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“The Emergence of Institutions” Edinburgh, May 16-17, 2008.



Friday May 16th

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| 10.00 – 10.30 | Registration |
| 10.30 – 11.30 | “On the Faustian Dynamics of Policy and Political Power” by Roger Lagunoff (Georgetown University).
Discussant: Alexander Kovalenkov (University of Glasgow). |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | “Self-enforcing norms and efficient non- cooperative collective action in the provision of public goods” by Kai Konrad (WZB).
Discussant: Jakub Steiner (University of Edinburgh). |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch. |
| 13.30 – 14.30 | “Adverse Selection and Institutional Change in Eighteenth Century Marine Insurance” by Chris Kingston (Amherst College).
Discussant: Céline Azémar (University of Glasgow). |
| 14.30 – 15.30 | “Climbing the Hierarchical Ladders of Rules: the Dynamics of Institutional Framework” by Eric Brousseau (Université de Paris X).
Discussant: Gonzalo Forges-Puccio (University of St Andrews). |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee break. |

- 16.00 – 17.00 “Custom in the Shadow of the Formal Law: An Economic Analysis” by **Jean-Philippe Platteau** (University of Namur).
Discussant: Philippe LeMay-Boucher (Heriot-Watt University).
- 17.00 – 18.00 “Norm Flexibility and Innovative Activity” by **Giovanni Immordino** (Università di Salerno).
Discussant: Kohei Kawamura (University of Edinburgh).
- 20.30 – Dinner at the New Bell restaurant.
(<http://www.thenewbell.com/>).

Saturday May 17th

- 09.00 – 10.00 “On the Optimal Number of Representatives” by **Emmanuelle Auriol** (Toulouse School of Economics).
Discussant: Sascha Mohr (University of Edinburgh).
- 10.00 – 11.00 “Self-enforcing Democracy” by **James Fearon** (Stanford University).
Discussant: Colin Jennings (University of Strathclyde).
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break.
- 11.30 – 12.30 “How Do Political Institutions Work? Veto Players, Intertemporal Interactions, and Policy Adaptability” by **Mariano Tommasi** (Universidad de San Andrés).
Discussant: Loukas Balafoutas (University of Edinburgh).
- 12.30 – 13.30 “The Emergence of Institutions” by **Santiago Sánchez-Pagés** (University of Edinburgh).
Discussant: Erika Seki (University of Aberdeen).
- 13.30 – 15.30 Lunch.
- 15.30 – 17.00 Visit to the Scottish Parliament.
(<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/>).