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**SAN SERVULO SERVIZI**

# **Public Procurement and Sustainable Growth**

## **October, 20 and 21, 2011**

### **San Servolo Island, Venice**

**October, 20 – Thursday**  
**13.00 - 13.30**

**Invited speaker**  
**13.30 - 14.30**

**SESSION 1**  
**14.30 - 16.30**

**16.15 – 16.50**

**SESSION 2**  
**16.50 - 18.50**

**20.00**

**Welcome coffee & Welcome address:**  
Antonio Estache (ECARES and CEPR)

***“Public Procurement with Incomplete Contracts: Hazards and Implied Costs”***  
**Steve Tadelis (University of California, Berkeley)**  
*Chair: Paola Valbonesi (University of Padova)*

**PPP and Infrastructures**  
*Chair: Luciano Greco (University of Padova)*

Iossa E.; Martimort D.: *“Risk Allocation and the Costs and Benefits of PPPs”*

Hoppe E.; Schmitz P.: *“PPP versus Traditional Procurement: Innovation Incentives and Information Gathering”*

Benamghar R.; limi A.: *“Efficiency in Public Procurement and Local Business Development in Rural Road Sector in Nepal”*

Blancas L.; Chioda L.; Cordella T.; Oliveira A.; Vardy F.: *“Do Procurement Rules Impact Infrastructure Investment Efficiency?”*

**Coffee-break**

**Collusion and Favouritism**  
*Chair: Fabrizio Balassone (Bank of Italy)*

Chong E.; Yvrande-Billon A.; Staropoli C.: *“The Auction versus Negotiation in Public Procurement Under Political Scrutiny”*

Auriol E.; Flochel T.; Straub S.: *“Public Procurement and Rent-Seeking: the Case of Paraguay”*

Arozamena L.; Shunda N.; Weinschelbaum F.: *“Optimal Non-discriminatory Auctions with Favoritism”*

Conley T. G.; Decarolis F.: *“Detecting Bidders' Groups in Collusive Auctions: Evidence from Average Bid Auctions”*

**Social Dinner**

October, 21 – Friday

8.00 – 8.30

**SESSION 3A**  
8.45 - 10.15

**Working Breakfast**

**Restricted Auctions (3A) and Subcontracting (3B)**

*Chair: Stefano Galavotti (University of Padova)*

Chever L.; Saussier S.; Yvrande-Billon A.: *“The Law of Small Numbers: Investigating the Benefits of Restricted Auctions for Public Procurement”*

Buccioli A.; Chillemi O.; Palazzi G.: *“Cost Overrun and Auction Format in Public Works”*

Coviello D.; Guglielmo A.; Spagnolo G.: *“Open vs Restricted Auctions in Procurement: Evidence from Regression Discontinuity”*

10.15 – 10.45

**SESSION 3B**  
10.45 - 11.45

**Coffee-break**

Miller D.P.: *“Subcontracting and Competitive Bidding on Incomplete Procurement Contracts”*

Moretti L.; Valbonesi P.: *“Public Procurement Performance and Subcontracting”*

**SESSION 4**  
11.45 - 13.15

**YOUNG RESEARCHERS Session**

*Chair: Steve Tadelis (University of California, Berkeley)*

De Chiara A.: *“Holding an Auction for the Wrong Project”*

Barbosa K.; Fiuza E.: *“Demand Aggregation and Credit Risk Effects in Pooled Procurement: Evidence from the Brazilian Public Purchases of Pharmaceuticals and Medical Supplies”*

Moore J. J.: *“How Well Incomplete Cartels Anticipate Outside Bids? An Empirical Analysis of French Construction Bid-Rigging Cases”*

13.15 – 14.30

**Round Table**  
14.30 - 16.10

**Lunch – buffet**

**Which Policies for Effective Public Procurement?**

*Chair: Antonio Estache (ECARES and CEPR)*

Fabrizio Balassone (Bank of Italy)

Andrea Camanzi (Italian Authority on Public Procurement, AVCP)

Sofia Lundberg (Umeå University, Committee of Inquiry on Public Procurement)

16.10 – 16.30

**Invited speaker**  
16.30 - 17.30

**Coffee-break**

***“Set-Asides and Subsidies in Auctions”***

**Jonathan Levin (Stanford University)**

*Chair: Giancarlo Spagnolo (SITE-Stockholm School of Economics, EIEF and CEPR)*

17.30

**End of the conference**

**Organisers:**

**Antonio Estache, Giancarlo Spagnolo, Paola Valbonesi**

**Scientific Committee:**

**Patrick Bajari, Giacomo Calzolari, Juan José Ganuza, Elisabetta Iossa, Jonathan Levin, Claudio Mezzetti, Stéphane Saussier, Pablo Spiller, Steve Tadelis and Tommaso Valletti.**

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