



3rd CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society

23-24 June 2025

Bocconi University | Aula Perego and Aula Manfredini | Via Sarfatti 25, Milano

Attendance is by invitation only

PROGRAM

MONDAY, 23 JUNE

Chair: Luca Braghieri

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| 09:30 – 10:00 | <i>Registration</i> |
| 10:00 – 10:50 | "Competing Ideologies: Fit, Simplicity, and Fear" by Andrea Prat (with José Luis Montiel Olea)
Discussant: Andrea Mattozzi |
| 10:50 – 11:40 | "The Political Economy of Alternative Realities" by Ferenc Szucs (with Adam Szeidl)
Discussant: Giovanna Invernizzi |
| 11:40 - 12:10 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 12:10 - 13:00 | "The Anatomy of Censorship and Propaganda: Evidence from Russian Wikipedias" by Ruben Durante (with Vladimir Avetian, Ulrich Matter, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)
Discussant: Ruben Enikolopov |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:30 - 15:20 | "Hate in the Time of Algorithms: Evidence from a Large-Scale Experiment on Online Behavior" by Aarushi Kalra
Discussant: Mateusz Stalinski |
| 15:20 - 16:10 | "Do Elections Moderate or Polarize Political Rhetoric?" by Guido Tabellini (with Tito Boeri and Nina Nikiforova)
Discussant: Maria Petrova |
| 16:10 - 16:40 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16:40 - 17:30 | "Adding Fuel to the (Gun) Fire: How Politicians Polarize the Public Debate" by Lehan Zhang (with Gabriele Gratton, Pauline Grosjean, and Hasin Yousaf)
Discussant: Milena Djourelova |
| 17:30 - 18:10 | "The War of Ideas: Institutions and Global Media Bias" by Alexey Makarin (with Sibö Liu, Jinfeng Wu, and Dong Zhang)
Discussant: Giulia Caprini |
| 19:30 - | <i>Dinner (by invitation only)</i> |



TUESDAY, 24 JUNE

Chair: Carlo Schwarz

- 10:00 – 10:50 “*The Political Effects of X's Recommender Algorithm*” by [Germain Gauthier](#) (with Roland Hodler, Philine Widmer, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)
Discussant: [Lena Song](#)
- 10:55 – 11:40 “*What do news readers want?*” by [Gregory Martin](#) (with Cameron Pfiffer and Shoshana Vasserman)
Discussant: [Charles Angelucci](#)
- 11:40 – 12:10 *Coffee break*
- 12:10 – 13:00 “*Politicians, News Media, and the Culture War*” by [Aakaash Rao](#) (with Shakked Noy)
Discussant: [David Strömberg](#)
- 13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30 – 15:20 “*News avoidance in times of war*” by [Guy Yanay](#) (with Ro'ee Levy and Moses Shayo)
Discussant: [Markus Prior](#)
- 15:20 – 16:10 “*Language Customization and the Market for News*” by [Ingaar Haaland](#) (with Felix Chopra, Fabian Roeben, Christopher Roth, and Vanessa Sticher)
Discussant: [Elliott Ash](#)
- 16:10 – 16:40 *Coffee break*
- 16:40 – 17:30 “*3G Internet and Human Capital Development*” by [Ronak Jain](#) (with Samuel Stemper)
Discussant: [Nicolás Ajzenman](#)

Timing: Talks: 50 minutes = 30 minutes (author) + 10 minutes (discussant) + 10 minutes (Q&A)

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