

**Annual Meeting of the European Public Choice Society
8-11 April 2010, Izmir-Turkey**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Thursday, 8 April 2010

16.00 Registration

18.00-19.00 Welcome Messages and Plenary Lecture

Convention Center

Welcome by Fabio Padovano (EPCS President)

Welcome by Coskun Can Aktan (Conference Chair)

Welcome by Kamil Tugen, (Department Chair, Dokuz Eylul University)

Plenary Session 1:

Keynote Speaker: **Kai A. Konrad**: “*The Alliance Formation Puzzle*”

Chairman: Charles B. Blankart

19.00 - 20.00 Welcome Reception

20.00 Dinner

Friday, 9 April 2010

Session A.1 Room: Convention Center A Friday: 830-1000	Agency problems in local governments Chairman: Antonio Farfan Vallespin	
1	A Political Agency Model of the Impact of Municipal Development Councils on Local Government Performance <i>Johanna Speer</i>	Discussant: <i>Toke Aidt</i>
2	Electoral Control under Decentralization: Decentralization as Unbundling of Public Goods Provision <i>Antonio Farfan Vallespin</i>	Discussant: <i>John Ashworth</i>
3	Collective Decisions and Electoral Incentives: Evidence from Seven US State Legislatures <i>Toke Aidt and Julia Shvets</i>	Discussant: <i>Johanna Speer</i>

4	Words or Deeds: What Matters? Experience of Decentralization in Russian Security Agencies <i>Alexander Libman</i>	Discussant: <i>Alexander J. Hamilton</i>
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Session A.2 Room: Convention Center B Friday: 830-1000	Autocracies Chairman: Roberto Ricciuti	
1	Do Coup Leaders Matter? Leadership Change and Economic Growth in Politically Unstable Countries <i>Richard Jong-A-Pin, Shu Yu</i>	Discussant: <i>Roberto Ricciuti</i>
2	Autocratic Transitions and Growth <i>Tommaso Nannicini, Roberto Ricciuti</i>	Discussant: <i>Ronald Wintrobe</i>
3	Financial Integration in Autocracies: Greasing the Wheel or More to Steal? <i>Ramin Dadasov, Philipp Harms, Oliver Lorz</i>	Discussant: <i>Richard Jong-A-Pin</i>
4	The Golden Halo and Political Transitions <i>Toke S. Aidt, Facundo Albornoz and Martin Gassebner</i>	Discussant: <i>Roberto Ricciuti</i>

Session A3 Room: Odeon Friday: 830-1000	Social capital 1 Chairman: Bruno S. Frey	
1	Survival Power: An Empirical Analysis of Power in a Life and Death Situation <i>Benno Torgler, David A. Savage, Bruno S. Frey</i>	Discussant: <i>Atin Basy Choudhary</i>
2	The Dark Side of Altruistic Behavior <i>Angelo Antoci, Luca Zarri</i>	Discussant: <i>Bruno S. Frey</i>
3	Civilization and the Evolution of Short-Sighted Agents <i>Atin Basy Choudhary</i>	Discussant: <i>Luca Zarri</i>

Session A.4 Room: Agora Friday: 830-1000	Banking Chairman: Horst Feldmann	
1	Managerial Prudence under Banking Regulation <i>Florian C. Buck</i>	Discussant: <i>Mustafa Caglayan</i>
2	Banking System Concentration and Labor Market Performance in Industrial Countries <i>Horst Feldmann</i>	Discussant: <i>Georgios Chortreas</i>
3	Fiscal and Monetary Policy Interaction in Turkey: Evidence from an Estimated DSGE Model <i>Martin Gassebner</i>	Discussant: <i>Erik Fasten</i>

Session A.5 Room: Celcus Friday: 830-1000	Budget rules and fiscal discipline Chairman: Jakob De Haan	
1	Do Budgetary Institutions Mitigate Political Influences on Fiscal Policy? New Empirical Evidence for the EU <i>Jakob De Haan, Richard Jong-a-Pin, Jochen O. Mierau</i>	Discussant: <i>Veronica Grembi</i>
2	The impact of numerical expenditure rules on budgetary discipline over the cycle <i>Fédéric Holm-Hadulla, Sebastian Hauptmeier and Philipp Rother</i>	Discussant: <i>Jakob De Haan</i>

3	Assessing the Role of Fiscal Rules: Empirical Evidence From Italy <i>Paolo Balduzzi, Veronica Grembi</i>	Discussant: <i>Sebastian Hauptmeier</i>
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Session A.6 Room: Smyrna Friday: 830-1000	Bureaucracy, public management and auditing Chairman: Louis Imbeau	
1	Is the «Veil of Ignorance» in Constitutional Choice a Myth? An empirical test <i>Louis Imbeau, Steve Jacobs</i>	Discussant: <i>Iveta Magone</i>
2	Most Significant Aspects of Functional Auditing <i>Iveta Magone; Inesa Vorončuka</i>	Discussant: <i>Louis Imbeau</i>
3	Auditor Expertise: Evidence from the Public Sector <i>Mark Shelker</i>	Discussant: <i>Domenico da Empoli</i>
4	Some reflections on bureaucratic power and catholic marriage dissolution <i>Domenico da Empoli</i>	Discussant: <i>Mark Shelker</i>

Session A.7 Room: Selcuk Friday: 830-1000	Central Banks Chairman: Georgios Chortereas	
1	Measuring Legal and Actual Central Bank Independence: A Case Study of Bank Indonesia <i>I Kadek Dian, Sutrisna Artha, Jakob de Haan</i>	Discussant: <i>Georgios Chortereas</i>
2	Central Bank Forecast Transparency, Incentives, and Inflation Targets <i>Georgios Chortereas, Kalliopi Maria Zekente</i>	Discussant: <i>Carina Smolders</i>
3	Central Bank Independence and its effect on Feldstein-Horioka puzzle <i>Aleksandra Maslowska, Jouni Jokinen</i>	Discussant: <i>I Kadek Dian</i>
4	European Monetary Policy and the ECB Rotation Model: On the Voting Power of the Core vs. the Periphery <i>Ansgar Belke, Barbara von Schnurbein</i>	Discussant: <i>Aleksandra Maslowska</i>

