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The Conference

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Breakfast will be served on Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26, 2018 from 8:00–9:00 am in Preston Lobby.
Lunch will be served on Monday, June 25 and Tuesday, June 26, 2018 in James D. Wolfensohn Atrium.

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Monday, June 25, 2018

Preston Auditorium

08:00 – 09:00  Registration and Breakfast

09:00 – 09:15  Opening Address

Shanta Devarajan (Acting WBG Chief Economist and Senior Director, Development Economics, World Bank)

09:15 – 10:15  Keynote Address 1: “Political Obstacles to Development”

CHAIR:  Asli Demirgüç-Kunt (Director, Development Research Group, World Bank)

SPEAKER: Luigi Zingales (University of Chicago, United States)

10:15 – 10:30  Coffee

10:30 – 12:30  Sessions 1A–1C

Session 1A: Rulers and Economic Outcomes: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

ROOM MC 8-100

CHAIR: Claudia Sepulveda (World Bank)

» “How Much Should We Trust the Dictator’s GDP Estimates?”

Luis Martinez (University of Chicago, United States)

» “Shrinking Dictators: How Much Economic Growth Can We Attribute to National Leaders?”

William Easterly (New York University, United States) and Steven Pennings (World Bank)

» “Parachuters vs. Climbers: Economic Consequences of Barriers to Political Entry in a Democracy”

Aaditya Dar (George Washington University, United States)

DISCUSSANT: Luis-Felipe Lopez Calva (World Bank)
Session 1B: Elections: Social Networks, Competition, and Affirmative Action

ROOM MC 9-100

CHAIR: Steve Knack (World Bank)

» “Electoral Competition and Corruption: Theory and Evidence from India”
   Farzana Afridi (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India), Amrita Dhillon (King’s College London, United Kingdom) and Eilon Solan (Tel Aviv University, Israel)

» “Efficiency Consequences of Affirmative Action in Politics: Evidence from India”
   Sabyasachi Das (Ashoka University, India), Abhiroop Mukhopadhyay (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India), and Rajas Saroy (Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi, India)

» “Social Fragmentation, Electoral Competition and Public Goods Provision”
   Cesi Cruz (University of British Columbia, Canada), Julien Labonne (University of Oxford, United Kingdom), and Pablo Querubin (New York University, United States)

» “Personnel Politics: Elections, Clientelistic Competition, and Teacher Hiring in Indonesia”
   Jan H. Pierskalla (Ohio State University, United States) and Audrey Sacks (World Bank)

DISCUSSANT: Stuti Khemani (World Bank)

Session 1C: To Cooperate or Not To Cooperate: Politics, Ethnicity, and Natural Resources

ROOM MC 10-100

CHAIR: Shekhar Shah (National Council of Applied Economic Research, NCAER, India)

» “Political Distortions and Infrastructure Networks in China: A Quantitative Spatial Equilibrium Analysis”
   Simon Alder (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, United States) and Illenin Kondo (University of Notre Dame, United States)
“Public Goods and Ethnic Diversity: Evidence from Deforestation in Indonesia”
Alberto Alesina (Harvard University, United States), Caterina Gennaioli
(Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom), and Stefania Lovo
(University of Reading, United Kingdom)

“The Buck Stops Where? Federalism, Uncertainty, and Investment in the
Brazilian Water and Sanitation Sector”
Evan Plous Kresch (Oberlin College, United States)

“Governing the Commons? Water and Power in Pakistan’s Indus Basin”
Hanan G. Jacoby (World Bank) and Ghazala Mansuri (World Bank)

DISCUSSANT: Yue Li (World Bank)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch I JAMES D. WOLFENSOHN ATRIUM

14:00 – 15:00 Keynote Address 2: “The Narrow Corridor to Liberty: The Red
Queen and the Struggle of State Versus Society”

CHAIR: Deborah Wetzel (Senior Director, Governance Global Practice,
World Bank)

SPEAKER: Daron Acemoglu (Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United
States)

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee

15:15 – 17:15 Sessions 2A–2C

Session 2A: Cutting Red Tape: Bureaucratic Efficiency,
Productivity, and Performance
ROOM MC 8-100

CHAIR: Verena Fritz (World Bank)

Bargaining Inefficiencies Lead to Bad Outcomes”
Jessica Gottlieb (Texas A&M University, United States) and Katrina Kosec
(International Food Policy Research Institute, IFPRI)

“Having it at Hand: How Small Search Frictions Impact Bureaucratic
Efficiency”
Eric Dodge (Harvard University, United States), Yusuf Neggers (Brown University, United States), Rohini Pande (Harvard University, United States) and Charity Troyer Moore (Harvard University, United States)

“Social Proximity and Bureaucrat Performance: Evidence from India”
Guo Xu (University of California, Berkeley, United States), Marianne Bertrand (University of Chicago, United States), and Robin Burgess (London School of Economics, United Kingdom)

“Political Selection and Bureaucratic Productivity”
James Habyarimana (Georgetown University, United States), Stuti Khemani (World Bank), and Thiago Scot (University of California, Berkeley, United States)

**DISCUSSANT: Daniel Rogger** (World Bank)

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**Session 2B: Other People’s Money: Windfalls, Public Funds, and Inequality**

