The Political Economy of Social Choices
Workshop
Oaxaca, México
July 25-31, 2015

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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 lobbing 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. **