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**WORKSHOP (ECON 896, Constitutional Economics, 1 credit)**

**Date: 19 through 22 March 2007**  
**Time: 8:30 a.m.–12:00 noon daily**  
**Place: Buchanan House**

**VIRGINIA POLITICAL ECONOMY:  
PUBLIC CHOICE, CONSTITUTIONAL ECONOMICS, POLITICAL ECONOMY**

The objective of this workshop is to introduce the general research program, summarized in the title, developed over the half-century since World War II and variously referenced under the rubric “Virginia School of Political Economy.”

The workshop format is as follows: On three of the four days there will be two videotaped lecture presentations separated by a coffee break. With the exception of March 19, short remarks by Professor Buchanan will follow each day’s presentation, and, if time permits, a discussion period will follow. The final day’s lecture is a new paper and will be given live. After the break, an extended general discussion will conclude the workshop. Other videos are available for viewing as requested. Participation is limited by available space and open to graduate students, faculty members, and visiting scholars in economics, philosophy, and related disciplines.

- 19 March: “Positive Economics, Welfare Economics, and Political Economy: Introduction”  
Methodological lecture on constitutional political economy.  
“The Nobel Award”  
Nobel profile; Nobel lecture.
- 20 March: “Hayek and Liberty”  
Interview with F. A. Hayek.  
“Overview”  
Portions of Liberty Fund interview by Geoffrey Brennan.
- 21 March: “Afraid to Be Free: Dependency as Desideratum”  
Survival of socialism.  
“Rent Seeking”  
Interviews with Gordon Tullock and Robert Tollison.
- 22 March: “Ethics and the Extent of the Market”  
Economics and ethics.  
General Discussion.

**Supplementary Readings:**

- Buchanan, James M. *The Logical Foundations of Constitutional Liberty*, vol. 1, the *Collected Works of James M. Buchanan*, (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1999).
- Buchanan, James M. and Gordon Tullock. *The Calculus of Consent: Logical Foundations of Constitutional Democracy* (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1962).
- Mueller, Dennis. *Public Choice III* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003).

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