

Politics and Sovereign Debt in Latin America in Historical Perspective Workshop
São Paulo School of Economics, Fundação Getúlio Vargas
São Paulo, 21-22 August 2017

DAY 1

8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee.

9.00 - 09.30 Opening and welcome: Leonardo Weller (FGV) and Coskun Tuncer (UCL)

09.30 - 11.00 Session 1: Origins of sovereign debt and fiscal capacity

Gail Triner (Rutgers) – “The Early Global Financial Market for Sovereign Borrowers: 1824-1852”

Andrea Papadia (LSE) – “Plantation Owners, Slaves and the Historical Origin of Local Fiscal Capacity in Brazil”

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee

11.30 – 13.00 Session 2: Creditors vs sovereigns before 1914

Juan Flores (Genève) – “Public Debt and Foreign Control in mid-19th Century Latin America”

Cyrus Veese (Bentley) – “Sovereign Debt and Sovereignty in the Dominican Republic, 1893-1905”

13:00- 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Session 3: Creditors vs sovereigns after 1914

Noel Maurer (George Washington) and Leticia Arroyo Abad (Middlebury) – “Can Europe Run Greece? Lessons from U.S. Fiscal Receiverships in Latin America, 1904-31”

Giselle Datz (Virginia Tech) – “Deviant Debt: Reputation, Litigation, and Outlier Effects in Argentina’s Debt Restructuring”

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee

16.00 - 17.30 Session 4: Crises and currency

Sebastián Alvarez (Genève) – “International Money Markets, Liquidity Risk and Financial Cooperation in the Wake of the Latin American Debt Crisis of 1982”

Bernardo Wjuniski (LSE) – “Guiding the Invisible Hand: Multiple Exchange Rates and State Financing in Brazil, 1953-1961”

19:30 Dinner

DAY 2

10:00 – 12:00 Session 5: Politics and state finance

Claudio Agostini and Gonzalo Islas (Adolfo Ibañez) – “Income Tax Evolution in Chile: Interest Groups and Inequality”

Carlo Edoardo Altamura (Genève) – “South of The Border, West of The Sun: Banks, Debt, And Dictatorships in Latin America During 1970s”

Kurt Mettenheim (FGV) – “Brazilian financial statecraft in historical perspective.”

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 - 14.30 Session 6: The European periphery

Rui Esteves (Oxford) – “A Portuguese Twist? Sovereign Debt Management in an Emerging Country, 1869-1890”

Mathias Morys (York)- “Greece in a Monetary Union: Lessons from 100 Years of Exchange-Rate Experience”

14.30 - 15.00 Coffee

15.00 - 16.00 Closing lecture: William Summerhill (UCLA)