

## RESEARCH SEMINAR

### *The Political Economy of the Budget Process in Latin America Lessons from IADB/DFID Research*

*London School of Economics  
Seminar Room A316, Old Building  
Wednesday 21 May 2008*

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#### DRAFT PROGRAMME

10.00-10.30    *Registration and coffee*

#### **Session 1 (10.30-12.30): Research framework, general findings and cross-country evidence**

- 10.30    Introduction by morning chair: Prof. Simon Hix, London School of Economics
- 10.35    “A Political Economy Analysis of the Budget Process in Latin America”  
Carlos Scartascini, Inter-American Development Bank
- 10.55    “Policymaking and budgeting processes, formal institutions and informal practices, and  
the impact of fiscal responsibility laws”  
Prof. Mark Hallerberg, Hertie School of Governance
- 11.15    Discussant: Dr. Joachim Wehner, London School of Economics
- 11.25    Questions and discussion

12.30-14.00    *Lunch*

#### **Session 2 (14.00-16.00): Country case studies and conclusions**

- 14.00    Introduction by afternoon chair: Prof. Patrick Dunleavy, London School of Economics
- 14.05    “Presidential Power, Fiscal Responsibility Laws, and the Allocation of Spending: The  
Case of Brazil”  
Prof. Marcus Melo, Federal University of Pernambuco, and Prof. Bernardo Mueller,  
University of Brasilia
- 14.25    “Institutional Change, Improved Fiscal Outcomes?: The Case of Ecuador”  
Andres Mejia Acosta, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex
- 14.45    Discussant: Paolo de Renzio, LSE and Overseas Development Institute
- 14.55    Questions and discussion
- 16.00    *Close*

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