

Conference Program

First Day: Electoral Fraud

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Elections and Democratization in Authoritarian Regimes (Lindberg discussant)

When do elections in authoritarian regimes lead to democracy? Building from the distinction between competitive and hegemonic authoritarian regimes, this article argues that the presence of stronger opposition challengers renders competitive authoritarian elections more prone to democratization, but only when domestic and international actors choose to actively pressure the regime. The effects of two forms of pressure—opposition electoral coalitions and international conditionality—are theorized. Propositions are tested using an original dataset of 194 elections in electoral authoritarian regimes, from 1990-2007. Results support two core claims: that the effect of domestic and international pressure is conditional on the type of authoritarianism; and that this greater vulnerability to pressure is the reason why competitive authoritarian elections are more likely to lead to democracy. In contrast, several alternative explanations—that democratization is explained by alternation in power, better electoral conduct, prior liberalization, or the repeated holding of elections—are not supported by the evidence.

Sarah Birch (Golden discussant)

Why Elections Deteriorate

Jan Teorell (Costange discussant)

Cleaning Up the Vote: The Case of Election Fraud in Sweden, 1719-1909

Susan Hyde (Greene discussant)

Election Fraud Deterrence, Displacement, or Both? Evidence from a Multi-Level Field Experiment in Nicaragua

Ruben Ruiz-Rufino (Wanthchekon discussant)

Institutional and Economics Conditions to Understand Pre-Electoral Fraud

Nasos Roussias (Simpser discussant)

How Does Electoral Misconduct Affect Party Systems? An Examination of the Mechanisms of Electoral Fraud

Second Day: Clientelism

Miriam Golden (Birch discussant)

Redistribution and Reelection under Proportional Representation: The Postwar Italian Chamber of Deputies

Alberto Simpser (Ruiz-Rufino discussant)

Electoral Manipulation as Bureaucratic Control

Dan Corstange (Dunning discussant)

Dominant Parties, Dueling Machines, and Vote Trafficking

Staffan Lindberg (Donno discussant)

Good Outcomes of Political Clientelism: Evidence from Ghana

Kenneth Greene (Stokes discussant)

Self-Enforcing Clientelism

Leonard Wantchekon (Teorell discussant)

Deliberative Electoral Campaign and Transition from Clientelism: Evidence from Benin

Paper Discussants:

Hyde

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Book Discussants:

Simpser

Greene

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