Latin American Workshop in Law and Economics

The Henry G. Manne Program in Law & Economics Studies
Law & Economics Center
George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School
Wednesday, November 18 – Friday, November 20, 2026
Hazel Hall, 3301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201

Agenda

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Wednesday, November 18

6:30 – 8:30 pm **Reception and Dinner**, *Circa*

Thursday, November 19

All sessions will be held in Hazel Hall 215

7:00 – 7:50 am **Breakfast**, *on own at hotel*

7:50 – 8:20 am **Walk from hotel to Antonin Scalia Law School**

8:20 – 8:30 am **Welcome Remarks**

Daniel B. Kelly, Allison and Dorothy Rouse Dean and George Mason University Professor of Law, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Donald Kochan, Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Law & Economics Center (LEC), George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

Nuno Garoupa, Professor of Law and Faculty Director of Graduate Studies, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School

8:30 – 10:15 am **Session 1: Law and Policy**

Chair: Joyce Sadka

Frances Xu Lee, *Waiver of the Proffer Statement Right*.

Yijia Lu, *Legal Uncertainty and Factual Uncertainty* (with Gunnar Nordén).

Joyce Sadka, *AI-based Legal Advice: Evidence from Labor Conciliation in Mexico.*

10:15 – 10:45 am **Break**

10:45 – 12:30 pm **Session 2: Law and Behavioral Incentives**

Chair: Mauricio Bugarin

Andrei Gomberg, *When Should the Jurors Talk: Timing of Communication and Rational Ignorance* (with Diego Aycinena and Lucas Rentschler).

Mauricio Bugarin, *Income Inequality and Congressional Campaign Finance: Evidence from U.S. House Districts, 2006–2022* (with Rodrigo Schneider).

Jorge Streb, *Adam Smith and an Impartial Judicial System: Incentive and Selection Problems.*

12:30 – 1:30 pm **Boxed Lunch**

1:30 – 3:15 pm **Session 3: Law and Economics Theory**

Chair: Mauricio Bugarin

Cesar Martinelli, *Is Cheaper Democracy Better?* (with Hans Gersbach and Egor Kravchenko).

Scott Baker, *Evidence Thresholds* (with Giri Parameswaran)**.**

Abraham Wickelgren, *The Alarmist's Dilemma* (with Frances Lee and Shmuel Leshem).

3:15 – 3:30 pm **Break**

3:30 – 5:15 pm **Session 4: Regulation and Innovation**

Chair: Jorge Streb

Daniel Ferrés, *Elite Venture Capitalists* (with Luiz Bissoto).

Álvaro Bustos, *The 'CorE' Dynamics of Corporate Soft-Regulation Compliance: Theory and Evidence from an Emerging Market.*

Bernardo Mueller, *Smartphones, Social Media and the Mental Health of Nations.*

5:15 – 6:30 pm **Afternoon Break**

6:30 – 8:00 pm **Dinner**, *Lyon Hall*

Friday, November 20

All sessions will be held in Hazel Hall 215

7:00 – 8:00 am **Breakfast**, *on own at hotel*

8:00 – 8:30 am **Walk from hotel to Antonin Scalia Law School**

8:30 – 10:00 am **Session 5: Keynote Address**

Chair: Nuno Garoupa

Todd Zywicki, *The Efficiency of the Common Law*.

10:00 – 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 am – 12:15 pm **Session 6: Rule of Law**

Chair: Daniel Ferrés

Amanda Driscoll, *Judicial Independence Beyond the Bench: How Court Capture Reshapes the Legal Profession.*

Diana Kapiszewski, *Democratic Backsliding: Conceptual Foundations* (with Simon Ballesteros).

Vanessa Casado, *Judicial Councils under Polarization: Paralysis as a Failure Mode of Judicial Self-Government in Spain* (with Nuno Garoupa).

12:30 – 1:30 pm **Boxed Lunch**

1:30 pm **LAWLE 2027 Announcements, Program Adjourns**

3:00pm **Library of the Congress group tour**

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