

PIER Conference on Political Economy

University of Pennsylvania
Room 1206, Steinberg Hall - Dietrich Hall

September 16-17, 2005

Program

Friday, September 16

- 2:00-3:15pm Guillaume Frechette (NYU), Francois Maniquet (University of Namur) and **Massimo Morelli** (Ohio State University)
“Endogenous Affirmative Action: Gender Bias Leads to Gender Quotas.”
- 3:15-4:30pm **Roland Benabou** (Princeton University) and Jean Tirole (IDEI-Toulouse and MIT)
“Belief in a Just World and Redistributive Politics.”
- 4:30-5:00pm *Coffee Break*
- 5:00-6:15pm **Andrea Mattozzi** (Caltech) and Antonio Merlo (University of Pennsylvania)
“Political Careers or Career Politicians?”
- 6:30-9:30pm *Reception and Dinner*

Saturday, September 17

- 9:30-10:45am **Stephen Coate** (Cornell University) and Brian Knight (Brown University)
“Socially Optimal Districting.”
- 10:45-11:15am *Coffee Break*
- 11:15-12:30pm **Gene Grossman** (Princeton University) and Elhanan Helpman (Harvard University)
“Party Discipline and Pork Barrel Politics”

- 12:30-2:00pm *Lunch*
- 2:00-3:15pm **Tim Besley** (LSE) and Ian Preston (University College, London)
“Electoral Bias and Policy Choice: Theory and Evidence.”
- 3:15-4:30pm **David Baron** (Stanford University) and Daniel Diermeier
(Northwestern University)
“Private Politics and Strategic Activism.”
- 4:30-5:00pm *Coffee Break*
- 5:00-6:15pm **Matthew Jackson** (Caltech) and Massimo Morelli (Ohio State
University)
“War and Wealth.”
- 6:30-9:30pm *Conference Dinner*