The delivery of handouts, public sector jobs, and “pork” for electoral gain remains a ubiquitous feature of political systems. In Latin America, politicians devote considerable time and resources to maintain distribution networks that connect voters to their parties. Voters use these networks to communicate preferences to parties, and party brokers in turn deliver resources to voters. In this talk, Professor Calvo uses novel survey instruments to measure the size and structure of partisan networks in Argentina and Chile and assesses how these networks affect the delivery of resources and determine voter behavior.

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