

CONFERENCE

How Autocracies Work: Beyond the Electoral Paradigm

April 15-16, 2011

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The conference will focus on the pillars of modern authoritarian rule: repression, formal political institutions, and society's economic dependence on the autocratic regime. It is organized by Anna Grzymala-Busse, Ronald and Eileen Professor of Europe and Eurasia and Professor of Political Science.

Friday, April 15

8:30

Opening Remarks

8:45-10:45

Panel I: Regime Type and Authoritarian Durability

Chair: **Anna Grzymala-Busse**, U-M

Barbara Geddes, University of California Los Angeles

How the Military Shapes "Democratic" Institutions in Dictatorships

Milan Svobík, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The Regime Party as an Instrument of Authoritarian Co-optation and Control

Lucan Way, University of Toronto

Beyond Patronage: Party Cohesion, Violent Struggle, and Authoritarian Durability

Discussant: **Carles Boix**, Princeton University

11:00-1:00

Panel II: Economic Dependence: Public and Private Goods

Chair: **Mark Tessler**, U-M

Yuen Yuen Ang, Columbia University

Patronage Distribution in One-Party Regimes: Evidence from China's Public Employment

Bill Clark and **Paul Poast**, University of Michigan

Why Do Some Autocrats Overachieve? Political Competition and Material Well-being in Comparative Perspective

Ben Smith, University of Florida

Rethinking Rentierism: Toward More Meaningful Theories and Measures of Oil Politics

Discussant: **Brian Min**, U-M

1:00-2:30

Break

2:30-4:30

Panel III: Repression and Rule by Law

Chair: **Rob Mickey**, U-M

Dan Brinks and **Abby Blass**, University of Texas at Austin

Dictators and Their Courts: Judicial Institutions in Latin America from 1975 to 2009

Dan Slater and **Sofia Fenner**, University of Chicago

State Power and Staying Power: Inherited Infrastructure and the Coalitional Dynamics of Authoritarian Durability

Beatriz Magaloni, Stanford University

Repressing the Masses: Theory and Evidence on Autocrats' Reaction to Civil Protest

Discussant: **Mary Gallagher**, U-M

4:30

Graduate Student Poster Session

Trevor Johnston, University of Michigan

Public Jobs as Private Goods: Credible Commitment without Institutional Change

Andrea Jones-Rooy, University of Michigan

The Strategic Coverage of International Affairs by Autocracies

Nam Kyu Kim, University of Michigan

Economic Shocks and Coups

Shaun McGirr, University of Michigan

Bureaucratic Politics as a Substitute for Electoral Competition

Michael Miller, Princeton University

Elections, Information, and Policy Responsiveness in Hybrid Regimes

Dominic Nardi, University of Michigan

Judicial Empowerment under Authoritarian Regimes: Preliminary Cross-National Tests and Comparisons

Michael Robbins, University of Michigan

Opposition Party Success under Electoral Authoritarianism: Is Islam the Solution?

Hesham Sallam, Georgetown University

Indispensable Arbiters: Islamists, Economic Reform and Authoritarian Renewal

Kharis Templeman, University of Michigan

Executive Selection in Competitive Autocracies: Do Parliamentary CAs Last Longer?

Manuel Viedma, University of Chicago

Factionalism and Cohesion under Military Rule: Evidence from Egypt, Brazil, and Argentina

Keith Weghorst, University of Florida

Structuring Electoral Outcomes in Dominant Party Systems: Opposition and Incumbent Party Strategies in Tanzania

Saturday, April 16

9:00-11:00

Panel IV: Leaders and Institutions

Chair: **Kenneth McElwain**, U-M

Lisa Blaydes, Stanford University

The Feudal Revolution and Europe's Rise: Institutional Divergence in the Muslim and Christian Worlds before 1500 CE

Mario Chacón, New York University Abu Dhabi

Repression, Electoral Competition and Political Change: A Cross-National Analysis

Tom Pepinsky, Cornell University

Rochester and Murdoch in Kuala Lumpur

Discussant: **Allen Hicken**, U-M