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

Session B.1 Room: Convention Center A Friday: 1015-1145	Coalitions and voting Chairman: Yvon Rocaboy	
1	Coalition Governments and Policy Reform with Asymmetric Information <i>Carsten Helm, Michael Neugart</i>	Discussant: <i>Benoit Le Maux</i>
2	Political Fragmentation and Local Public Expenditures: Evidence from Finland <i>Benoit LeMaux, Yvon Rocaboy, Antti Moisio</i>	Discussant: <i>Michael Herrmann</i>
3	Expectations about Coalitions and Strategic Voting under Proportional Representation <i>Michael Herrmann</i>	Discussant: <i>Michael Neugart</i>
4	Electoral Systems and the Influence of the median Voter: Quasi-experimental evidence from popular and parliamentary votes <i>Marco Portmann, David Stadelmann, Reiner Eichenberger</i>	Discussant: <i>Jan Egbert Sturm</i>

Session B.2 Room: Convention Center B Friday: 1015- 1145	Conflicts and religions Chairman: Martin Paldam	
1	A Theory of Accommodation vs Conflict: With Special Reference to the Israel-Palestine Conflict <i>Ronald Wintrobe</i>	Discussant: <i>Stefan Voigt</i>
2	Conflict Networks <i>Jorg Franke, Tahir Ozturk</i>	Discussant: <i>Martin Paldam</i>
3	The religious transition. A long-run perspective <i>Martin Paldam, Erich Gundlach</i>	Discussant: <i>Fabio Padovano</i>

Session B.3 Room: Odeon Friday: 1015- 1145	Public choice and corporate taxation Chairman: Steffen Osterloh	
1	Partisan Politics in Corporate Tax Competition <i>Steffen Osterloh, Marc Debus</i>	Discussant: <i>Marcel Gérard</i>
2	Impact of Tax Rate Cut Cum Base Broadening Reforms on Heterogeneous Firms – Learning From the German Tax Reform 2008 <i>Katharina Finke, Jost H. Heckemeyer, Timo Reister and Christoph Spengel</i>	Discussant: <i>Reinald Koch</i>
3	Capital Structure Choice and Company Taxation: A Meta-Study <i>Lars P. Feld, Jost H. Heckemeyer, Michael Overesch</i>	Discussant: <i>Paola Profeta</i>
4	Corporate taxation and the impact of governance, political and economic factors <i>Marcel Gérard, Fernando M. Ruiz</i>	Discussant: <i>Katarina Finke</i>
5	Impact of a Reform of the Fiscal Loss Compensation Rules on the Readiness to Operative Risk Taking <i>Reinald Koch, Jens Prassel</i>	Discussant: <i>Steffen Osterloh</i>

Session B.4 Room: Agora Friday: 1015-1145	Corruption and economic development Chairman: Friedrich Schneider	
1	Business Cycle and Corruption: Does the Bezzle Vary in Size with the Business Cycle? <i>Omer Gokcekus, Yui Suzuki</i>	Discussant: <i>Emma Galli</i>
2	Micro versus macro effects of corruption on productivity growth: Indonesian evidence <i>Julien Hanoteau, Virginie Vial</i>	Discussant: <i>Omer Gokcekus</i>
3	Corruption and Growth: Evidence from Italian Regions <i>Nadia Fiorino, Emma Galli</i>	Discussant: <i>Friedrich Schneider</i>

Session B.5 Room: Celcus Friday: 1015: 1145	Decentralization and efficiency Chairman: Giorgio Brosio	
1	Fiscal Decentralization and Spending Efficiency of Local Governments <i>Lorenzo Boetti, Massimiliano Piacenza, Gilberto Turati</i>	Discussant: <i>Marie Estelle Binet</i>

2	Outcomes of decentralization and specificity of context: A contribution to evidence from Italian regions <i>Ehtisham Ahmad, Giorgio Brosio, Roberto Zangola</i>	Discussant: <i>Antti Moisio</i>
3	The Break-Ups of Municipal Health Centre Federations: Expenditure and Productivity Effects <i>Antti Moisio Kalevi Luoma</i>	Discussant: <i>Gilberto Turati</i>
4	What Determines Local Governments' Technical Efficiency? The Case of Road Maintenance <i>Alexander Kalb</i>	Discussant: <i>Junior Bursens</i>

Session B.6 Room: Smyrna Friday: 1015: 1145	Public Choice and the environment Chairman: Roger Congleton	
1	Coalition formation and bargaining power: Theory and application to international negotiations on public goods <i>Alejandro Caparros, Jean-Christophe Péreau</i>	Discussant: <i>Roger Congleton</i>
2	Farmers and the EU TPS Permit Price, Technology and Control System <i>Urs Steiner Brandt, Gert Tinggaard Svendsen</i>	Discussant: <i>Florens Flues</i>
3	Minimum Participation Rules with Heterogenous Countries <i>Hans-Peter Weikard, Leo Wangler, Andreas Freytag</i>	Discussant: <i>Gert Tinggaard Svendsen</i>
4	Who hosts the Clean Development Mechanism? Determinants of CDM project distribution <i>Florens Flues</i>	Discussant: <i>Leo Wangler</i>

Session B7 Room: Selcuk Friday 1015-1145	Tax morale and evasion Chairman: Fatih Savasan	
1	Tax morale: Empirical evidence from Turkey <i>Coskun Can Aktan, Fatih Savasan</i>	Discussant: <i>Jose Luis Garcia-Lapresta</i>
2	Economic Crisis and Morale <i>Friedrich Heinemann</i>	Discussant: <i>Sevgi Ineci</i>
3	Happiness and tax morale: an empirical analysis <i>Diego Lubian, Luca Zarri</i>	Discussant: <i>Fatih Savasan</i>
4	Don't Tax Me? Determinants of Individual Attitudes Toward Progressive Taxation <i>Friedrich Heinemann, Tanja Hennighausen</i>	Discussant: <i>Paulo Trigo Pereira</i>
2	A Moral Theory of Tax Evasion <i>Aloys Prinz</i>	Discussant: <i>Andreas Buehn</i>

