

# Conference Program

Conference on Ideal Point Models

May 1–2, 2015, at MIT

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## Friday, May 1

- 8:30 Breakfast and registration
- 9:15 Welcome and opening remarks
- 9:30 Benjamin Lauderdale and Tom Clark, “Estimating Vote-Specific Preferences from Roll-Call Data Using Conditional Autoregressive Priors” (Discussant: Devin Caughey)
- 10:45 Alex Tahk, “Properties of Ideal-Point Estimators” (Discussant: Teppei Yamamoto)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Roundtable: Keith Poole, Kevin Quinn, Howard Rosenthal, and Jeff Lewis (Moderator: Chris Warshaw)
- 2:15 Chris Tausanovitch and Jeff Lewis, “When Does Joint Scaling Allow For Direct Comparisons of Preferences?” (Discussant: Mike Bailey)
- 3:30 Stephen Jessee, “(How) Can We Estimate the Ideology of Citizens and Political Elites on the Same Scale?” (Discussant: Seth Hill)
- 4:45 Doug Ahler and David Broockman, “Does Polarization Imply Poor Representation? A New Perspective on the “Disconnect” Between Politicians and Voters” (Discussant: Bob Erikson)
- 6:30 Dinner

## Saturday, May 2

- 8:00 Breakfast
- 8:30 James Lo, “Fast Estimation of Ideal Points with Massive Data” (Discussant: Jacob Montgomery)
- 9:45 Daniel Pemstein, “Bridging in Item Response Theory Models: Improving Latent Trait Estimation in Expert Surveys” (Discussant: Christopher Hare)
- 11:00 In Song Kim and Marc Ratkovic, “Voting, Speechmaking, and the Dimensions of Conflict in the US Senate” (Discussant: Arthur Spirling)
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Michael Peress and Jesse Richman, “Policy Representation in the State Legislatures” (Discussant: Constanza Figueroa-Schibber)
- 2:30 Adam Bonica and Maya Sen, “The Politics of Selecting the Bench from the Bar: The Legal Profession and Partisan Incentives to Politicize the Judiciary” (Discussant: Jeff Jenkins)
- 3:35 Conference ends
- 6:00 Informal dinner for remaining attendees at Area Four (500 Technology Square)