

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMPARATIVE POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS CONFERENCE

Hosted by USC
March 7, 2014
10:30am to 5:30pm

SC²PI



Introductions: 10:30-10:45**Session I: 10:45-12:00****Saul Cunow** (UCSD)*More is Less (Representation): Choice Set Size, Information Acquisition, and Correct Voting in Multimember Districts***Joseph Asunka** (UCLA)*Explaining the sources of non-discretionary distributive politics in Africa*

Discussant: Nick Weller (USC)

Lunch: 12:00-1:00**Session II: 1:00-2:15****Cesi Cruz** (UCSD→UBC)*Buying One Vote at a Time or Buying in Bulk? Politician Networks and Electoral Strategies***Julien Lebonne** (Oxford)*Local Political Business Cycles. Evidence from Philippine Municipalities*

Discussant: Devesh Tiwari (UCSD)

Session III: 2:30-3:45**Diana OŠbrien** (USC)*Rising to the Top: Gender, Political Performance, and Party Leadership in Parliamentary Democracies***Heather Stoll** (UCSB)*Legislative Policy-Making Authority, Party System Size, and Party System Aggregation*

Discussant: Mike Thies (UCLA)

Session IV: 4:00-5:15**Benjamin Nyblade** (UBC)*Leaders, Voters and Rent-Seeking Parties***David Fortunato** (UCSD)*Executive Coalitions, Shadow Chairs, and Legislative Review*

Discussant: Christopher Kam (UBC)

The Future of SCPI: 5:15-5:30**Venue**

The conference will take place at University of Southern California in Room 107 of the Parkside International Residence College.

Registration

There is no registration fee but as we will provide a light lunch and arrange a post-conference dinner we do need a head count. Please register by sending an email to scpi_usc@scpi.politicaldata.org indicating whether you plan to attend lunch and/or dinner. Please also indicate if you will need a parking permit.

Parking

For those that might be thinking about, or have the option of, taking the train, note that there is a direct shuttle from Union Station to USC making the train a great option for those that like driving.

Attendees who requested a parking pass can collect them at Entrance 6 on Vermont Avenue at 36th Place. They can then proceed to Parking Structure A (see campus map [HERE](#)).