Preliminary Program for

The Structure and Evolution of Institutions
CDDRL-SIEPR Workshop at Stanford University

November 4 - 6, 2005

Organized by Douglas Bernheim, Avinash Dixit, Eva Meyersson Milgrom

Format for paper presentations: 1 hour total, 30 minutes for author, 20 for formal discussant, 10 for floor discussion

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2005

THE STATE AND ITS INSTITUTIONS

9:30-10:30 am Roger Myerson, University of Chicago - “Leadership, Trust, and Constitutions”
Discussants: Roger Noll, SCID, Stanford University; and Ravi Singh, Harvard Business School

10:30-11:00 am Break

11:00am-12:00 pm Christina Gathmann, Stanford University and Henning Hillman, Stanford University - “A License to Loot: Privateering and Property Rights as Private Goods”
Discussants: Jeremy Weinstein, Political Science Department, Stanford University; and Steve Tadelis, Haas Business School, UC Berkeley

12:15-1:15 pm Lunch

1:15-2:15 pm James Fearon, Stanford University and Francine Anene, Stanford University - “Civil War and Economic Growth”
Discussants: Robert Hall, Department of Economics, Stanford University; and Orazio Attanazio, Department of Economics, Stanford University / Eva Meyersson Milgrom SIEPR Stanford University

2:15-3:15 pm Omar Al-Ubaydli, University of Chicago - “Diamonds Are a Dictator’s Best Friend: Natural Resources and the Tradeoff between Development and Authoritarianism”
Discussants: Gerard Padro, GSB Stanford University; and Gavin Wright, Department of Economics, Stanford University

3:15-3:30 pm Break

3:30-4:30 pm Barry Weingast, Stanford University - “What Makes Some Constitutions Stable”
Discussants: Kenneth Arrow, Stanford University; and John Hatfield, GSB, Stanford University

6:00 pm Dinner at SIEPR
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2005

COMMUNITY-BASED AND NON-STATE INSTITUTIONS

9:00-10:00 am  Jean Ensminger, California Institute of Technology - “Designing Development: A Case Study in Failure and Corruption in Rural Africa”
Discussants: Paul Milgrom, Department of Economics, Stanford University; and Mark Granovetter, Department of Sociology, Stanford University

10:00-11:00 am  Karla Hoff, The World Bank and Priyanka Pandey, Pennsylvania State University - “Belief Systems and Durable Inequalities: An Experimental Investigation of Indian Caste”
Discussants: Doug Bernheim, Stanford University; and Anjini Kochar, SCID, Stanford University

11:00-11:15 am  Break

11:15 am-12:15 pm  Marcel Fafchamps, Oxford University and Flore Gubert, DIAL “Contingent Loan Repayment in the Philippines”
Discussants: Avinash Dixit, Department of Economics, Princeton University; and Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Political Science Department, Stanford University

12:15-1:15 pm  Lunch

1:15-2:15 pm  Ran Abramitzky, Stanford University - “The Limits of Equality: An Economic Analysis of the Israeli Kibbutz”
Discussants: Joel Sobel, Department of Economics, UCSD; and Henning Hillman, Department of Sociology, Stanford University

2:15-3:15 pm  Peter Lorentzen, Stanford University - “Pointing Fingers: Social Enforcement with Mutual Recrimination”
Discussant: Adam Szeidl, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley; and Guillermina Jasso, Department of Sociology, NYU

3:15-15:30 pm  Break

3:30-4:30 pm  Beatriz Magaloni, Stanford University “Why Governments Steal Elections: Voting under Autocracy”
Discussants: Ernesto Dal Bo, Haas School of Business, UC Berkeley; and Ken Shotts, GSB, Stanford University

6:00 pm  Dinner at Meyersson Milgrom Residence
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2005

COMMITMENT, COERSION AND OTHER DEVICES

9:00-10:00 am    Avner Greif, Stanford University - “Commitment, Coercion and Markets; the Dynamics of Contract Enforcement and Political Institutions”
Discussant: Robert Powell, Political Science Department, UC Berkeley;
and John Meyer, Department of Sociology and FSIS, Stanford University

10:30-11:15 am    A Talk by Larry Diamond, Stanford University - “On Democratic Development and Regime Change”

11:15-11:30 am    Break

11:30-12:30 pm    Round table discussion on future research and workshops. Chairman Avinash Dixit. Themes will include network theory, game theory, the political economy approach, experimental and historic research, and ethnographic work.

12:30            Lunch