Democracy in Africa Conference
October 23 & 24, 2015
Joukowsky Forum, 1st Floor, Watson Institute, 111 Thayer Street

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

9:00  Opening Remarks – Patrick Heller, Brown University
9:15  Keynote Address: “Democracy and Development in Africa” – James Robinson, University of Chicago

10:15  Break

10:30  Panel I: Challenges to Democracy
Chair: Patricia Agupusi, Brown University
Presenters:
Rob Blair, Brown University, “In-Group Policing (Literally): Lab-in-the-Field Evidence on Discrimination, Cooperation and Ethnic Balancing in the Liberian National Police”
Adrienne LeBas, American University, “The Limits of Elite Manipulation: Explaining Persistent Electoral Violence in Africa”
Darren Kew, University of Massachusetts, Boston

1:00  Panel II: Political Competition in Africa
Chair: Lina Fruzzetti
Presenters:
Lucy Martin (with Pia Raffler), University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, “Fault Lines: Blame and Electoral Accountability in Uganda Local Government”
Abdeslam Maghraoui, Duke University, “Shifting the Blame: The Logic of Authoritarian Elections in Morocco”

2:30  Coffee Break
2:45  **Panel III: Public Goods, Representation, and Democratic Consolidation** – Chair: Anani Dzidzienyoo, Brown University

*Presenters:*

**Gretchen Bauer**, University of Delaware, “Democracy and Women’s Representation in Sub-Saharan Africa”

**Katherine Baldwin**, Yale University, “Hereditary Chiefs, Elected Politicians, and Informal Taxation: Evidence from Zambia”

**Cyril Daddieh**, Miami University, “Democratic Consolidation in Africa Over the Long Haul: The Successful Case of Ghana”

4:15  **Closing Remarks** – Glenn Loury, Brown University

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*SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th*

9:00  **Panel I: The United Nations in Africa** – Chair: Nitsan Chorev, Brown University

*Presenters:*

**Congressman David Cicilline**, First District of Rhode Island

**Ambassador Mary Beth Leonard**, Naval War College

**Brian Atwood**, Brown University