Social Choice
Morreau and **Weymark**

10:00-11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:00 **Session 15:**
Statistical Utilitarianism
Pivato

12:00-12:30 Informal discussion

12:30-14:00 **LUNCH**

14:00-15:00 **Session 16:**
Political Polarization and Support for Reform:
Experimental Evidence from Egypt
Hassan, Mansour and **Morton**

15:00-15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:30-16:30 **Session 17:**
Autocratic Health versus Democratic Health:
The Political Economy of which Diseases to Treat First
Balalaeva and **Shvetsova**

16:30-17:30 Informal discussion

19:00-21:00 **DINNER**

FRIDAY— July 31, 2015

No sessions

Check-out by 12 noon.

** 5-day workshop participants are welcome to use Hotel Hacienda Los Laureles facilities until 3 pm on Friday, although participants are still required to checkout of the guest rooms by 12 noon. **