



## Workshop “The Public Administration and State Capacity”

Wednesday, June 04

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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“*

19:00    **Dinner – Plenum 1961 am Schlossgarten**

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| 9:00 – 10:40    | Session 3       | <b>Management</b><br><br><b>Alessandra Fenizia</b> (George Washington University)<br><i>“Management Consultancy in the Public Sector: Evidence from Greece”</i><br>(with Renata Lemos & Ioanna Pantelaiou)<br>Discussion: <b>Erika Deserranno</b> (Bocconi)<br><br><b>Florian Englmaier</b> (LMU Munich)<br><i>“Management and Performance in the Public Sector: Evidence from German Municipalities”</i> (with Gerd Mühlheusser, Andreas Roider, Matthias Scherr & Niklas Wallmeier)<br>Discussion: <b>Andreas Lichter</b> (U Dortmund) |
| 10:40 – 10:55   | Coffee Break    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:55 – 12:35   | Session 4       | <b>Technology</b><br><br><b>Anne Brockmeyer</b> (World Bank)<br><i>“Algorithms and Bureaucrats: Evidence from Tax Audit Selection in Senegal”</i><br>(with Pierre Bachas, Alipio Ferreira & Bassirou Sarr)<br>Discussion: <b>Anna Bindler</b> (DIW Berlin)<br><br><b>Anders Jensen</b> (Harvard)<br><i>“Technology and Tax Capacity: Evidence from Local Governments in Ghana”</i><br>(with James Dzansi, David Lagakos & Henry Telli)<br>Discussion: <b>Gianmarco León-Ciliotta</b> (UPF)                                               |
| 12:35 – 13:30   | Lunch           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13:30 – 14:30   | Keynote         | <b>Jonas Hjort</b> (UCL)<br><i>“Bias in the State: Theory and Evidence from Peru”</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14:30 – 14:50   | Coffee Break    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 14:50 – 15:40   | Session 5       | <b>Bureaucrats</b><br><br><b>Justine Knebelmann</b> (Sciences Po)<br><i>“Discretion versus Algorithms: Bureaucrats and Tax Equity in Senegal”</i><br>Discussion: <b>Claire Walsh</b> (Oxford and J-PAL)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 15:40 – 15:45   | Closing Remarks | <b>Nadja Dwenger</b> (U Hohenheim) and <b>Anna Gumpert</b> (U Tübingen)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| End of Workshop |                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

30' presentation, 5' discussion, 15' open discussion