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break

Session C.1 Room: Convention Center A Friday: 1200: 1330	Education Chairman: Klarita Gerxhani	
1	The Effect of Education on Informal Sector Participation in a Post-Communist Country <i>Klarita Gerxhani, Herman G. Van De Werfhorst</i>	Discussant: <i>Cristine De Clercy</i>
2	Education spending and productivity in Iran: where have all the education expenditures gone? <i>Mohammad Reza Farzanegan</i>	Discussant: <i>R.Gokhan Kocer</i>

3	Women and public choice <i>Cristine De Clercy</i>	Discussant: <i>Emma Galli</i>
4	Legitimation of Inequality and the role of education systems: A joint Mean & Dispersion Model <i>R.Gokhan Kocer, Herman Van de Werfhorst</i>	Discussant: <i>Klarita Gërxhani</i>

Session C.2 Room: Convention Center B Friday: 1200: 1330	Experiments in public choices Chairman: Alois Stutzer	
1	Economic Well-Being, Social Mobility, and Preferences for Income Redistribution: Evidence from a Discrete Choice Experiment <i>Ilja Neustadt, Peter Zweifel</i>	Discussant: <i>Alois Stutzer</i>
2	The impact of studying economics, and other disciplines, on the belief that voluntary exchange makes everyone better off <i>Amélie Goossens, Pierre-Guillaume Méon</i>	Discussant: <i>Ilja Neustadt</i>
3	Blood Donations and Incentives: Evidence from a Field Experiment <i>Lorenz Goette, Alois Stutzer</i>	Discussant: <i>Pierre-Guillaume Méon</i>

Session C3 Room: Odeon Friday: 1200: 1330	Fiscal deficits Chairman: Ricardo Sousa	
1	Discretionary Fiscal Policies over the cycle- new evidence based on the ESCB Disaggregated approach <i>Luca Agnello, Jacopo Cimadomo</i>	Discussant: <i>Florian Chatagny</i>
2	The Determinants of Public Deficit Volatility <i>Luca Agnello, Ricardo M. Sousa</i>	Discussant: <i>Christopher-Johannes Schild</i>
3	The Effect of Tax Revenue Budgeting Errors on Fiscal Balance: Evidence from Swiss cantons <i>Florian Chatagny, Nils C. Soguel</i>	Discussant: <i>Jacopo Cimadomo</i>

Session C4 Room: Agora Friday: 1200: 1330	Fiscal policy and Public policies Chairman: José Casa Pardo	
1	Discretionary fiscal policy: Review and estimates for the EU <i>Roel Beetsma and Massimo Giuliadori</i>	Discussant: <i>José Casa Pardo</i>
2	Fiscal Policy, Housing and Stock Prices <i>António Afonso, Ricardo M. Sousa</i>	Discussant: <i>Francisco José Vega</i>
3	Consumption, Wealth, Stock and Government Bond Returns: International Consumption, Wealth, Stock and Evidence <i>Antonio Afonso, Ricardo M. Sousa</i>	Discussant: <i>Massimo Giuliadori</i>
4	Livelihood and Care of the Elderly: Determinants of Public Attitudes in Japan <i>Bernd Hayo, Hiroyuki Ono</i>	Discussant: <i>Oliver Pamp</i>

Session C5 Room: Celcus Friday: 1200-1330	The politics of immigration and social mobility Chairman: David Hugh Jones	
1	Public attitudes towards immigration: A comparative study of Turkey and the EU <i>Deniz Eroglu</i>	Discussant: <i>Martin Gassebner</i>

2	Interstate competition and political change <i>David Hugh Jones</i>	Discussant: <i>Mikael Elinder</i>
3	Why Don't Labor and Capital Flow Between Young and Old Countries? <i>Lena Calahorrano, Philipp an de Meulen</i>	Discussant: <i>David Hugh Jones</i>

Session C6 Room: Smyrna Friday: 1200-1330	Corruption in international settings Chairman: Richard Jong-A-Pin	
1	The award of the Olympic Games – Incentives for corruption in a multiple principal-agent relationship <i>Frank Daumann and Markus Breuer</i>	Discussant: <i>Richard Jong-A-Pin</i>
2	Exports and Cross-National Corruption: A Disaggregated Examination <i>Rajeev K. Goel, Likka Korhonen</i>	Discussant: <i>Markus Breuer</i>
3	Are Banana Republics Banana Republics? <i>Richard Jong-A-Pin</i>	Discussant: <i>Ronald Wintrobe</i>
4	Jury and Media Bias <i>Gil S. Epstein and Renana Pomerantz</i>	Discussant: <i>Massimo Bordignon</i>

13:30-14:30 Lunch

Session D.1 Room: Convention Center A Friday: 1430- 1600	Financial crises Chairman: Erik Fasten	
1	Sudden Death or Glorious Convalescence: Risk Transfers, Cross-country Spillovers and Sovereign Defaults <i>Erik Fasten, Eloise Orseau</i>	Discussant: <i>Michael Dorsch</i>
2	Are financial crises drivers of market-oriented reforms or of a setback of liberalism? <i>Hans Pitlik</i>	Discussant: <i>Elena Seghezza</i>
3	The Great Inflation in Italy: The Role of Interest Groups <i>Pierluigi Morelli, Giovanni Pittaluga and Elena Seghezza</i>	Discussant: <i>Hans Pitlik</i>
4	The impact of financial and economic crises on economic freedom <i>Jakob de Haan, Jan-Egbert Sturm, Eelco Zandberg</i>	Discussant: <i>Andreas Freytag</i>
5	Searching for the good debt cases <i>Andreas Freytag, Martin Paldam</i>	Discussant: <i>Jan Egbert Sturm</i>

