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Scarman House, University Of Warwick May 27th and 28th 2010

Thursday, May 27th

9:45-10:00

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

10:00-12:00

LECTURE ROOM 4
PUBLIC POLICY
CHAIR—Hamish Low (Cambridge)

"Taxes and Time Allocation: Evidence from Single Women and Men."

**Alexander Gelber (Pennsylvania) and Joshua Mitchell (Harvard)

"Training and Search during Unemployment."

Johannes Spinnewijn (London School of Economics)

"Redistributive Taxation in a Partial Insurance Economy."

Jonathan Heathcote (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis), Kjetil Storesletten (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis), and **Gianluca Violante (New York University)

12:00-1:00

LUNCH

PARALLEL SESSIONS

1:00-3:00

LECTURE ROOM 4
SESSION 1—PRESSURE AND MISCONDUCT
CHAIR—Clare Leaver (Oxford)

"Foreign Influence and the Cold War History of Democracy in Latin America." Roberto Bonfatti (Oxford)

"An Empirical Study of Corruption in Ports."

**Sandra Sequeira (London School of Economics) and Simeon Djankov (World Bank)

"Do Infrastructure Reforms Reduce the Effect of Corruption: Evidence from Electricity Firms in Latin America?"
Liam Wren-Lewis (Oxford)

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PARALLEL SESSIONS CONTINUED...

1:00-3:00

LECTURE ROOM 5
SESSION 2—RESPONSES TO TAXATION
CHAIR—Nick Catton (HM Revenue and Customs-KAI)

"Unwilling or Unable to Cheat? Evidence from a Randomized Tax Audit Experiment in Denmark."

**Henrik Kleven (London School of Economics), Martin Knudsen (Danish Inland Revenue), Klaus Kreiner (Copenhagen), Sören Pederson (Danish Inland Revenue), Emmanuel Saez (Berkeley)

"The Flypaper Effect and Costly Tax Collection." Fernando Aragon (London School of Economics)

"Estimating Price Elasticities of Demand for Alcohol and Tobacco in the UK." Surjinder Johal (HM Revenue and Customs)

3:00-3:30 COFFEE

3:30-4:30

LECTURE ROOM 4
POLITICAL ECONOMY AND FINANCIAL MARKETS
CHAIR—Abhinay Muthoo (Warwick)

"The Political Economy of Financial Markets: Regulation, Taxation and Inequality."

**Tim Besley (London School of Economics) and Maitreesh Ghatak (London School of Economics)

4:30-6:00 POLICY PANEL

LECTURE ROOM 4
TAX REFORM AND THE TIMING OF FISCAL CONSOLIDATION
CHAIR—Michael McMahon (Warwick)

Tim Besley (London School of Economics) Kevin Daly (Goldman Sachs) Rick van der Ploeg (Oxford) Herakles Polemarchakis (Warwick)

6:00-7:30 DRINKS AT THE BAR WITH DINNER TO FOLLOW AT 7:30 PM

Friday, May 28th

9:00-11:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

LECTURE ROOM 4 SESSION 1-POLITICAL ECONOMY I CHAIR—Ian Crawford (Oxford)

"Collective Decisions and Electoral Incentives: Evidence from Seven US State Legislatures."

**Julia Shvets (Cambridge) and Toke Aidt (Cambridge)

"Seniority and Incumbancy in Legislatures."

**Abhinay Muthoo (Warwick) and Kenneth Shepsle (Harvard)

"Revolving Door Lobbyists."

**Jordi Blanes-I-Vidal (London School of Economics), Mirko Draca (University College London) and Christian Fons-Rosen (London School of Economics)

LECTURE ROOM 5

SESSION 2—FISCAL POLICY AND THE MACROECONOMY CHAIR—Ethan Ilzetski (London School of Economics)

"Optimal Fiscal Feedback on Debt in an Economy with Nominal Rigidities"

**Tatiana Kirsanova (Exeter) and Simon Wren-Lewis (Oxford)

"The Behaviour of Independent Committees" Stephen Hansen (Barcelona) and **Michael McMahon (Warwick)

"How Big (Small) are Fiscal Multipliers?"

**Ethan Ilzetzki (London School of Economics), Enrique Mendoza (University of Maryland and NBER) and Carlos Vegh (University of Maryland and NBER)

11:00-11:15 COFFEE

11:15-1:15 PARALLEL SESSIONS

LECTURE ROOM 4

SESSION 1—CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR/CHARITABLE GIVING CHAIR—Sarah Smith (Bristol)

> "An Experimental Investigation of Intrinsic Motivations for Giving." Mirco Tonin (Southampton) and **Michael Vlassopolos (Southampton)

"Opposites Attract - Estimating Experimenter Demand Effect in a Fundraising Field Experiment"

Anna Breman (Arizona)

"The Price Elasticity of Giving: Does the Form of Tax Relief Matter?" Sarah Smith (Bristol)

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PARALLEL SESSIONS CONTINUED...

11:15-1:15

LECTURE ROOM 5 SESSION 2—POLITICAL ECONOMY II CHAIR—Jan Fidrmuc (Brunei)

"Economic Conditions and Electoral Fractionalization: The Hostage Voter Effect" Konstantinos Matakos (Warwick)

"Our Turn to Eat: The Political Economy of Roads in Kenya." Ameet Morjaria (London School of Economics)

"Pre-Electoral Coalitions and Post-Electoral Bargaining."

**Siddhartha Bandyopadhyay (Birmingham), Kalyan Chatterjee (Pennsylvania State University) and Tomas Sjöström (Rutgers)

1:15-2:00

LUNCH

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