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PROGRAM
for the conference on

THE MICRO-FOUNDATIONS OF MASS POLITICS IN AFRICA

Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, May 12-13, 2007

Friday, May 11, 2007

7.00 p.m. **Reception** Kellogg Center, Corniche Room (second floor)

Saturday, May 12, 2007 Kellogg Center, Room 103 (lobby level)

8.30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9.00 a.m. **Welcome**
David Wiley, Director, African Studies Center
Michael Bratton, Executive Director, Afrobarometer

9.15 a.m. **Panel 1: Sources of Democratic Citizenship**

Geoffrey Evans (Oxford University) and Pauline Rose (University of Sussex)
“Schooling and Support for Democracy in Sub-Saharan Africa: Testing Mechanisms of Influence.”

Carolyn Logan (Michigan State University)
“Voters, But Not Yet Citizens: The Weak Demand for Vertical Accountability in Africa’s Unclaimed Democracies”

Annie Chikwanha (Institute for Security Studies, Nairobi)
“Young and Old in Sub-Saharan Africa: Who are the Real Democrats?”

Chair and Discussant: Nicolas van de Walle (Cornell University)

10.45 a.m. Refreshments

11.00 a.m. **Panel 2: Institutions and Democracy**

Staffan Lindberg (University of Florida) and Devra Moehler (Cornell University)
“More than Huntington’s ‘Test’: Turnovers as Antidotes to Polarization”

Stanley Khaila and Catherine Mthinda (University of Malawi)
“Does Decentralized Despotism Undermine Democratic Citizenship?”

Robert Mattes (University of Cape Town)
“Political Institutions and Democratization in the New South Africa”

Chair and Discussant: Rita Edozie (Michigan State University)

- 12.30 p.m. Lunch, Kellogg Center, River Café (garden level)
- 1.30 p.m. **Panel 3: Elections and Voting Behavior**
- Etannibi Alemika (University of Jos)
“Quality of Elections, Satisfaction with Democracy, and Political Trust in Africa.”
- Martin Battle (Murray State University) and Jennifer Seely (SUNY, Potsdam)
“Its All Relative: Competing Models of Vote Choice in Benin”
- Karen Ferree and Jeremy Horowitz (University of California, San Diego)
“Identity Voting and the Regional Census in Malawi”
- Chair and Discussant: Darren Davis (Michigan State University)
- 3.00 p.m. Refreshments
- 3.15 p.m. **Panel 4: Legitimacy or Protest?**
- Margaret Levi and Audrey Sacks (University of Washington)
“Legitimizing Beliefs: Sources and Indicators”
- Eldred Masunungure (University of Zimbabwe)
“Popular Reactions to State Repression: Operation Murambatsvina in Zimbabwe”
- Ravi Bhavnani (Michigan State University) and David Backer (College of William and Mary)
“Social Capital and Political Violence in Sub-Saharan Africa”
- Chair and Discussant: Adrienne LeBas (Michigan State University)
- 4.45 p.m. End
- 7.00 p.m. Dinner, Kellogg Center, Corniche Room (second floor)

Sunday, May 13, 2007

Kellogg Center, Room 103 (lobby level)

8.30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9.00 a.m. **Panel 5: Public Goods and Economic Well-Being**

Leonard Wantchekon and Gwendolyn Taylor (New York University)
“Political Rights versus Public Goods: Uncovering the Determinants of Satisfaction with Democracy in Africa”

Lauren Morris MacLean (Indiana University)
“The Micro-Dynamics of Welfare State Retrenchment and the Implications for Citizenship in Africa”

Carol Graham and Matthew Hoover (Brookings Institution and University of Maryland)
“Optimism and Poverty in Africa: Adaptation or a Means of Survival?”

Chair and Discussant: E. Gyimah-Boadi (University of Ghana)

10.30 a.m. Refreshments

10.45 a.m. **Panel 6: Ethnicity as a Political Identity**

Ben Eiffert (UC Berkeley), Edward Miguel (UC Berkeley) and Daniel Posner (UCLA)
“Political Sources of Ethnic Identification in Africa”

Nicholas Cheeseman and Rob Ford (Oxford University)
“Ethnicity as a Political Cleavage”

Wonbin Cho (Michigan State University/University of Kentucky)
“Ethnic Fractionalization, Electoral Institutions, and Africans’ Political Attitudes”

Chair and Discussant: Brian Silver (Michigan State University)

12.15 p.m. Lunch, Red Cedar Room (lobby level)

1.15 p.m. **Panel 7: The Consequences of Corruption**

Carrie Konold (University of Michigan)
“Perceived Corruption, Public Opinion and Social Influence in Senegal”

Mireille Razafindrakoto and Francois Roubaud (DIAL, Paris)
“Corruption, Institutional Discredit, and Social Exclusion of the Poor: A Poverty Trap”

Eric Chang (Michigan State University)
“Political Transition, Income Inequality, and Corruption in Third-Wave Democracies”

Chair and Discussant: Michael Bratton (Michigan State University)

2.30 p.m. Refreshments

2.45 p.m. **Round Table 1: Afrobarometer: The Way Ahead**

E. Gyimah-Boadi, (University of Ghana and Center for Democratic Development)
“The Future of the Afrobarometer”

Mitchell Seligson (Vanderbilt University)
“A View from the Americas”

Ronald Inglehart, (University of Michigan)
“A View from the Wider World”

Chair: Michael Bratton (Michigan State University)

3.45 p.m. **Round Table 2: The Micro-Foundations of Mass Politics in Africa**

Nicolas van de Walle (Cornell University)
“Reflections on the Themes of the Conference”

Stephen Ndegwa (The World Bank)
“Reflections on the Themes of the Conference”

Chair: Michael Bratton (Michigan State University)

5.00 p.m. End

Participants depart