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PROGRAM

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Universidad del Pacifico | May 15-16, 2025

Room

Day 1: May 15

NOTICE: All times are in Peru Time (UTC-5)

Presenters will have 45 minutes for their presentation

09:20-09:30 **Opening Remarks**

09:30-11:00 **▶ SESSION 1: IDENTITY POLITICS**

Women's Suffrage and Men's Voting Patterns

Jeanne LaFortune, UC Chile

Religious Mayors, Teenage Pregnancy, and Sexual Education in Schools

Marcela Mello, Universidad de los Andes, Chile

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30-13:00 **▶ SESSION 2: POLARIZATION**

Political Polarization and Discordant Information Consumption and Internalization

Horacio Larreguy, ITAM

Mobile Internet and Political Polarization

Nikita Melnikov, Nova Business School

13:00-14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00-15:30 **▶ SESSION 3: LEADERSHIP, SOCIAL CAPITAL, AND CONFLICT**

Why Do People Follow Leaders? Evidence from 1936 Spain

Marcos Salgado, FGV-EPGE

Non-State Social Structures and Social Capital: Evidence on Crime and Conflict

Natalia Pia Guerrero Trinidad, University of Minnesota

15:30-16:00 **Coffee break**

16:30-17:00 **▶ POLICY SESSION: CAF SESSION ON THE REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA**

19:00-21:00 **Dinner**

Day 2: May 16

09:30-11:00

▶ **SESSION 4: CONFLICT AND ELECTIONS**

Vote or Fight?

César Martinelli, GMU

“El Baile Rojo”: The Impacts of Political Violence on Electoral Behavior, the Case of Unión Patriótica in Colombia (1984-2007)

Nicolás Cabra-Ruiz, Princeton University

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

▶ **SESSION 5: CORRUPTION**

Unraveling the Paradox of Anticorruption Messaging: Experimental Evidence from a Tax Administration Reform

Martin Ardanaz, IADB

Audits and Bureaucratic Corruption: Evidence from Brazilian Municipalities

Romain Ferrali, Aix-Marseille School of Economics

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:30

▶ **SESSION 6: STATE CAPACITY AND THE WELFARE STATE**

Commodity Booms, Local State Capacity, and Development

Dafne Murillo, Columbia University

The Evolution of the Welfare State

Diego Huerta (Universidad de Chile)