The Political Economy of Bureaucrats: Careers, Incentives, Rules, and Behavior

Organizers: Claire Lim (Cornell and Princeton) and Charles Cameron (Princeton)
Friday, May 8
300 Wallace Hall
Princeton University

40 minutes for presentation, 15 minutes for discussion, 10 minutes for Q&A

9:20-9:50am Registration, Coffee and Pastry

9:50-10:00am Opening Remarks

10:00-11:05am Speaker: W. Bentley MacLeod (Columbia University) Co-author: Elliott Ash (Columbia)

Title: “Intrinsic Motivation in Public Service: Theory and Evidence from State Supreme Courts”

Discussant: John Kastellec (Princeton University)

11:05-11:20am Coffee break

11:20-12:25pm Speaker: Charles Cameron (Princeton University)

Title: “Quitting in Protest: A Theory of Presidential Policy Making and Agency Response”

Discussant: Tiberiu Dragu (New York University)

12:25-1:40pm Lunch

1:40-2:45 pm Speaker: Andrea Prat (Columbia University) Co-authors: Stephen Hansen (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and GSE) and Michael McMahon (University of Warwick)

Title: “Transparency and Deliberation within the FOMC: A Computation Linguistics Approach”

Discussant: Nolan McCarty (Princeton University)

2:45-3:00pm Coffee break

3:00-4:05pm Speaker: Hanming Fang (University of Pennsylvania) Co-authors: Quanlin Gu and Li-An Zhou (Peking University)

Title: “The Gradients of Power: Evidence from the Chinese Housing Market”

Discussant: Marko Klašnja (New York University and Princeton)

4:05-4:20pm Coffee break

4:20-5:25pm Speaker: Michael Ting (Columbia University) Co-authors: Micael Castanheira (Universite Libre de Bruxelles and New York University), Helios Herrera (HEC Montreal), and Massimo Morelli (Bocconi and Columbia)

Title: “Comparative Bureaucracy”

Discussant: Sanford Gordon (New York University)