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The Subnational State in Latin America: Institutions, Citizenship and Regime Type Within and Across States

International Workshop at the University of Amsterdam

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Studies about the uneven presence and performance of state institutions within Latin America have flourished since the adoption of decentralization measures across the region. Even as democracy has taken root at the national level, the protection of civil liberties and the exercise of political rights has remained geographically uneven within formally democratic states. While studies of subnational authoritarianism initially focused on the electoral dimension and identified substantial variation in competitiveness within countries, it has now become clear that the exercise of democracy is also undermined in regions affected by insecurity and weak state institutions. This workshop aims to uncover how the type and presence of subnational state institutions shapes citizenship across Latin American states. What forms of state presence are prevalent in peripheral regions of Latin American states? What alternatives to state institutions exist? How are they similar, or different across states? And, ultimately, what does this imply for the nature and development of democracy?

This workshop brings together twenty leading scholars of the subnational state in Latin America and elsewhere. Over a two-day period, researchers from Latin America, the US and Europe will present and discuss cutting-edge, original research on spatial and temporal variation of subnational patterns within and across states.



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Preliminary Workshop Program

We have organized the panels into key dimensions of the state (administration, security, and integration) to encourage discussion and comparison across cases.

Thursday, March 16th, 2017

9:00 – 9.45 *Welcome and Introduction*

9:45-11:15 *Panel 1 – Administration: Taxation*

Melissa Rogers (Claremont Graduate University) and Pablo Beramendi (Duke)

- Economic Geography and State Capacity in Latin America

Mariano Sánchez-Talanquer (Cornell)

- Uneven Strength of the Leviathan: Political Cleavages and the Origins of Fiscal (In)capacity in Mexico and Colombia

Paula Zuluaga (European University Institute)

- State Building at the Local Level: Trajectories of Local Political Economy in Colombia

11:30-13:00 *Panel 2 – Administration: Public Goods Delivery*

Micah Gell-Redman (University of Georgia)

- State Capacity and Disease in Twentieth century Mexico: New data from the Archives

Hillel Soifer (Temple University) and Juan Pablo Luna (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)

- Neighborhood-level State Capacity in two Latin American Cities

Rodrigo Rodrigues-Silveira (Universidad de Salamanca)

- State Density in Latin America: A Territorial Perspective

13:00-14:30 *Lunch at Crea Café, Studio 2.01*

14:30-16:00 *Panel 3 – Administration: Transnational Actors and Delivery of Public Goods*

Heather Sullivan (Hamilton College)

- Transnational Elites and State Building in Latin America

Jennifer Pribble (University of Richmond)

- The Subnational Political Economy of Public Health Administration in Chile

Agustina Giraudy (American University)

- The Impact of Mineral Wealth on State Bureaucracies: Evidence from Argentina

16:15-17:45 *Panel 4 – Security*

Yanilda María González (University of Chicago)

- Security and the City: Latin America's Mayors and the Decentralization of Policing

Carla Alberti (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)

- Communities of Smugglers: Controlling Transnational Violence in the Central Andes

Jos Bartman (University of Amsterdam)

- Subnational Repression in Mexico and India

18:00 *Dinner for Workshop Participants at The Bridge – The Brug (The Bridge), on the fourth floor in the B/C building.*

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9:15-10:45 ***Panel 5 – Territorial Integration: Provision and Performance***

Silvia Alejandra Otero Bahamon (Universidad del Rosario)

- When do states mind the gap? Reducing social subnational inequalities in Colombia and Peru

Juan Pablo Luna (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile)

- Local Citizenship Regimes in Contemporary Latin America: Inequality, State Capacity, and Segmented Access to Civil, Political, and Social Rights

Juan Fernando Ibarra Del Cueto (Colgate University)

- The Political Economy of Divergence: Trajectories of Subnational Development in Mexico

11:00-12:30 ***Panel 6 – Territorial Integration: Governance***

Matthew R. Cleary (Syracuse University)

- Multiculturalism and Democracy in Indigenous Mexico: The Case of Female Participation

Andrés Vargas Castillo (Yale)

- Sub-national Political Order in the Aftermath of Civil War: The Effects of Wartime Rule on Local Post-conflict Governance in rural Colombia

Abbey Steele (UvA) and Juan F. Vargas (CAF – Development Bank of Latin America and Universidad del Rosario) (with Rafael Ch (NYU) and Jacob N. Shapiro (Princeton))

- Endogenous Taxation at the Local Level during Civil War: The Case of Colombia

12:30-14:00 ***Lunch at Crea Café, Studio 2.01***

14:00-15:30 ***Panel 7 – Territorial Integration: Democratic Practices***

Paolo Spada (University of Coimbra)

- The Rise and Decline of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil

Kelly McMann (Case Western Reserve University)

- The Development of Democracy and Authoritarianism within Countries: Overcoming Subnational Regime Variation

Mario Chacón (New York University Abu Dhabi)

- In the Line of Fire: Political Violence and Decentralization in Colombia

16:00-17:30 ***Panel 8 – Concluding Roundtable***

18:30 ***Dinner for Workshop Participants at Restaurant Plancius (Plantage Kerklaan 61, across Artis Zoo).***