

Australasian Public Choice Conference  
APCC 2013 Program  
6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
School of Economics, Singapore Management University

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8.40am – 9.10am	Registration
9.10am – 9.15am	Opening Remarks
9.15am – 10.30am	Plenary Session 1: Seminar Room 5.2 <b>James Robinson</b> (Harvard University) State Capacity and Development: A Network Approach

10.30am – 11.00am **Coffee Break: Lobby**

	Seminar Room 5.1	Seminar Room 5.2
11.00am – 1.00pm	<p><b>Rivayani Darmawan</b> (University of Göttingen) Stephan Klasen (University of Göttingen)</p> <p>Elite Capture in Urban Development: Evidence from Indonesia</p>	<p><b>Tomoki Fujii</b> (Singapore Management University)</p> <p>Does the source of health spending matter for health outcomes?: A panel data analysis</p>
	<p><b>Jarko Fidrmus</b> (Zeppelin University Friedrichshafen) Markus Eller (Oesterreichische Nationalbank) Zuzana Fungáčová (Bank of Finland)</p> <p>Fiscal Policy and Regional Output Volatility: Evidence from Russia</p>	<p><b>Jiwei Qian</b> (National University of Singapore)</p> <p>Health Financing Reform and Fiscal Decentralization</p>
	<p><b>Kazuyasu Kawasaki</b> (Toyo University)</p> <p>The Interregional Distribution of Public Capital and Movement of Production Factor in Japan</p>	<p><b>Alberto Batinti</b> (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)</p> <p>The Politics of NIH Funding</p>
	<p><b>Tomoya Ida</b> (Oita University) Hiroshi Ono (Oita University)</p> <p><a href="#">Urban Sprawl and Local Government Cost in Japan</a></p>	<p><b>Siew Ling Yew</b> (Monash University) Shuyun May Li (The University of Melbourne) Solmaz Moslehi (Monash University)</p> <p><a href="#">Public-Private Mix of Health Expenditure: A Political Economy and Quantitative Analysis</a></p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<b>Lunch: Lobby</b>	
2.00pm – 4.00pm	<p><b>Mehmet Ulubasoglu</b> (Deakin University) Prasad Bhattacharya (Deakin University) Muhammad Habibur Rahman (Deakin University) Nejat Anbarci (Deakin University)</p> <p>Storms and Political Institutions: Islands as Natural Experiments</p>	<p><b>Solmaz Moslehi</b> (Monash University) Mino Farhadi (Monash University) Md. Rabiul Islam (Monash University)</p> <p>Growth Failure of Resource-rich Economies: Role of Government Activities</p>
	<p><b>Pablo Jimenez-Ayora</b> (Deakin University) Prasad Bhattacharya (Deakin University) Mehmet Ali Ulubaşoğlu (Deakin University)</p> <p>An Empirical Test of "Persistence of Power, Elites, and Institutions": Evidence from land reforms around the world, 1900 – 2010"</p>	<p><b>Thanh Thuy Vu</b> (University of Paris X)</p> <p><a href="#">Institutional Incongruence and the Informal Economy: An Empirical Analysis</a></p>
	<p><b>Paul A. Raschky</b> (Monash University) Chongwoo Choe (Monash University)</p> <p><a href="#">Media, Institutions, and Government Action: Prevention vs. Palliation in the Time of Cholera</a></p>	<p><b>Chris Doucouliagos</b> (Deakin University) Zohid Askarov (Deakin University)</p> <p>Development Aid and Growth in Transition Countries</p>
	<p><b>Madhav S. Aney</b> (Singapore Management University) Giovanni Ko (Nanyang Technology University)</p> <p><a href="#">Does Competition Within the Military Reduce Expropriation Risk?</a></p>	<p><b>Martin Rode</b> (Universidad de Navarra) Christian Bjørnskov (Aarhus University)</p> <p>Democratic transitions and institutional change</p>
4.00pm – 4.30pm	<b>Coffee Break: Lobby</b>	
4.30pm – 6.30pm	<p><b>Therese Nilsson</b> (Lund University) Niclas Berggren (Research Institute of Industrial Economics)</p> <p><a href="#">Globalization and the Transmission of Social Values: The Case of Tolerance</a></p>	<p><b>Björn Kauder</b> (Ifo Institute) Niklas Potrafke (University of Munich)</p> <p>Outside earnings, attendance, and activity: Do German MPs meet their obligations?</p>
	<p><b>Chun-Fang Chiang</b> (National Taiwan University) Long-Yu Chiou (National Taiwan University) David Jinkins (Pennsylvania State University)</p> <p>Market Shocks and Newspaper Ideology: Evidence from Taiwan</p>	<p><b>Samarth Vaidya</b> (Deakin University) Sergios Skaperdas (University of California, Irvine)</p> <p><a href="#">Persuasion and regulatory capture</a></p>

**Andrea Filippetti** (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Lucio Morettini (National Research Council of Italy)

Is political competition always good?