**ROOM MC 9-100**

**CHAIR: Tatiana Didier** (World Bank)

“Resource Windfalls and Public Employment: Evidence from Municipalities in Chile”
Felipe Larraín (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile) and Oscar Perelló (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile)

“Being a Good Samaritan or Just a Politician? Empirical Evidence of Disaster Assistance?”
Jeroen Klomp (Wageningen University, The Netherlands)

“Are Public Funds Used to Maintain Ruling Coalitions? Evidence from India”
Ishita Rajani (Princeton University, United States)

“How Unequal Access to Public Goods Reinforces Horizontal Inequality in India”
Asli Demirgüç-Kunt (World Bank), Leora Klapper (World Bank), and Neeraj Prasad (Tufts University, United States and World Bank)

**DISCUSSANT: Maurizio Bussolo** (World Bank)
Session 2C: Harbors and Havens: Customs, Taxation, Collusion, and Corruption

ROOM MC 10-100

CHAIR: Mary Hallward-Driemeier (World Bank)

» “Technology, Taxation and Corruption: Evidence from the Introduction of Electronic Tax Filing”
   Oyebola Okunogbe (World Bank) and Victor Pouliquen (Paris School of Economics, France)

» “Collusion in Customs: Evidence from Madagascar”
   Cyril Chalendard (World Bank), Ana M. Fernandes (World Bank), Aaditya Mattoo (World Bank), Gael Raballand (World Bank), and Bob Rijkers (World Bank)

» “The Costs of Bureaucracy and Corruption at Customs: Evidence from the Computerization of Imports in Colombia”
   Rachid Laajaj (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia), Marcela Eslava (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia), and Tidiane Kinda (International Monetary Fund)

DISCUSSANT: Daniel Lederman (World Bank)

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018

Preston Auditorium

08:00 – 10:00 Registration and Breakfast
10:00 – 12:00 Sessions 3A–3C

Session 3A: Money, Money, Money: Finance, Banks, and Politics

ROOM MC 8-100

CHAIR: Claudia Ruiz (World Bank)

» “Financial Disclosure and Political Selection: Evidence from India”
   Raymond Fisman (Boston University, United States), Florian Schulz (University of Washington, United States), and Vikrant Vig (London Business School, United Kingdom)
“Anti Corruption and Bank Lending”
Cheng Sun (Peking University, China), Jiangmin Xu (Peking University, China), and Yinuo Zhang (Princeton University, United States)

“Targeting Credit through Community Members”
Diego Vera-Cossio (University of California, San Diego, United States)

“The Power of Money. The Consequences of Electing a Donor Funded Politician”
Nelson Ruiz (London School of Economics, United Kingdom)

DISCUSSANT: Tito Cordella (World Bank)

Session 3B: The Insiders: Dynasties and Clientelism
ROOM MC 9-100
CHAIR: David Rosenblatt (World Bank)

“Rethinking the Political Economy of Decentralization: How Elections and Parties Shape the Provision of Local Public Goods”
Raúl A. Ponce-Rodríguez (Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez, Mexico), Charles R. Hankla (Georgia State University, United States), Jorge Martínez-Vazquez (Georgia State University, United States), and Eunice Heredia-Ortiz (Development Alternatives Inc., DAI)

“Do Ghosts Exist? Clientelistic Networks and Corruption in Public Education”
Leopoldo Fergusson (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia), Arturo Harker (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia), and Carlos Molina (University of Chicago, United States)

“How Do Political Dynasties Affect Economic Development? Evidence from India”
Siddharth Eapen George (Harvard University, United States) and Dominic Ponattu (University of Mannheim, Germany)

DISCUSSANT: Jishnu Das (World Bank)

Session 3C: Rules of the Game: Cronyism and Regulation
ROOM MC 10-100
CHAIR: Jorge Rodriguez Meza (World Bank)
“The Politics of Partial Liberalization: Cronyism and Non-Tariff Protection in Mubarak’s Egypt”
Ferdinand Eibl (King’s College, United Kingdom) and Adeel Malik (Oxford University, United Kingdom)

“Does Cronyism Curtail Competition? Evidence from Indonesia”
Anna Kochanova (Max Planck Institute on Research for Collective Goods, Germany), Bob Rijkers (World Bank), and Mary Hallward-Driemeier (World Bank)

“Environmental Regulation and Firm Productivity in China: Estimates from a Regression Discontinuity Design”
Guojun He (Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong), Shaoda Wang (University of California, Berkeley, United States), and Bing Zhang (Nanjing University, China)

DISCUSSANT: Joana Silva (World Bank)

12:00 – 12:30 Light Lunch | JAMES D. WOLFENSOHN ATRIUM

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12:30 – 14:00 Panel: “Politics and Development: What Have We Learned and What Do we Need to Know?”

CHAIR: Philip Keefer (Inter-American Development Bank)
PANELISTS:
Kaushik Basu (Professor of Economics and the C. Marks Professor of International Studies, Cornell University and former Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank)
Francois Bourguignon (Emeritus Professor of Economics, Paris School of Economics and former Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, World Bank)
Shanta Devarajan (Acting WBG Chief Economist and Senior Director, Development Economics, World Bank)
Anne Krueger (Senior Research Professor of International Economics, Johns Hopkins University and former Vice President, Economics and Research, World Bank)
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