Session D2 Room: Convention Center B Friday: 1430-1600	Elections Chairman: Vani Borooh	
1	Closeness and turnout: Evidence from French two-round municipal elections <i>Eric Dubois, Mathieu Leprince</i>	Discussant: <i>Toke S. Aidt</i>
2	Why did Great Britain fail to extend the franchise before 1832? <i>Toke S. Aidt, Raphaël Franck</i>	Discussant: <i>Vani Borooh</i>
3	Inter-Country Differences in Voter Satisfaction with the Democratic Process: A Study of Thirty-Nine Elections in Thirty-Three Countries <i>Vani Borooh, Anastasios B. Katos, Eleni Katou</i>	Discussant: <i>Lars P. Feld</i>
4	Local Politicians, Global Managers <i>Bruno Frey, Lea Cassar</i>	Discussant: <i>Ronny Freier</i>
5	Incumbency and Economic Voting: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment for Germany	Discussant: <i>Mustafa Caglayan</i>

	<i>Florian Ade, Ronny Freier</i>	
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Session D3 Room: Odeon Friday: 1430-1600	Fiscal competition 1 Chairman: Lars-Erik Borge	
1	Leviathan under Influence: Country Interactions in Discretionary Fiscal Policy <i>Aurèlie Cassette, Jérôme Creel, Etienne Farvaque, Sonia Paty</i>	Discussant: <i>Lars-Erik Borge</i>
2	Capitalization of local taxation and services in Norway <i>Lars-Erik Borge, Jørn Rattsø</i>	Discussant: <i>David Stadelmann</i>
3	Federalism is Fair: Debt Capitalization as a Protector of Future Generations <i>Reiner Eichenberger, David Stadelmann</i>	Discussant: <i>David A. Savage</i>
4	Tiebout and Security. How Crime and Fear of Crime Affect Revenue from Local Income Tax in Flemish Municipalities <i>Junior Burssens, Stijn Goeminne, Carine Smolders</i>	Discussant: <i>Sonia Paty</i>

Session D4 Room: Agora Friday: 1430-1600	Globalization, institutions and freedom Chairman: Martin Rode	
1	Good for Living? On the Relationship between Globalization and Life expectancy <i>Andreas Bergh, Therese Nilsson</i>	Discussant: <i>Richard Jong-a-Pin</i>
2	Institutions and Policies of Economic Freedom: Different Effects on Income and Growth <i>Judit Kapás, Pál Czeglédi</i>	Discussant: <i>Jakob De Haan</i>
3	Economic Freedom and GDP growth: Rearranging the EFW Index <i>Martin Rode</i>	Discussant: <i>Judit Kapas</i>
4	More than Merely Parchment Barriers: The Effect of Constitutionalized Property Rights on Long-Term Economic Growth <i>James Melton</i>	Discussant: <i>Martin Rode</i>

Session D5 Room: Celcus Friday: 1430-1600	Ideology Chairman: Christian Bjørnskov	
1	Institutional Quality and Political Ideology: Evidence from the OECD, 1984-2004 <i>Christian Bjørnskov</i>	Discussant: <i>Morgan H. Llewellyn</i>
2	Towing the Party Line on Your Home Turf? On Political Ideology and Economic Freedom in the US States <i>Christian Bjørnskov, Niklas Potrafke</i>	Discussant: <i>Francois Facchini</i>
3	The contribution of the economics of ideology to the theories of institutional change of Public Choice and the New Institutional Economics <i>François Facchini and Mickaël Melki</i>	Discussant: <i>José Casas Pardo</i>
4	Near Is My Shirt, but Nearer Is My Skin: Ideology or Self Interest as Determinants of Public Opinion on Fiscal Policy Issues <i>Hans Pitlik, Gerhard Schwarz, Barbara Bechter, Bernd Brandl</i>	Discussant: <i>Christian Bjørnskov</i>

Session D6 Room: Smyrna	Intergovernmental relations and grants -1 Chairman: John Ashworth	
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Friday: 1430-1600		
1	Intergovernmental fiscal transfers as pork barrel <i>Linda Gonçalves Veiga, Francisco José Veiga</i>	Discussant: <i>Reiner Eichenberger</i>
2	Government decentralization and public spending programs <i>John Ashworth, Emma Galli, Fabio Padovano</i>	Discussant: <i>Albert Solé Ollé</i>
3	Does partisan alignment affect the electoral reward of intergovernmental transfers? <i>Albert Solé Ollé</i>	Discussant: <i>Benoit LeMaux</i>
4	Does Fiscal Discipline towards Sub-national Governments Affect Citizens Well-being? <i>Massimiliano Piacenza, Gilberto Turati</i>	Discussant: <i>Linda Goncalves Veiga</i>

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

Session E1 Room: Convention Center A Friday: 1615-1745	Elections Chairman: Jean-Michel Josselin	
1	Workers of the World, Unite! Franchise Extensions and the Threat of Revolution in Western Europe, 1820-1938 <i>Toke S. Aidt, Peter S. Jensen</i>	Discussant: <i>Vani Borooah</i>
2	The economic causes of voting behaviour in the Weimar Republic <i>Marvin Süsse</i>	Discussant: <i>Florian Ade</i>
3	Elections, divided governments and economic performance in German communities. Quasi-experiments with municipal data <i>Ronny Freier, Florian Ade</i>	Discussant: <i>Marvin Süsse</i>
4	The Egalitarian Battlefield: Reflections on the Origins of the Majority Rule in Archaic Greece <i>Athanasios Pitsoulis</i>	Discussant: <i>Jean Michel Josselin</i>
5	Correcting Mistakes: Cognitive Dissonance and Political Attitudes in Sweden and the United States <i>Mikael Elinder</i>	Discussant: <i>Alexander Libman</i>

