

## **Political Economy Workshop**

**June 8-9, 2016**

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Norwegian Business School BI.

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## Wednesday, June 8, 2016

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We meet at the Norwegian Business School room C2-040

- 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch in conference room
- 12:30 – 13:15 **Tuukka Saarimaa\* and Janne Tukiainen**  
*Regional Distribution of Political Power and Effects of Municipal Mergers*  
Discussant: Rune Sørensen
- 13:15 – 14:00 **Henrik Sigstad**  
*The Tyranny of the Minority* [[pdf](#)]  
Discussant: Jo Thori Lind
- 14:00 – 14:15 Coffee break
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Torun Dewan, Jaakko Meriläinen and Janne Tukiainen\***  
*Mid-Victorian Voting: Party Orientation and Class Alignment Revisited* [[pdf](#)]  
Discussant: Leif Helland
- 15:00 – 15:45 **Luca Repetto**  
*Political Budget Cycles with Informed Voters: Evidence from Italy* [[pdf](#)]  
Discussant: Øyvind Skorge
- 15:45 – 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00 – 16:45 **Jon H. Fiva, Askill H. Halse\* and Daniel M. Smith**  
*Does Local Representation Matter Under Closed-list PR?*  
Discussant: Bjørn Høyland
- 19:00 – Conference dinner at [www.sjomagasinet.no/](http://www.sjomagasinet.no/)

## Thursday, June 9, 2016

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We meet at the Norwegian Business School room C2-040

- 09:30 – 10:15 **Erling Barth, Henning Finseraas, Kalle Moene\* and Kjersti Østbakken**  
*Distinct or Fuzzy --- Redistributive versus Insurance Motives Behind the Political Support for Welfare Spending*  
Discussant: Joshua Holm
- 10:15 – 11:00 **Dominik Hangartner**  
*When Lives Are Put on Hold: Lengthy Asylum Processes Decrease Employment Among Refugees*  
Discussant: Helene Lundqvist
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Keynote: Gary W. Cox**  
*Ideological Extremists in the U.S. Congress: Out of Step but Still in Office* [[pdf](#)]
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch at 7<sup>TH</sup> floor
- 14:00 – 14:45 **Zohal Hessami**  
*Complex Ballot Propositions, Individual Voting Behavior, and Status Quo Bias* [[pdf](#)]  
Discussant: Benny Geys
- 14:45 – 15:30 **Olle Folke and Johanna Rickne\***  
*The Price of Promotion: Gender Differences in the Impact of Career Success on Divorce*  
Discussant: Sara Cools
- 15:30 End of conference

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