“UNIONS AND THE POLITICS OF INEQUALITY”

Workshop Program
Location: University of Geneva, Uni Mail–room Baud Bovy 08

April 13, 2018

9.00-9.15 Introduction

9.15-10.15 Panel #1: Identifying union effects with panel data
Sinisa Hadziabdic (Geneva) and Lucio Baccaro (Geneva), “Selection, anticipation or molding? Union effects on political attitudes.”
Discussant: Jonas Pontusson

10.30-13.00 Panel #2: Unionization as an outcome
John Ahlquist (UC San Diego), "Using the China Shock to learn about unionization and using unionization to learn about the China Shock."
Magnus Rasmussen (Institute for Social Research, Oslo), “Organizing immigrants: Organized labor in the Age of Migration.”
Discussant: Lucio Baccaro

14.00-15.45 Panel #3: Union organization, distributive norms and policy preferences
Dennie Oude Nijhuis (Leiden), "Labor Unions and the politics of postwar wage compression: An comparison of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom."
Nadja Mosimann (Geneva) and Jonas Pontusson (Geneva), “Union membership and support for redistribution: Within-country heterogeneity.”
Discussant: John Ahlquist

16.00-17.45 Panel #4: Unions as political actors
Michael Becher (Institute for Advanced Study, Toulouse) and Konstantin Käppner (Konstanz), “Labor unions and unequal representation.”
Philip Rathgeb (Konstanz), “Organized Labor and the Eurozone crisis.”
Discussant: Lucio Baccaro

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9.00-11.15 Panel #5: Union membership and voting
Nadja Mosimann (Geneva), “Unions as agents of electoral mobilization in times of inequality.”
Line Rennwald (Geneva) and Jonas Pontusson (Geneva), “Paper Stones revisited: Class voting, unionization and the decline of the mainstream Left.”
Discussant: John Ahlquist

11.30-12.30 Wrap-up discussion