Session E2 Room: Convention Center B Friday: 1615-1745	Inequality Chairman: Christian Bjørnskov	
1	International Human Rights Treaty to Change Social Patterns: The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women <i>Seo-Young Cho</i>	Discussant: <i>Ahmet Faruk Aysan</i>
2	On the Relation between Income Inequality and Happiness: <i>Christian Bjørnskov, Axel Dreher, Justina A. Fischer, Jan Schnellenbach</i>	Discussant: <i>Florian Hett</i>
3	To be or to earn: A model of identity and group choice when status and social distance are endogenous <i>Florian Hett, Mario Mechtel</i>	Discussant: <i>Berndt Arne Wickstroem</i>
4	An Empirical Assessment of the Role of Efficiency of Redistributive Institutions in Redistribution <i>Ahmet Faruk Aysan</i>	Discussant: <i>Niklas Potrafke</i>

Session E3 Room: Odeon	Fiscal policy Chairman: Oliver Pamp	
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Friday: 1615-1745		
1	Fiscal policy over the business cycle in Germany - a tale in three acts <i>Gerrit B. Koester, Christoph Priesmeier</i>	Discussant: <i>Isabel Correia</i>
2	Oil prices, budget deficits and the great depression <i>Melike Bildirici, Elcin A. Alp, Tahsin Bakirtas, Seckin Sumal</i>	Discussant: <i>Marcel Gérard</i>
3	Fiscal Policy and Growth with Complementarities and Constraints on Government <i>Florian Mischa, Norman Gemmella, Richard Kneller</i>	Discussant: <i>Steffen Osterloh</i>

Session E4 Room: Agora Friday: 1615-1745	Intergovernmental relations and grants -2 Chairman: Henrik Cristoffersen	
1	Welfare financing: Grant allocation and efficiency <i>Maarten A. Allers, Linda A. Toolsema</i>	Discussant: <i>Henrik Christoffersen</i>
2	Budget discipline in a municipal system with limited decentralized responsibility <i>Henrik Christoffersen</i>	Discussant: <i>Maarten A. Allers</i>
3	Relative consumption and majority voting: Oates' "Decentralization Theorem" revisited <i>Inga Hillesheim</i>	Discussant: <i>Tuukka Saarimaa</i>
4	Decentralization in firm and state <i>Giampaolo Garzarelli</i>	Discussant: <i>Maarten A. Allers</i>

Session E5 Room: Celcus Friday: 1615-1745	Institutions and economic growth Chairman: Sebastian Coll	
1	Democracy and Prosperity in two Decades of Transition <i>Thomas Apolte</i>	Discussant: <i>Sebastian Coll</i>
2	Leviathans in the mist: A Quest for the Growth Effects of Public Consumption Expenditures in the OECD Countries, 1975-2007 <i>Sebastian Coll</i>	Discussant: <i>Carina Smolders</i>
3	Long-run economic performance in the European Periphery: Russia and Turkey <i>Erich Weede</i>	Discussant: <i>İlter Unlukaplan</i>
4	How Does Political Instability Affect Economic Growth? <i>Ari Aisen, Francisco José Veiga</i>	Discussant: <i>Johannes Rincke</i>
5	Tax composition and growth in Turkey: An empirical analysis <i>Ibrahim Arisoy, İlter Unlukaplan</i>	Discussant: <i>Francisco José Veiga</i>

Session E6 Room: Smyrna Friday 1615-1745	International aid Chairman: Axel Dreher	
1	Acting Autonomously or Mimicking the State and Peers? A Panel Tobit Analysis of Financial Dependence and Aid Allocation by Swiss <i>Axel Dreher, Peter Nunnenkamp, Hannes Ohler, Johannes Weisser</i>	Discussant: <i>Caroline Buts</i>
2	Determinants of the European Commission's State Aid Decisions <i>Caroline Buts, Marc Jegers</i>	Discussant: <i>Hannes Ohler</i>

3	The Costs of Favoritism: Is Politically-Driven Aid Less Effective? <i>Axel Dreher, Stephan Klasen, James Raymond Reeland, Eric Werker</i>	Discussant: <i>Martin Paldam</i>
4	Effects of donor ideology on the components of foreign aid <i>Viktor Brech, Niklas Potrafke</i>	Discussant: <i>Axel Dreher</i>

1800-1900:

Plenary Session 2:
Convention Center

Presidential Address

Fabio Padovano, “*What To Expect from Political Competition?*”

Chairman: Lars P. Feld

20.00 Dinner

Saturday, 10 April 2010

Session F1 Room: Convention Center A Saturday: 830-1000	Fiscal competition 2 Chairman: Reiner Eichenberger	
1	Municipal Debt in Switzerland: New Empirical Results <i>Lars P. Feld, Gebhard Kirchgässner, Christoph A. Schaltegger</i>	Discussant: <i>Giorgio Brosio</i>
2	Tax competition and income sorting: Evidence from the Zurich metropolitan area <i>Cristoph Schaltegger, Frank Somogyi, Jan Egbert Sturm</i>	Discussant: <i>Barbara Ermini</i>
3	Capitalization of fiscal variables and land scarcity <i>David Stadelmann, Steve Billon</i>	Discussant: <i>John Ashworth</i>

Session F2 Room: Convention Center B Saturday: 830-1000	Local reforms Chairman: Pierre Salmon	
1	Reforms of Economic Governance and Political Decentralization <i>Pierre Salmon</i>	Discussant: <i>Fabio Padovano</i>
2	Fiscal Reform and Economic Activity: Public Spending and Private Effort <i>Toshihiro Ihuri</i>	Discussant: <i>Yaniv Reingewertz</i>
3	Status effects of private and public goods - a survey <i>Inga Hillesheim, Mario Mechtel</i>	Discussant: <i>Pierre Salmon</i>
4	Political Competition and Fiscal Status: Israeli Municipalities as a Case Study <i>Yaniv Reingewertz</i>	Discussant: <i>Inga Hillesheim</i>

Session F3 Room: Odeon Saturday: 830-1000	Voting and legislatures Chairman: Morgan H. Llewellyn	
1	Agenda Control in an Unstable Multiparty Parliamentary Democracy: Evidence from the Israeli Public Sector <i>Maoz Rosenthal</i>	Discussant: <i>Nicola Maaser</i>

