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## Café Break Series



### **Political Networks, Redistribution, and Elections in Argentina and Chile** **By: Ernesto Calvo**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 9th

**Time:** 3:30 pm

**Location:** Francis Scott Key Bldg. 2120

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.

**Ernesto Calvo** is Associate Professor of Political Science at UMCP. He is currently completing a book manuscript on legislative success in Latin America and working on a long term project on patronage networks, electoral regimes, and redistribution.