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TÍTULO PROYECTO : REDISTRIBUTION POLICIES AND CANDIDATES' WEALTH

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**OBJETIVOS**

Cumplimiento de los Objetivos planteados en la etapa final, o pendientes de cumplir. Recuerde que en esta sección debe referirse a objetivos desarrollados, NO listar actividades desarrolladas.

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Otro(s) aspecto(s) que Ud. considere importante(s) en la evaluación del cumplimiento de objetivos planteados en la propuesta original o en las modificaciones autorizadas por los Consejos.
RESULTS OBTAINED:
For each specific goal, describe or summarize the results obtained. Relate each one to work already published and/or manuscripts submitted. In the Annex section include additional information deemed pertinent and relevant to the evaluation process. The maximum length for this section is 5 pages. (Arial or Verdana, font size 10).

The first result of the project was to complete, submit and publish the paper initiated in my thesis: "Income and Democracy: Evidence for Nonlinear Estimations", with Jess Benhabib and Mark Spiegel. While this publication was not a specific goal of the project, it can be considered as a work that precedes the others, both in terms of contents (political economy, democracy) and empirical methods (panel data estimation).

Regarding the specific goals of the project, the initial proposal was to write, submit and publish two papers on exogenous and endogenous restrictions for office, respectively. As the results of these objectives, I wrote two papers which are included as an additional material to evaluate this project (see item ANEXOS). However, none of them have been submitted for publication. In this sense, the project was too ambitious in terms of the times and deadlines involved.

The manuscript "Universal Suffrage or Universal Office?" deals with exogenous qualifications for office implemented worldwide during the 19th century. The very idea of the paper is that universal suffrage was extended at the same time that tight restrictions were imposed to run for office. Accordingly, the study of the removal of restrictions for voting must be complemented with reforms to qualifications for office. The paper first develops a theoretical model, which shows that our arguments are coherent with a citizen-candidate framework. Secondly, it includes an empirical section that merges different data sets in order to provide evidence of our hypotheses using the 13 US colonies from 1776 to 1900. It is worth to notice that the paper was completely changed with respect to the previous version, presented at the end of the first year of the project. The theoretical part was rewritten from a completely new perspective, and the econometric section was included to provide empirical evidence of our arguments using data from the 19th century in the US.
The manuscript "Redistribution in a Citizen-Candidate model" deals with endogenous qualifications for office. The main puzzle we would like to explain is why democracy does not imply large levels of redistribution. We explain that politicians are typically very rich, and we study why the majoritarian poor groups are not competing and winning the office. We show that even in the case of complete markets, the cost of participation precludes the entry of the members of the poor majority. The very advantage of the poor, namely to be the majority, is diluted since the individual net benefits of participation are lower for the major group. We generalize the simple model we introduced in the application of this project, and we discuss several theoretical applications.
ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT:
- Research visit(s) to other institution(s).
- Outreach activities related to the projects main topic.
- Any other contribution, not addressed elsewhere, that you consider important.

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The major achievements of the project are the following:

- To publish a paper on a topic related to the project. To write two papers on the specific topics of the project. To present one of those papers on two national seminars (USACH and SECHI) and two international seminars (UC3M, Salamanca).

- To consolidate a research relationship with Sergio Vicente, from Universidad Carlos III. Sergio visited Chile during January 2014, and currently he is one of the coauthors of the paper "Universal Suffrage or Universal Office?", in which he provides a theoretical update of the model. On September 2014, I visited Carlos III and we finished the writing of the second paper "Redistribution in a Citizen Candidate Model".

- To initiate a research relation with Pablo Querubín, from the Department of Political Science, NYU. Pablo, as an expert in nineteenth century elites, was very enthusiastic with the project, and currently he is one of the coauthors of the paper "Universal Suffrage or Universal Office?", in which he provided a very valuable empirical contribution. With the resources of this project, we plan to meet with Pablo on December to finish the paper. He will also participate in the first workshop in Political Economy, organized by B.Villena, M.Triossi, P.Valdivieso and I, here in Chile.
COOPERACIÓN INTERNACIONAL

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Describa las actividades realizadas y resultados obtenidos. Destaque su contribución al logro de los objetivos del proyecto. Si es pertinente, indique las publicaciones conjuntas generadas, haciendo referencia a lo informado en la etapa Productos. Agregue en la etapa anexos la información necesaria.

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