2	The economics of the political class. an analysis of the Italian parliament (1946-2010) <i>Francesco Forte, Silvia Fedeli</i>	Discussant: <i>Morgan H. Llewellyn</i>
3	Donation by Association: Scheduling for Greater Campaign Contributions <i>Morgan H. Llewellyn</i>	Discussant: <i>Maoz Rosenthal</i>
4	Electoral Competition and Endogenous Barriers to Entry <i>Marcus Drometer and Johannes Rincke</i>	Discussant: <i>Silvia Fedeli</i>
5	Scoring rules that maximize collective utility <i>Jose Luis Garcia-Lapresta, Bonifacio Llamazares, Teresa Pena</i>	Discussant: <i>Aki Lehtinen</i>

Session F4 Room: Agora Saturday: 830-1000	International organizations Chairman: Cristoph Gorgas	
1	The Balance of the Council of the European Union between population, power and efficiency <i>Christoph Gorgas</i>	Discussant: <i>Heiner F. Mikosh</i>
2	Membership in International Organizations as a Signalling Device for Foreign Investors <i>Axel Dreher, Heiner F. Mikosch, Stefan Voigt</i>	Discussant: <i>Chirstoph Gorgas</i>
3	Aggregation technologies in the provision of supranational public goods: A reconsideration of NATO's strategies <i>Ghislain Dutheil de la Rochère, Jean-Michel Josselin, Yvon Rocaboy</i>	Discussant: <i>Atin Basu Choudary</i>
4	Military Conscription, Foreign Policy, and Income Inequality: The Missing Link <i>Nikitas Konstantinidis</i>	Discussant: <i>Jean Michel Josselin</i>

Session F5 Room: Celcus Saturday: 830-1000	Models of collective choice 1 Chairman: Berndt Arne Wickstroem	
1	Voting Power Computation: A Power Index Computer Program Runtime Analysis <i>Antti Pajala</i>	Discussant: <i>Andreas Nohn</i>
2	More on Equal Representation in Two-Tier Voting Systems <i>Nicola Maaser and Stefan Napel</i>	Discussant: <i>Antti Pajala</i>
3	The Public Choice of 2-dimensional Jury Decision Making <i>Manfred J. Holler</i>	Discussant: <i>Berndt Arne Wickstroem</i>

Session F6 Room: Smyrna Saturday: 830-1000	Media Chairman: Massimo Bordignon	
1	The Right Look: Conservative Politicians Look Better and their Voters Reward It <i>Niclas Berggren, Henrik Jordahl, Panu Poutvaara</i>	Discussant: <i>Veronica Grembi</i>
2	Media and the Quality of News <i>Tanjia Greiner</i>	Discussant: <i>Albert Solé Ollé</i>
3	Information and Voters Behavior: The Case of the Italian Fiscal Federalist Reform <i>Massimo Bordignon, Veronica Grembi</i>	Discussant: <i>Bernd Hayo</i>

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

Session G1 Room: Convention Center A Saturday: 1015-1145	Law enforcement Chairman: Vani Borooh	
1	Does Racial Profiling in Policing Matter? Measuring Racial Bias and Prejudice in Police Stops in England and Wales <i>Vani Borooh</i>	Discussant: <i>Tim Friehe</i>
2	On the Interaction of Individual and Collective Crime <i>Florian Baumann, Tim Friehe</i>	Discussant: <i>Regis Deloche</i>
3	New disputes and delay in Italian Courts <i>Giuseppe Sobbrío, Elena D'Agostino and Emiliano Sironi</i>	Discussant: <i>Omer Gokcekus</i>
4	On the Optimality of a Duty-to-Rescue Rule and the Bystander Effect <i>Bertrand Crettez, Régis Deloche</i>	Discussant: <i>Tim Friehe</i>
5	Contingent Fees Meet the British Rule: An Exploratory Study <i>Florian Baumann and Tim Friehe</i>	Discussant: <i>Emiliano Sironi</i>

Session G2 Room: Convention Center B Saturday: 1015-1145	Mergers of local governments Chairman: Sonia Paty	
1	Yardstick Competition and the Optimal Number of Jurisdictions in a Political Economy of Fiscal Federalism <i>Hideki Konishi</i>	Discussant: <i>Tuukka Saarimaa</i>
2	Theory of Optimal Fiscal Unions <i>Jan Fidrmuc</i>	Discussant: <i>Sonia Paty</i>
3	Decentralization, Local Government Reform and Local Government Performance: The Impact of Inter-Communality <i>Barbara Ermini</i>	Discussant: <i>Cristoph Schaltegger</i>
4	Who Merges with Whom? An Econometric Analysis of Merger Decisions of Local Governments <i>Tuukka Saarimaa and Janne Tukiainen</i>	Discussant: <i>Barbara Ermini</i>

Session G3 Room: Odeon Saturday: 1015-1145	Elections and political business cycles Chairman: Frank Bohn	
1	Strategic voting and elite mobilization <i>Enrique Garcia Vinuela, Joaquim Artes</i>	Discussant: <i>Mathieu Leprince</i>
2	Competence Matters, But How? Economic Disinformation and Political Budget Cycles <i>Frank Bohn</i>	Discussant: <i>Mariusz Mazurkiewicz</i>
3	Olympic political business cycle: Models of Public and Private Administration and Financing <i>Rustem Nureev and Evgeny Markin</i>	Discussant: <i>Frank Bohn</i>
4	Parliamentary election cycles and the Turkish banking sector <i>Christopher F Baum, Mustafa Caglayan, Oleksandr Talavera</i>	Discussant: <i>Enrique Garcia Vinuela</i>

