

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
COMPARATIVE POLITICAL
INSTITUTIONS CONFERENCE

Hosted by UCR
February 18, 2010
10:00am to 5:00pm

SC²PI

Program

Introductions: 10:00-10:30

Session I: 10:30-12:00

Kathleen Bawn (UCLA) & **Zeynep Somer-Topcu** (Vanderbilt)

Government versus Opposition at the Polls: How Governing Status Affects the Impact of Policy Positions

Florence So (UCLA)

The Consequences of Party Leadership Change on Democratic Elections

Discussant: Heather Stoll (UCSB)

Session II: 1:00-2:15

Garrett Glasgow (UCSB), **Matt Golder** (PSU) & **Sona Golder** (PSU)

New Empirical Strategies to Model the Government Formation Process

Eunyoung Ha (Claremont) & **Myungkoo Kang** (Claremont McKenna)

Government Responses to Financial Crises: Identifying Patterns and Policy Origins

Discussant: James Adams (Davis)

Session III: 2:15-2:55

Miriam Golden (UCLA), **Toke Aidt** (Cambridge) & **Devesh Tiwari** (UCSD)

Criminality and Incumbency of Candidates to the National Legislature in India

Discussant: Scott Desposato (UCSD)

Session IV: 3:15-4:30

James Adams (Davis), **Caitlin Milazzo** (Davis) & **Jane Green** (Manchester)

Are Voter Decision Rules Endogenous to Parties' Policy Strategies? A Model with Applications to Elite Depolarization in Post-Thatcher Britain

Jae H. Shin (UCLA)

Why Personalistic Parties? The Choice of Candidate-Centered Electoral Systems in New Democracies

Discussant: Indridi H. Indridason (UCR)

The Future of SCPI: 4:30-5:00

Venue

The conference will take place at the University of California, Riverside in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, room 1500 (see campus map [HERE](#)). An informal dinner/reception will follow the conference at Shaun Bowler's home (directions will be provided at the conference).

Registration

There is no registration fee but as we will provide a light lunch and post-conference dinner in an informal setting we do need a head count. Please register by sending an email to scpi2011@scpi.politicaldata.org indicating whether you plan to attend lunch and/or dinner.

Parking

Attendees with parking permits from other UC campuses park for free on campus. We will arrange for parking permits for other attendees so please indicate whether you need one when you register for the conference. In either case, when you arrive on campus go to the parking booth located in front of parking lot P1/V1.

Presentations

Each session consists of two papers and runs for an hour and fifteen minutes. In order to leave ample room for discussion, paper presenters are asked to keep their presentations under 20 minutes. Discussants should limit their discussion to 10 minutes. Presenters are asked to provide the discussants with copies of their papers in a timely manner: [EMAIL THE DISCUSSANTS](#). Your papers will also be posted on the SCPI website unless you indicate a preference for it not being posted.