CONFERENCE ON STATE CAPACITY AND PUBLIC GOODS PROVISION

Thursday, April 4

7:00pm  Dinner  
Witherspoon Grill, 57 Witherspoon Street

Friday, April 5

8:45-9:00am  Registration and Breakfast

9:00-9:15am  Welcome and Introductions  
Melissa Lee and Volha Charnysh

9:15-11:00am  Reexamining the Conventional Wisdom on State Formation and Institutional Strength

Keith Darden: Sacred Sovereignty: Church Capture and the Origins of the Sovereign State in Reformation England  
Diana Kim: When the War Ends: Legitimacy Crises and Theatrical Legibility in Colonial Asia  
Reo Matsuzaki: Why Colonial Institutions Survived Decolonization: The Case of the Philippines

Discussion opener: Marcus Kurtz

11:00-11:15am  Break

11:15am-1:00pm  State-Society Relations I

Daniel Mattingly and Chen Ting: The Origins of Nationalism: Evidence from China  
Yuhua Wang: Elite Kinship Network and State Building: Theory and Evidence from Imperial China  
Mark Dincecco and Yuhua Wang: The Monopoly over Violence in a Late Modernizer: Evidence from Imperial China
Discussion opener: Carles Boix

1:00-2:00pm  Lunch

2:00-3:45pm  State-Society Relations II

Melissa Lee and Nan Zhang: Speaking Like a State: Language and State-Society Interaction in 19th Century France
Hillel Soifer and Federico Tiberti: Are State Building Efforts Effective? A New Approach
Giuliana Pardelli: For Profit, Power, or Protection? Landed Elites’ Incentives and Local Fiscal Capacity

Discussion opener: Evan Lieberman

3:45-4:00pm  Break

4:00-5:45pm  Accountability and Representation

Volha Charnysh and Brendan McElroy: Minorities and Disaster Relief in Autocracies: 1891–92 Famine in Imperial Russia
Mariano Sánchez-Talanquer: Suffrage Restrictions and the Reach of the Nation-State
Ken Opalo: Information and Political Accountability Under Multi-Tier Government

Discussion opener: Jennifer Widner

6:30pm  Dinner
Peacock Inn, 20 Bayard Lane

Saturday, April 6

9:00-9:15am  Breakfast

9:15-11:00am  Conflict and State Capacity

Didac Queralt: The Legacy of War on Fiscal Capacity
Yuhki Tajima: Insurgent Cohesion and Postwar Order: Evidence from Aceh, Indonesia
David Dow: Policing in a Post-Conflict State: Evidence from Uganda

Discussion opener: Andreas Wimmer
11:00-11:15am  Break

11:15am-1:00pm  Policing and Law Enforcement

Ana Arjona: Do Rebel and Criminal Governance Thrive Where the State is Weak?  
Gustavo Flores-Macias and Jessica Zarkin: Explaining Public Support for Militarizing Law Enforcement: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Mexico  
Eric Arias, Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough: Pre-Analysis Plan: The Construction of Trust in the State: Evidence from Police-Community Relations in Colombia

Discussion opener: Erik Wibbels

1:00pm  Closing Remarks
Melissa Lee and Volha Charnysh

Box lunches will be available. You are welcome to take your lunch with you as you depart or remain at Palmer House to eat.

Location Information

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Palmer House  
1 Bayard Lane  
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Thursday Dinner
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