

FOURTH ANNUAL CIVICA POLITICAL BEHAVIOR AND INSTITUTIONS ("PoBi") CONFERENCE 2026

Friday 15 May 2026 and Saturday 16 May 2026

Venue: SDA Bocconi Campus – Alumni Clubhouse (3rd floor, Executive Building)
Via Roberto Sarfatti, 10, 20136 Milano (MI)

Day 1: Friday 15 May 2026	
11:45 – 12:10 Reception, via Sarfatti 10	Registration and Welcome
12:15 – 13:15 Alumni Clubhouse 3rd floor, Executive Building	Opening Plenary Session: "Balancing Pressures in Governing the European Economy" Keynote Speaker: Fabio Franchino (Università degli Studi di Milano)
13:20 – 14:25 Materia Restaurant, Ground Floor, Groups Area	Lunch
14:30 – 16:30	Panel 1 and Panel 2
Alumni Board Room 3rd floor, Executive Building	<p>Panel 1: Polarization, Populism, and Partisan Realignment Discussant: Filip Kostelka (EUI); Chair: Sigrid Weber (IE University)</p> <p>Melis Laebens (CEU): Polarization and partisanship in Poland from a policy perspective.</p> <p>Marcin Ślarzyński (CEU/ IFiS PAN): Underlying Mechanisms of Stable Right-Wing Voting and Vote Switching in Poland (2015-2023): Evidence from the Analysis of POLPAN Panel Data. (Paper co-authored with Dariusz Przybysz, IFiS PAN)</p> <p>Ramona Circu and Eugen Gabor (SNSPA): The digital erosion of democracy: how social media consumption drives populist electoral success in Central and Eastern Europe.</p> <p>Prarthana Puthran (Sciences Po): Modified era: Understanding polarisation through support for Modi.</p>
Room C.E3.06 3rd floor, Executive Building	<p>Panel 2: Conservatism, Protest, and the Far Right Discussant: Andrew Bertoli (IE University); Chair: Lanny Martin (Bocconi University)</p> <p>Mark Kayser (Hertie School): Why are Rural Regions Conservative? A Natural Experiment on Social Control from Poland.</p> <p>Leo Schmidt (Hertie School): Fertile Ground, But for How Long? The Role of Protest for the Emergence of Challenger Parties.</p> <p>Dirck de Kleer (Bocconi University): Do Far-Right Legislators Disrupt Parliamentary Work? Evidence from Committee Deliberations.</p> <p>Catherine De Vries (IE University): Security Threats and Support for the Far Right: Evidence from Russian Aggression in Europe.</p>
16:30 – 16:45 Alumni Clubhouse 3rd floor, Executive Building	Coffee Break

16:45 – 18:45	Panel 3 and Panel 4
Alumni Board Room 3rd floor, Executive Building	<p>Panel 3: Climate Politics, Industrial Strategy, and EU Governance Discussants: Antonio Valentim (LSE) and Anna Visvizi (SGH Warsaw); Chair: Fabio Franchino (Università degli Studi di Milano)</p> <p>Julius Koelzer (Hertie School): Politics of Green Investment: Electoral Responses to EV Manufacturing in Rural Germany.</p> <p>Antonio Valentim (LSE): Voter Responses to Climate Adaptation in High-Risk Communities (paper co-authored with Christian Baehr and Hanno Hilbig).</p> <p>Anna Visvizi (SGH Warsaw): The Industrial Policy–Competition Conundrum in the EU: Patents, EVs, and Strategic Sectors.</p> <p>Adam Gajek (SGH Warsaw): EU Cohesion Policy: Towards an Integrated Analytical Approach across Governance Levels and Time. A Systematic Literature Review</p>
	<p>Panel 4: Electoral Design, Turnout, and Policy Discussant: Maria Carreri (Bocconi University); Chair: Leo Schmidt (Hertie School)</p> <p>Filip Kostelka (EUI): The Acceptability of Electoral Abstention: When is Staying at Home OK?</p> <p>Nahla Mansour (EUI): The Effect of Increasing the Number of Votes on Moderate and Cross-ethnic Voting: A Survey Experiment in Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p> <p>Francesco Mattioli (Bocconi University): Sounds of Silence: Electoral Consequences of Turnout Decline and Selective Demobilization.</p> <p>Michael Becher (IE University): Institutions of Backlash: How Electoral Rules and National Identity Shape Trade Protection.</p>
19:45 – 21:00 Ristorante “Il Fortino” Viale Bligny, 44 Milano	Dinner