A model of public policy and political ambition in a multi-level government

**Brishti Guha** (Singapore Management University)

[Who will monitor the monitors? Informal law enforcement and collusion at champagne](#)

**Prasad Bhattacharya** (Deakin University)

Prabal Roy Chowdhury (Indian Statistical Institute)

Md. Habibur Rahman (Deakin University)

Domestic Conflict and Credit Constraint

**Lixin Colin Xu** (World Bank)

Xuanyu Jiang (Renmin University of China)

Nianhang Xu (Renmin University of China)

Qingbo Yuan (The University of Melbourne)

Political Connection and Regulation Enforcement: Evidence from Chinese Stock Market

6.30pm onwards

**Conference Dinner**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

	Seminar Room 5.1	Seminar Room 5.2
9.00am – 10.30am	<p><b>Radhika Lahiri</b> (Queensland University of Technology) Ziv Chinzara (Queensland University of Technology)</p> <p>Redistribution and Technology Adoption under Uncertainty: A Political Economy Perspective</p>	<p><b>Christian Marti</b> (University of St. Gallen) Katharina E. Jaronicki (University of St. Gallen) Monika Büttler (University of St. Gallen)</p> <p><a href="#">Signature collection in direct democracies: lessons from the Swiss initiative process from 1891 to 2010</a></p>
10.30am – 11.00am	<p><b>Jakob B Madsen</b> (Monash University)</p> <p><a href="#">Human Accomplishment and The British Industrial Revolution: The Role of Great Scientists and Education in British Growth Since 1270</a></p>	<p><b>Christian Bjørnskov</b> (Aarhus University) Jacob Gerner Hariri (University of Copenhagen) Mogens K. Justesen (Copenhagen Business School)</p> <p>Economic Shocks and Subjective Well-Being: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment</p>
11.00am – 1.00pm	<p><b>Huang Falli</b> (Singapore Management University)</p> <p><a href="#">From Coercion to Politics to Law: The Evolution of Property Rights Protection</a></p>	<p><b>Jipeng Zhang</b> (Nanyang Technological University) Huan Xie (Concordia University)</p> <p>Hierarchy Leadership and Social Comparison in Prosocial Behavior</p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<p><b>Coffee Break: Lobby</b></p>	<p><b>Massimiliano Landi</b> (Singapore Management University)</p> <p>Taxation and redistribution with endogenous rents and party formation</p>
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<p><b>Selçuk Özyurt</b> (Sabancı University)</p> <p><a href="#">Is There a Tradeoff Between Audience Costs and Diplomatic Success in Crisis Bargaining?</a></p>	<p><b>Michael Reksulak</b> (National Science Foundation)</p> <p>Logrolling on a large scale</p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<p><b>Yi Zhang</b> (Singapore Management University) Huan Wang (CASS)</p> <p><a href="#">A Prospect Theory of Power Transition</a></p>	<p><b>Dmitriy Vorobyev</b> (Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education)</p> <p><a href="#">Participation in Fraudulent Elections</a></p>
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<p><b>Gea Myoung Lee</b> (Singapore Management University)</p> <p>Job Market Signaling with Human Capital Investment</p>	<p><b>Toshihiro Ihori</b> (University of Tokyo)</p> <p><a href="#">Conflicting Interest Groups, Contentious Public Goods, and Cooperation</a></p>
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<p><b>Lunch: Lobby</b></p>	<p><b>Guilhem Lecouteux</b> (École Polytechnique)</p> <p><a href="#">A Reformulation of Libertarian Paternalism</a></p>
2.00pm – 3.30pm	<p><b>Niclas Berggren</b> (Research Institute of Industrial Economics) Sven-Olov Daunfeldt (HUI Research) Jörgen Hellström (Umeå University)</p> <p><a href="#">Does social trust speed up economic reforms? The case of central-bank independence</a></p>	<p><b>Judit Kapás</b> (University of Debrecen) Pál Czeglédi (University of Debrecen)</p> <p><a href="#">Political and Economic Freedom, and the Social Orders</a></p>
	<p><b>Hans Pitlik</b> (Austrian Institute of Economics Research) Ludek Kouba (Mendel University Brno)</p> <p><a href="#">Does social distrust always lead to a stronger support for government intervention?</a></p>	<p><b>Judit Kapás</b> (University of Debrecen) Pál Czeglédi (University of Debrecen)</p> <p><a href="#">Political and Economic Freedom, and the Social Orders</a></p>

**Jan Fidrmuc** (Brunel University)

[How Persistent is Social Capital?](#)

**Ronald Wintrobe** (Western University)

[Rational Zen](#)

[Part Two of Adam Smith and the Buddha](#)

3.30pm – 4.00pm

**Coffee Break: Lobby**

4.00pm – 5.15pm

Plenary Session 2: Seminar Room 5.2  
**Tim Besley** (London School of Economics)  
Democratic Institutions as Robust Control

5.15pm – 5.20pm

Closing Remarks