Session G4	Shadow economies
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Room: Agora Saturday: 1015-1145	Chairman: Friedrich Schneider	
1	Shadow Economies all over the World: New Estimates for 162 Countries from 1999 to 2007 <i>Friedrich Schneider, Andreas Buehn, Claudio E. Montenegro</i>	Discussant: <i>Friederich Heinemann</i>
2	'Envelop' wages in Europe: Empirical evidence on a growing cheating problem <i>Abbi Kadir, Meryem Fethi, Colin Williams</i>	Discussant: <i>Friedrich Schneider</i>
3	The effects of the shadow economy on the environment: an empirical investigation <i>Mohammad Reza Farzanegan</i>	Discussant: <i>Antti Pajala</i>

Session G5 Room: Celcus Saturday 1015-1145	Models of collective choice - 2 Chairman: Manfred Holler	
1	The Borda Majority Count <i>Manzoor Ahmad Zahid, Harrie de Swart</i>	Discussant: <i>Yoshifumi Ueda</i>
2	On the Coherence of Council Votes <i>Marco Fantini, Klaas Staal</i>	Discussant: <i>Athanassios Pitsoulis</i>
3	Borda's Paradox with Weighted Scoring Rules <i>Mostapha Diss, William V. Gehrlein</i>	Discussant: <i>Manfred Holler</i>
4	Passion within Reason: A Hierarchical Model of Decision-Making <i>Yoshifumi Ueda</i>	Discussant: <i>Mostapha Diss</i>
5	A welfarist critique of IIA and strategy-proofness <i>Aki Lehtinen</i>	Discussant: <i>Klaas Staal</i>

Session G6 Room: Smyrna Saturday 1015-1145	Positive Constitutional Economics Chairman: Stefan Voigt	
1	Liberal Institutions as a "Permanent" Source of Competitive Advantage: Escaping from Rent-Extracting Societies <i>Roger Congleton</i>	Discussant: <i>Stefan Voigt</i>
2	Determinants of Constitutional Change: When and Why do Countries Change their Form of Government? <i>Stefan Voigt, Bernd Hayo</i>	Discussant: <i>Peter Ferguson</i>
3	On the evasion of executive term limits <i>Zachary Elkins, Tom Ginsburg, James Melton</i>	Discussant: <i>Roger Congleton</i>
4	All Regimes are not Considered Equally: A Public Choice Account of the Importance of Democratic Uncertainty <i>Peter Ferguson</i>	Discussant: <i>James Melton</i>

11:45-12:15 EPCS Member's Meeting

Plenary Session 3:

Convention Center

Keynote Speaker: **Massimo Bordignon**, "On Moderating Political Extremism"

Chairman: Fabio Padovano

13:15-14:00 Lunch

14:00-18:00 Social Program (Free Sightseeing Tour to Ephesus)

19.30 Dinner

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Session H1 Room: Convention Center A Sunday: 830-1000	Public choice of expenditure programs Chairman: Gilmar Zambrana	
1	Political Competition and Social Expenditure in Bolivia: How Does Politics Determine Social Expenditure? <i>Gilmar Zambrana</i>	Discussant: <i>Ilja Neustadt</i>
2	Does Age(ing) Really Matter? Modeling and Testing the Impact of Age on Public Pensions Preferences <i>Oliver Pamp</i>	Discussant: <i>Michael Dorsch</i>
3	Redistributive Institutions, Income Inequality and Redistribution Ahmet Faruk Aysan	Discussant: Seo-Young Cho

Session H2 Room: Convention Center B Sunday: 830-1000	Public and private agents in local public services Chairman: Paulo Trigo Pereira	
1	Water Tariffs: Economics, Politics and Institutions <i>Paulo Trigo Pereira, João Andrade Silva</i>	Discussant: <i>Karsten Mause</i>
2	Optimal Risk Allocation in the Provision of Local Public Services: Can a Private Insurer be better than a Public Mutual Fund <i>Luigi Buzzacchi, Gilberto Turati</i>	Discussant: <i>Paulo Trigo Pereira</i>
3	Exploring Determinants of Public-Private Partnership: Do Partisan and Fiscal Factors matter across German States? <i>Karsten Mause and Thomas Krumm</i>	Discussant: <i>Inga Hillesheim</i>
4	Demand specification for Municipal public spending: estimation with a non-linear system of expenditure <i>Marie Estelle Binet</i>	Discussant: <i>Gilberto Turati</i>

Session H3 Room: Odeon Sunday: 830-1000	Income redistribution Chairman: Alexander Hamilton	
1	Predicting the Welfare Effects of Public Policy: A Simple Model of the Political Economy of Public Policy <i>Alexander Hamilton</i>	Discussant: <i>Marco Portmann</i>
2	Is Social Policy Politically Controversial? <i>Niklas Potrafke</i>	Discussant: <i>Thorsten Giersch</i>
3	Predicting the Welfare Effects of Public Policy: A Simple Model of the Political Economy of Public Policy <i>Alexander J. Hamilton</i>	Discussant: <i>Niklas Potrafke</i>

Session H4 Room: Agora Sunday: 830-1000	Models of collective choice 3 Chairman: Michael Stimmelmayer	
1	Bounds on the Competence of a Homogeneous Jury Serguei Kaniovski, Alexander Zaigraev	Discussant: <i>Michael Stimmermyr</i>
2	Monotonicity of Power in Games with Restricted Communication <i>José Alonso-Mejide, Stefan Napel, Andreas Nohn</i>	Discussant: <i>Arthur Schram</i>
3	Transition of votes for consecutive elections – regression modelling <i>Mariusz Mazurkiewicz, Jacek W. Mercik, František Turnovec</i>	Discussant: <i>Serguei Kaniovski</i>
4	From A Priori to Posteriori Voting Power Measures: An Application to the European Council of Ministers <i>Michael Stimmelmayer</i>	Discussant: <i>Tobias Brandle</i>

Session H5 Room: Celcus Sunday: 830-1000	Public choice of taxation Chairman: Charles B. Blankart	
1	Taxing Expats: A Political Economic Analysis <i>Charles B. Blankart, Simon Margraf</i>	Discussant: <i>Paola Profeta</i>
2	Does Democracy Affect Taxation? Evidence from Developing Countries <i>Paola Profeta, Riccardo Puglisi, Simona Scabrosetti</i>	Discussant: <i>Charles B. Blankart</i>
3	Does the EU Promote Tax Competition? Empirical Evidence on the Impact of EU Cohesion Policy on Tax Rates <i>Philip Mohl, Tobias Hagen, Sebastian Hauptmeier</i>	Discussant: <i>Massimiliano Piacenza</i>

