

Workshop “The Public Administration and State Capacity”

Wednesday, June 04

12:00 – 12:55 **Welcome Lunch**

12:55 – 13:00 Opening Remarks **Nadja Dwenger** (U Hohenheim)

13:00 – 14:40 *Session 1*

Political Economy

Edoardo Teso (Bocconi)

“Ideology and Political Alignment in the Rule-Making Process”

Discussion: **Richard Bluhm** (U Stuttgart)

Dana Sisak (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

“Trust and Policy Capacity - Strategic Bureaucrat Appointments under Electoral Incentives” (with Otto Swank)

Discussion: **Klaus Schmidt** (LMU Munich)

14:40 – 15:00 **Coffee Break**

15:00 – 16:40 *Session 2*

Administration

Anna Gumpert (U Tübingen)

“Building Capacity in the Public Administration: Evidence from German Reunification”

Discussion: **Miguel Almunia** (CUNEF Universidad)

Devis Decet (Northwestern University)

“Organizing Fiscal Capacity”

Discussion: **Davide Cantoni** (LMU Munich)

16:40 – 17:00 **Coffee Break**

17:00 – 18:00 *Keynote*

Frederico Finan (UC Berkeley)

„Strengthening the Bureaucratic Capacity of the State in Developing Countries“

9:00 – 10:40 *Session 3*

Management

Alessandra Fenizia (George Washington University)

“Management Consultancy in the Public Sector: Evidence from Greece”

(with Renata Lemos & Ioanna Pantelaiou)

Discussion: **Erika Deserranno** (Bocconi)

Florian Englmaier (LMU Munich)

“Management and Performance in the Public Sector: Evidence from German Municipalities” (with Gerd Mühlheusser, Andreas Roider, Matthias Scherr & Niklas Wallmeier)

Discussion: **Andreas Lichter** (U Dortmund)

10:40 – 10:55 **Coffee Break**

10:55 – 12:35 *Session 4*

Technology

Anne Brockmeyer (World Bank)

“Algorithms and Bureaucrats: Evidence from Tax Audit Selection in Senegal”

(with Pierre Bachas, Alipio Ferreira & Bassirou Sarr)

Discussion: **Anna Bindler** (DIW Berlin)

Anders Jensen (Harvard)

“Technology and Tax Capacity: Evidence from Local Governments in Ghana”

(with James Dzansi, David Lagakos & Henry Telli)

Discussion: **Gianmarco León-Ciliotta** (UPF)

12:35 – 13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 – 14:30 *Keynote*

Jonas Hjort (UCL)

“Bias in the State: Theory and Evidence from Peru”

14:30 – 14:50 **Coffee Break**

14:50 – 15:40 *Session 5*

Bureaucrats

Justine Knebelmann (Sciences Po)

“Discretion versus Algorithms: Bureaucrats and Tax Equity in Senegal”

Discussion: **Claire Walsh** (Oxford and J-PAL)

15:40 – 15:45 Closing Remarks

Nadja Dwenger (U Hohenheim) and **Anna Gumpert** (U Tübingen)

End of Workshop