



Politics and Sovereign Debt in Latin America in Historical Perspective Workshop

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Keynote speaker: William Summerhill, UCLA

CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline: 13 November 2016

Sovereign debt is a financial as well as a political topic. Politics shapes the way governments borrow and repay. The interaction between politics and sovereign debt is a currently relevant topic to which historical research may offer significant contribution. This workshop aims to discuss the implications of political institutions in the way the governments of Latin America have managed their debts. We are interested in studying the demand side of the market: the governments. Latin America concentrates a large number of governments that have repetitively borrowed and defaulted, in a succession of debt booms and bursts that spans for nearly two centuries, from the 1820s to the present times. The workshop is open to papers on any time range which focus on the region as a whole or specific Latin American countries. The organisers particularly welcome interdisciplinary and data-driven perspectives on fiscal policy, long-term patterns of taxation and government spending, political economy of domestic/foreign debt and defaults, and governments' attitude towards foreign capital flows and international financial supervision.

The workshop will be held at the São Paulo School of Economics (EESP-FGV) during 21-22 August 2017. The interested participants are required submit a 500-words abstract and title together with their academic CV to workshoplatam2017@gmail.com by 13 November 2016. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by 15 December 2016. Participants will be invited to publish their paper in workshop proceedings. Should your paper be accepted, you will be asked to provide either extended abstract (2000-2500 words) or full manuscript for inclusion in the proceedings by 21 July 2017.

While limited financial support is available for selected PhD students, interested participants are expected to secure their own funding. Additional information on registration, travel and accommodation will be made available to participants by 30 January 2017.

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