Empirical Democratic Theory
(2010) 6th Annual Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD)
Graduate Student Conference

9:00-9:30 Registration and Breakfast (SSPB 1208)

10:00-11:45 Panel 1a- Institutions (SSL 117)
Discussant: Katie Bolzendahl, Department of Sociology, UCI
Neil Chaturvedi – The People’s Will: State Supreme Court Justices as Representatives
Thomas J. Hayes – Senate Responsivness in an Era of Inequality
Seth Alexander – Judicial Empowerment in Authoritarian Regimes
Brian Donald Williams – How Consensual are Consensual Democracies? Comparing Legislative Roll-Call Vote Outcomes From Twenty-Four Countries

10:00-11:45 Panel 1b-Mobilization (SSL 119)
Discussant: Yang Su, Department of Sociology, UCI
Yuval Feinstein – War and the Public: A New Explanation from the Rally-Round-The-Flag Syndrome
Kathryn Quick – Narrative Work of Managing Emergent Democratic Processes
Evan McCulla – Labor Contention in China: A Statistical Perspective
Amanda Pullum – Countermovements in the States
Jeff Kwong – Multiple Principles, Conflicting Objectives, and Agent Enactment Failure: The Case of Proposition 209 in California

11:45-1:00 Lunch (SSPB 1208)
1:00-2:45 Panel 2a-Theory (SSL 117)
Discussant: Evan Shoefer, Department of Sociology, UCI
Mayia Shulga – The Elite Competitive Conception of Democracy, Its Social Ontological Assumptions, and their Consequences for Studying Democracy
Ovid Boyd – Referenda Around the World: History and Status of Direct Democracy
Gina Linda Gustavsson – Freedom in Mass Values – Egocentric, Humanistic, or Both? Using Isaiah Berlin to Understand a Contemporary Debate

1:00-2:45 Panel 2b-Electoral Process (SSL 119)
Discussant: Tony McGann, Department of Political Science, UCI
Seema Shah - Intra-ethnic Electoral Violence in Divided Societies: The Case of Sri Lanka
Ines Levin – Voter Choice in the 2006 Mexican Presidential Election
Adil Omar Fala – Elections and Democratization: A New Assessment

2:45-3:15 Coffee Break

3:15-5:00 Panel 3-Current Issues in Democracy (SSL 117)
Discussant: Sara Goodman, Department of Political Science, UCI
Marco Mares and Maria Elena Guadamuz– Party Fragmentation and Latin American Budgetary Outcomes Revisited
Peter Miller – Torture and Social Modernization
Ginger Silvera – Is Democracy Property Rights Friendly?