

The Alexander Hamilton Center

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May 9th 2008

7:30 AM BREAKFAST

ROOM 212

Panel A

ROOM 217

8:00 - 9:30 AM

The Formation of Institutions and their Effects on Public Policy

CHAIR: Catherine Hafer, *New York University*

DISCUSSANT: Piero Stanig, *Alexander Hamilton Center, New York University*

Opportunism or Necessity?:

A Comparative Analysis of Calling Early Elections and Incumbents' Economic Performance

Pedro Riera Sagrera, *Juan March Institute, Madrid, Spain*

A Measure of Bizarreness: Legislative Districts and Their Compactness

Christopher P. Chambers and **Alan Miller**, *California Institute of Technology*

Information and Voting: The Wisdom of the Experts versus the Wisdom of the Masses

Joseph McMurray, *University of Rochester*

The Transformation of Agricultural Policies in Turkey: The Evolution of Institutions and Their Impact

Ozgen Gokce Baykal, *Rutgers University*

Panel B

ROOM 217

9:45 - 11:15 AM

Institutional Dynamics: Structures, Leaders and Influences

CHAIR: Professor Michael Gilligan, *New York University*

DISCUSSANT: Joshua Tucker, *New York University*

Why Some Democratic Transitions Fail: Preventing Democratic Reforms in Inchoate Democracies

Juan Rebolledo, *Yale University*

An Endogenous Model of Government Formation

Anna Bassi, *New York University*

To Leave or Not to Leave? On the Assumption of Political Survival

Alexandros Tegos, *University of Mannheim, Germany*

Why Do Countries Stop Fighting? A Dynamic Model of International Conflict

Sekiya, Yoji, *University of Rochester*

The Politics of Higher Education in the People's Republic of China

Bo Ma, *New York University* and **Prof. Jesus M. De Miguel**, *University of Barcelona*

Panel C**ROOM 217****11:30 - 1:00 PM****The Private Sector and its Influence on Public Policy****CHAIR:** Professor **Shanker Satyanath**, *New York University***DISCUSSANT:** **Alisa Di Caprio**, *Alexander Hamilton Center, New York University*The Political Economy of Utility Privatization: Structural and Political Determinants
Katrina Kosec, *Graduate School of Business, Stanford University*Why Isn't Aid Reaching the Internally Displaced People in Northern Uganda?
Lindsey Barber, *New York University*Toward the Market Perfection: The Institutional Limits of Corporate Social Responsibility
E-Yon Park, *New York University*Bringing Norms into the Equation: Reconciling Formal Models of Family Economics with Social Reality
Ethan Siller *Yale University***1:00 PM LUNCH****ROOM 212****Panel D****ROOM 217****2:15 - 3:45 PM****Civil War, Internal conflict and Third Party Intervention****CHAIR:** **Prof. Bruce Bueno De Mesquita**, *Director, Alexander Hamilton Center***DISCUSSANT:** **Professor Alastair Smith**, *New York University*Third Party Intervention and the Enforcement in Civil War Agreements
Mike Tiernay *New York University*Informational Advantage and Third Party Intervention
Yukari Iwanami, *University of Rochester*The Effect of Economic Sanctions on Human Rights in Dictatorships
Julie Browne, *New York University*Are Ethnic Conflicts Really More Intractable?
Yael Zeira, *New York University***4:00 - HAMILTON BEST PAPER AWARD CEREMONY****ROOM 217****4:20 PM****The Best Paper Award to be presented by the Members of the Advisory Board****ROUNDTABLE****ROOM 217****4:20 - 5:30 PM****Contemporary Approaches to Political Economy and Public Policy****MODERATOR:** **Professor David Stasavage**, *New York University*Professor **Larry Bartels**, *Princeton University*Professor **Shanker Satyanath**, *New York University*Professor **Bruce Bueno de Mesquita**, *New York University***5:30 - RECEPTION FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS****ROOM 212****7:30 PM**