Session H6 Room: Smyrna Sunday: 830-1000	Rent seeking Chairman: Kai Konrad	
1	Effort maximization in asymmetric N-person contest games <i>Jorg Franke, Christian Kanzow, Wolfgang Leininger, Alexandra Vath</i>	Discussant: <i>Kai Konrad</i>
2	The Lifeboat Problem <i>Kai Konrad, Dan Kovenock</i>	Discussant: <i>Roger Congleton</i>
3	Red Cards: Not That Bad News For Penalized Guest Teams <i>Mario Mechtel, Tobias Brandle, Agnes Stribeck, Karin Vetter</i>	Discussant: <i>Alexander Hamilton</i>

10:00-10:15 Coffee Break

Session II Room: Convention Center A Sunday: 1015-1145	Public choice and China Chairman: Barbara Krug	
1	Transition China and Efficiency of Public Management Reform: An Approach Based on Entropy <i>Patrice Lesgourgues</i>	Discussant: <i>Meng Tian-Guang</i>
2	A Political Economy Perspective of the Chinese Government tactical behaviour <i>Gabriele Guggiola</i>	Discussant: <i>Barbara Krug</i>
3	Government Governance and Political Trust in Transition China: An Empirical Analysis <i>Meng Tian-Guang</i>	Discussant: <i>Patrice Lesgourgues</i>
4	Market Design in China: Some Insight from Ecology of Law and Market Design <i>Barbara Krug, Nathan Betancourt, Hans Hendriscke</i>	Discussant: <i>Seo-Young Cho</i>

Session I2 Room: Convention Center B Sunday: 1015-1145	Public choice and individual rewards Chairman: Tobias Brändle	
1	War for talents? Explaining the war in management compensation <i>Katja Rost</i>	Discussant: <i>Ekkart Zimmermann</i>
2	Opening Clauses in Collective Bargaining Agreements: More Flexibility to Save Jobs? <i>Tobias Brändle, Wolf Dieter Heinbach</i>	Discussant: <i>Katja Rost</i>
3	Public and private sector wages interactions in a general equilibrium model <i>Gonzalo Fernandez-de-Cordoba, Javier J. Perez, José L. Torres</i>	Discussant: <i>Tobias Brändle</i>
4	Social capital and political participation <i>Juan D. Montoro, Miguel Purchades</i>	Discussant: <i>José L. Torres</i>

Session I3 Room: Odeon Sunday: 1015-1145	Tax evasion Chairman: Lars P. Feld	
1	Tax Non-Compliance, Deterrence and Social Norms: Survey Evidence from Germany <i>Lars P. Feld, Friedrich Schneider, Thushyanthan Baskaran</i>	Discussant: <i>Carla Marchese</i>
2	Tax evasion in a principal agent model with self-protection <i>Rongili Biswas, Carla Marchese, Fabio Privileggi</i>	Discussant: <i>Sevgi Ineci</i>
3	VAT Evasion due to the Consumer and Supplier Incentives in the European Union <i>Sevgi Ineci</i>	Discussant: <i>Mohammad Reza Farzanegan</i>

Session I4 Room: Agora Sunday: 1015-1145	Social choice Chairman: Bruce Chapman	
1	Behavioural heterogeneity under approval and plurality voting <i>Aki Lehtinen</i>	Discussant: <i>Serguei Kaniovski</i>
2	Nonparametric measurement of utility under prospect theory <i>Zeineb Smida</i>	Discussant: <i>Mariusz Mazurkiewicz</i>
3	Leading You Down the Choice Path: Rational Persuasion as Collective Rationality <i>Bruce Chapman</i>	Discussant: <i>Martin Paldam</i>
4	What separates Public Choice and Public Finance from a Normative Perspective? A Comparison of the Normative Foundations of Both Programs <i>Thorsten Giersch</i>	Discussant: <i>Bruce Chapman</i>

Session I5 Room: Celcus Sunday: 1015-1145	Terrorism Chairman: Ekkart Zimmermann	
1	Patterns of Force: System Strength, Terrorism and Civil War <i>Andreas Freytag, Daniel Meierrieks, Angela Münch, Friedrich</i>	Discussant: <i>Marco Portmann</i>

	<i>Schneider</i>	
2	Suicide terrorism: A brief account <i>Ekkart Zimmermann</i>	Discussant: <i>Martin Gassebner</i>
3	Tacking Stock of Empirical Terrorism Research: A Comprehensive Robustness Analysis <i>Martin Gassebner, Simon Luechinger</i>	Discussant: <i>Oliver Lorz</i>
4	Understanding Homeland Security: Theory and UK-Evidence <i>K.Peren Arin, Oliver Lorz, Otto F.M. Reich, Nicola Spagnolo</i>	Discussant: <i>Andreas Freytag</i>

Session I6 Room: Smyrna Sunday: 1015-1145	Social capital 2 Chairman: Christian Bjørnskov	
1	Social capital, mobility and decentralization <i>Christopher-Johannes Schild, Matthias Wrede</i>	Discussant: <i>Christian Bjørnskov</i>
2	Social capital and political knowledge <i>Dimi Jottier, Bruno Heyndels</i>	Discussant: <i>Andreas Bergh</i>
3	The Productivity of Trust <i>Christian Bjørnskov, Pierre-Guillaume Méon</i>	Discussant: <i>Dimi Jottier</i>
4	A culture of budget deficits <i>Signe Krogstrup, Sebastien Walti</i>	Discussant: <i>Giorgio Brosio</i>
5	Historical Trust Levels Predict Current Welfare State Design <i>Andreas Bergh, Christian Bjørnskov</i>	Discussant: <i>Christopher-Johannes Schild</i>