

Empirical Democratic Theory
7th Annual Center for the Study of Democracy Graduate Student Conference
Saturday, May 7, 2011

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. – Registration and Continental Breakfast – (SBSG 1321)

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. - New Explanations of Political Participation – (SSPA 2112)

Discussants: Stephen Burgard, Northeastern University, Yuliya Tverdova, UC Irvine

Henry Hail (UC Irvine) - Do Eastern Religions Promote Political Passivity? Religion and Political Participation in South Korea and Taiwan

Ines Levin (Cal Tech) - Political Participation is More than Just Resources

Katerina Vrablikova (Masaryk University) - Non-Electoral Political Participation, Mobilization and Political Opportunity Structure in Western Democracies

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Democracy and the Market – (SSPA 2112)

Discussant: Ana Rosas, UC Irvine, Yuliya Tverdova, UC Irvine

Jasmine Kerrissey (UC Irvine) - Labor Union Mergers and Union Democracy 1900-2005

Cristina Nicolescu-Waggoner (UC Riverside) – The Negative Effect of Corruption on the Consolidation of Democracy

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch and Guest Speaker Stephen Burgard - “Media and the Political Season Ahead (SBSG 1321)

1:00 p.m. –2:30 p.m. - Democratic Politics in Comparative Perspective – (SSPA 2112)

Discussant: Catherine Bolzendahl, UC Irvine

Jae Hyeok Shin (UCLA) - Voter Demands and Personalistic Parties: Legislative Voting in the Philippine House of Representative 1987-2007

Jennifer Garcia (UC Irvine) – The ‘Electoral Connection’ Of Felon Disenfranchisement Reform

Lindsay Nielson (UC San Diego) – Instant-Runoff Voting and Attitudes on Democracy in the United States: Results from a Laboratory Experiment

Katja Newman (UC Irvine) - Constitutional Coups: Advancing Executive Power in Latin American Democracies

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Break

2:45 – 4:30 p.m. – Inequality, Identity and Collective Action – (SSPA 2112)

Discussant: Tony Smith, UC Irvine

Diego Grijalva (UC Irvine) – Inequality and Economic Growth: Bridging the Short-run and the Long-run

Raffaele Asquer (UCLA) - Family Matters: Testing the Effect of Political Connections in Italy

Jennifer Jones (UC Irvine) - Virtual Community: Formation and Mobilization of a Collective, Democratic Identity in Egypt

Valerie Feldman (UC Davis) - Sex Work Politics and the Internet: Forging Local and Translocal Political Communities Through the Blogosphere