

BARCELONA GSE SUMMER FORUM 2015

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Barcelona GSE organizes the third **Barcelona GSE Summer Forum**. The Summer Forum is a series of independent workshops and policy events that cover the main fields of Economics. The Summer Forum will take place from June 8 to 20, 2015.

More detailed information on the Barcelona GSE Summer Forum 2015 and the previous editions is available on <http://www.barcelonagse.eu/summer-forum.html>

We would like to invite you to submit a paper to the **workshop** on:

THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF ELECTORAL POLITICS

Electoral processes are at the core of democracy, yet we still do not have a comprehensive theory to explain voters' and candidates' behavior. Exciting new research is being produced in both economics and political science trying to understand how political agents respond to different institutional constraints, to monetary and political incentives, or to new information. The goal of this workshop is to bring together scholars interested in understanding voter and candidate behavior under different institutional settings, both theoretically and empirically. Some examples of questions that we will address during the workshop are: What kinds of information generate changes in voter behavior, and to what effect? How do transparency and accountability affect politicians' incentives? What is the impact of different electoral systems on policy choices?

This workshop aims at creating an annual meeting of top researchers in political economy within the framework of the Barcelona GSE Summer Forum. It is a continuation of the workshops organized in 2013 and 2014 under the [same title](#), which counted with the participation of prominent scholars from all around the world. We encourage the submission of empirical and theoretical papers from economics and political science.

The workshop will run for one day, on June 15, 2015, and feature seven papers. Each presentation will last for an hour, including comments from a discussant and from the audience. Participants are welcome to stay for other workshops that will take place during the week, particularly the workshop on Political Institutions, which takes place on June 16 and 17, 2015.

The **deadline for submissions** is January 31, 2015. To submit a paper, please use this [LINK](#). Submissions should include either a full paper or an extended abstract with the main results. Authors chosen to present papers will be notified approximately by February 2015. A preliminary program will be announced by March 1, 2015.

We will accept around 7 papers for presentation in the workshop with formal discussants for each paper. Travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed to all presenters and discussants, according to specified guidelines.

The Barcelona GSE and the generous contribution from the Fundación BBVA will cover travel and accommodation expenses for speakers. The Barcelona GSE Summer Forum is supported by the Severo Ochoa Research Program (SEV2011-0075).

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