



School of **Sociology,  
Philosophy, Criminology,  
Government, and Politics**

## **Behavioral and Experimental Public Choice Workshop Call for Papers and Graduate Student Participation**

April 23, 2019 – Graduate Student Course (see below)

April 24 and 25, 2019 – Workshop

Cork, Ireland: University College Cork

### **Aim of the workshop**

Public choice research has significantly increased our understanding of the incentives of public actors (e.g., heads of state, judges, and police) in non-market environments (e.g., political, legal) within which economic activities take place. However, much of the public choice literature is still based on theoretical assumptions about individual behavior or on field data from surveys that are not specifically tailored to answer the questions raised by theory. In recent decades, there has been a call from within economics to use experiments to examine preferences of actors that involve *both* wealth *and* non-wealth maximizing behavior. Together with theory and field data, experiments allow us to understand traditional public choice phenomena (bargaining, bureaucracies, communication, elections, information, legislatures) as well as more behavioral topics in collective decision-making (the role of risk, culture, emotions, institutions, norms) in greater depth.

The aim of the *Behavioral and Experimental Public Choice Workshop* is to unite researchers working across disciplines in order to discuss how the experimental method and behavioral insights can improve our understanding of a variety of public choice and collective decision-making topics.

[Louis Putterman](#) (Brown University) will be our distinguished keynote speaker.

The first two editions of the workshop took place in Lille in 2017 and 2018, and we were able to bring together distinguished scholars. The list of speakers included Jean-Robert Tyran, Dan Houser, Tom Stratmann, Marie-Claire Villeval, Rebecca Morton, and Ernesto Reuben among others. More information about the previous editions is available at <https://anthropo-lab.com/events/>

### **Paper submission**

We invite interested researchers to submit an abstract (not exceeding 500 words, including title and co-authors) online at [gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_7PBUnepC4nv4MFD](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7PBUnepC4nv4MFD). Submissions of full manuscripts, if available and even in draft form, are also encouraged. Only PDF submissions will be accepted. The **submission deadline is February 1, 2019**. Decisions of acceptance will be announced

by February 15, 2019.

### **Workshop location**

The workshop will be held at [University College Cork](#), in the North Wing Council Room. Cork is the Irish Republic's second city, European headquarters and R&D campus of Apple, Pfizer, and other major global companies, and famous for traditional artisanal foods, Murphy's and Beamish stout ales, and historic architecture. <http://www.irishexaminer.com/lifestyle/travel/hidden-gems-the-best-things-to-do-in-cork-332551.html>

Presenters will be accommodated at The River Lee Hotel, <https://www.doylecollection.com/hotels/the-river-lee-hotel>, Cork's 4-star hotel on the river in downtown Cork.

### **Organizers**

Gregory J. DeAngelo (Claremont Graduate University), Glenn Harrison (CEAR, Georgia State University), Johanna Mollerstrom (George Mason University), Rustam Romaniuc (ETHICS, Catholic University of Lille), and Don Ross (University College Cork, University of Cape Town, and CEAR) are the organizers of this workshop. Funding is being provided by CEAR at Georgia State ([cear.gsu.edu](http://cear.gsu.edu)) and ETHICS at the Catholic University of Lille (<https://lilleethics.com/>). Should you have questions, please contact Rustam Romaniuc at [rustam.romaniuc@univ-catholille.fr](mailto:rustam.romaniuc@univ-catholille.fr) about the substance of the workshop, and contact [cear@gsu.edu](mailto:cear@gsu.edu) with questions about participation and logistics.

### **Graduate Student Course and Travel Assistance**

As part of the Behavioral and Experimental Public Choice Workshop, we are excited to offer a one-day *Behavioral and Experimental Public Choice Course* that is geared toward graduate students. During the course, students will be given exposure to the models and techniques currently being utilized by researchers in this space. Additionally, the instructors will provide overviews of current research and areas of interest for future research that graduate students could explore in their dissertation work. To apply, we ask that you submit a 250-word application that explains why you would like to attend the workshop and course. Submissions can be entered at the following website – [gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3emXwn88TTjAGln](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3emXwn88TTjAGln)

Additionally, please indicate if your university can support your travel expenses in any way. Lastly, for those interested in attending, a limited number of [Hayek travel fellowships](#) will be made available from the Institute for Humane Studies.