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VIII Meeting, Cartagena, February 15-16, 2007

Thursday, February 15th

9.00-9.30: Opening Remarks. Mauricio Cardenas (Executive Director - Fedesarrollo) and Alejandro Gaviria (Dean, Economics Department - Universidad de los Andes)

9:30-12:30 First session

- Juliano Assunção, (Daniel Carvalho), Department of Economics, PUC-Rio, (Department of Economics, Harvard University), “A Theory of Political Instability, Information Inequality and Redistribution”. Discussant: Daniel Mejía, Banco de la República, Colombia.
- Sebastian J. Miller, University of Maryland, “Why do populist outsiders get elected? The A.B.C. of populism”. Discussant: Mauricio Olivera, Fedesarrollo.
- Claudio Ferraz, (Frederico Finan), Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada, University of California, Berkeley, “Reelection Incentives and Political Corruption: Evidence from Brazil’s Municipal Audit Reports”. Discussant: Mauricio Cardenas, Fedesarrollo.

12.30-2.00 Lunch

2.00-5:00 Second session.

- Joana Naritomi, (Rodrigo R. Soares, Juliano J. Assunção), Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (University of Maryland and Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro), “Rent Seeking and the Unveiling of ‘De Facto’ Institutions: Development and Colonial Heritage within Brazil”. Discussant: Adolfo Meisel, Banco de la República, Cartagena - Colombia.



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- Ethan Ilzetki, University of Maryland, “Rent-Seeking Distortions, Voluntary Insolvency, and Fiscal Procyclicality”. Discussant: Claudio Ferraz, University of California, Berkeley.
- Robert Lavigne, Bank of Canada, “The Institutional and Political Determinants of Fiscal Adjustment”. Discussant: Marcela Eslava

5:00 – 5:45 pm.

Keynote speaker: Allan Drazen, University of Maryland

Friday, February 16th

9.00-12.00 Third session.

- Oskar Nupia, Universidad de Los Andes, “Bargaining in Legislature: Does the Number of Parties Matter?” Discussant: Dario Maldonado, Universidad del Rosario
- Werner L. Hernani-Limarino, Fundación ARU, “Fears of Redistribution, Decentralization and Secession: Evidence from Bolivia’s Referendum for Departmental Autonomy”. Discussant: Sebastian J. Miller, University of Maryland
- Ricardo D. Paredes, (Andrés Crisosto K, Philippe Martí C), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, “Judicial Auctions: Better without Protection? ”. Discussant: Oskar Nupia, Universidad de Los Andes