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Institutional Foundations of Impersonal Exchange: Theory and Policy of Contractual Registries (University of Chicago Press, August 2012)

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ABSTRACT

This book explains how public registries strengthen property rights and reduce transaction costs, analyzes the main tradeoffs in their organization, and proposes a few principles for successfully developing registries in countries at different stages of development. It focuses on land and company registries, exploring the recurrent difficulties they face as well as current issues such as the US mortgage foreclosure crisis, the frenzy for simplifying business formalities, or the dubious efforts made in developing countries towards universal land titling. Its analysis can be fruitfully applied to other registries, such as intellectual property and organized exchanges in financial derivatives. Excerpts and additional information at <http://bit.ly/LXQoSv> and <http://bit.ly/MvAkae>.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Former President and co-founder of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, his research lies in the conjunction of law, economics and organization. His recent works focus on the organizational conditions that facilitate impersonal exchange, covering from property titling or business regulation to moral systems. He has published 11 books and almost 100 academic articles in, among others, *EJ*, *JLE*, *JLEO*, *HBR*, *JEBO* and *JCE*. Consulted to international agencies, governments and law firms in different projects on law and economics, land titling and business formalization. Details: www.arrunada.org. He will be presenting his new book, forthcoming with University of Chicago Press.

REGISTRATION

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