



## University of Houston's Political Economy of Risk Conference Program

February 12-13, 2016

### Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

#### 10:30 - 11:45am Roundtable on Political Risk in a Globalized World (Kiva Room, Farrisb Hall)

A discussion on how governments respond to the challenges created by political risk in the current era of globalization. Sponsored by the University of Houston Office of the Provost, Global Initiatives; the Center for International and Comparative Studies; and the University of Houston Department of Political Science

Participants: Bill Clark (Texas A&M), Ed Mansfield (University of Pennsylvania), Duncan Snidal (Oxford), and Pablo Pinto (University of Houston).

Chaired by Dr. Jaime Ortiz, Vice Provost for Global Strategies and Studies (University of Houston).

#### 1:00 Political Economy of Risk Conference (Classroom and Business Building, CBB – 108)

1:00 – 2:30pm - Session 1

*Discussant: Duncan Snidal (University of Oxford)*

Terry Chapman & Rachel Wellhausen (University of Texas)

Endogenous Sources of Compliance with International Law: the Case of Investment Arbitration

Patrick Shea (University of Houston) and Matt DiGiuseppe (University of Mississippi)

The Politics of Debt Restructuring: Institutions, Preferences and Creditor Losses

Quan Li (Texas A&M)

Do Democracies Attract More Foreign Direct Investment? A Meta Analysis

2:30 – Break

3:00pm – 4:30 - Session 2

*Discussant: Bill Clark (Texas A&M)*

Jospeh Staats (University of Minnesota Duluth), Glen Biglaiser (University of North Texas), and Karl DeRouen (University of Alabama)

Continuing the Sovereign Bond Ratings 'Democratic Advantage' Debate: Democracy or Judicial Power/Rule of Law?

Matt DiGiuseppe (University of Mississippi) and Patrick Shea (University of Houston)

Sovereign Borrowing, Divided Government, and Government Survival in Democracies

Ed Mansfield and Witold J. Henisz (University of Pennsylvania)

The Political Economy of Financial Reform: *de Jure* Liberalization vs. *de Facto* Implementation



4:30 – Break

5:00 - 6:00 Session 3

*Discussant: Cliff Morgan (Rice University)*

Erik Gartzke (University of California, San Diego) and Jeff Kaplow (College of William and Mary)

Knowing Unknowns: Assessing the Effect of Uncertainty on Interstate Conflict

Clint Peinhardt (University of Texas, Dallas), Vito D'Orazio (University of Texas at Dallas) and Alero Akporiaye (Bates College)

Estimating Political Risk from Machine-coded Event Data

6:00 – End of Friday's panels

### **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 – 10:30am Session 4

*Discussant: Ryan Kennedy (University of Houston)*

Kishore Gawande (University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business)

Land, Protests and Suppression in China

Sara Polo (Rice University)

How Terrorism Spreads: Information, Emulation, and the Spatial Diffusion of Ethnic and Ethno-religious Terrorism

Rachel Wellhausen (University of Texas at Austin)

The Costs of Sovereignty: Law and Finance on American Indian Reservations

10:30 – Break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 5

*Discussant: Songying Fang (Rice University)*

Pablo Pinto (University of Houston)

Fiscal Policy in Good Times and Bad Times. Distributive motivations and pro-cyclical spending

Erica Owen (Texas A&M)

Corruption, Transparency and Foreign Direct Investment: Municipal Audits and Greenfield Investment Projects in Brazil, 2003-2013

Amy Pond (Texas A&M) and Vincent Arel-Bundock (Université de Montréal)

Expropriation, Political Institutions, and Openness

12:30 - End of Conference