Day 2: Saturday 16 May 2026	
08:45 - 09:00 Reception, via Sarfatti 10	Registration and Welcome
09:00 – 11:00	Panel 5 and Panel 6
Alumni Board Room 3rd floor, Executive Building	<p>Panel 5: Historical Political Economy and Institutional Change Discussant: Lanny Martin (Bocconi University); Chair: Melis Laebens (CEU)</p> <p>Simon Hix (EUI): Political Consequences of Trade Protection: The Méline Tariff and the Rise of Socialism in France.</p> <p>Ludwig Schulze (EUI): Land and Loyalty: The Political Consequences of Land Reform in East Germany.</p> <p>Adelina Brad and Andrei Taranu (SNSPA): Institutional complementarity and economic performance: lessons from three development trajectories.</p> <p>Maria Carreri (Bocconi University): Political Capture and Bureaucratic Performance. Evidence from Mafia-Infiltrated Municipalities.</p>

<p>Room C.E3.06 3rd floor, Executive Building</p>	<p>Panel 6: Migration, Identity, and Group Mobilization Discussants: Ala Alrababah (Bocconi University) and Katarzyna Gorak-Sosnowska (SGH Warsaw); Chair: Anna Visvizi (SGH Warsaw)</p> <p>Gulsan Alca (CEU): Informal Employment as a Political Buffer: Syrian Refugees and Voting Patterns in Türkiye.</p> <p>Anastasiia Soboleva (CEU): Between Privilege and Protest: Evidence on Ethnic Dominance and Mobilization in Authoritarian Regimes.</p> <p>Katarzyna Gorak-Sosnowska (SGH Warsaw): From Russia to the Gulf, with distrust: Selective Islamophobia and energy diversification narratives in Poland and Hungary.</p> <p>Ala Alrababah (Bocconi University): Refugee Return: Evidence from a Seven-Year Panel Study.</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:15 Alumni Clubhouse 3rd floor, Executive Building</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>11:15 – 13:15</p>	<p>Panel 7 and Panel 8</p>
<p>Alumni Board Room 3rd floor, Executive Building</p>	<p>Panel 7: Representation, Inclusion, and Gendered Power Discussant: Simon Hix (EUI); Chair: Maria Carreri (Bocconi University)</p> <p>Charlotte Kuberka (LSE): No compensation without representation: The effect of democratic inclusion and place-based group appeals on citizens' support of compensation policies.</p> <p>Noemie Piolat (Sciences Po): Not in the Picture: Visual Descriptive Representation and Gender Gaps in Parties' Visual Communication.</p> <p>Maria Katrina Cortez (Sciences Po): Red and White Catholicisms: Group Identity, Ritual Repertoires, and Politico-Religious Socialization among Young French Catholics.</p> <p>Sigrid Weber (Ie University): Household work and the gendered distribution of power.</p>
<p>Room C.E3.06 3rd floor, Executive Building</p>	<p>Panel 8: Media, Measurement, and Research Design Discussant: Mark Kayser (Hertie School); Chair: Ala Alrababah (Bocconi University)</p> <p>Oliver Lang (Hertie School): Does competition from entertainment undermine propaganda? Evidence from East German television.</p> <p>Len Metson (LSE): Behavioural effects of individual-level message tailoring: evidence from a field experiment.</p> <p>Serge Galam (Sciences Po): The Invisible Hijacking of Public Opinion by a Few Stubborn Agents: A Sociophysics Perspective.</p> <p>Andrew Bertoli (IE University): Analyzing the impact of events through surveys: formalizing biases and introducing the dual randomized survey design.</p>
<p>13:20 – 13:40 Alumni Clubhouse 3rd floor, Executive Building</p>	<p>Closing Plenary Session & Award</p>
<p>13:45 – 14:45 Materia Restaurant, Ground Floor, Groups Area</p>	<p>Lunch and Farewell</p>

LOGISTICS:

IMPORTANT: Request the QR code to access SDA Bocconi Campus

- To access the SDA Bocconi campus, all participants (with the only exception of Bocconi Faculty Members) will **have to request an individual QR Code** by filling out a brief online form
- **Starting from 27 April 2026**, all participants will receive the form to fill in via email, the message will be sent from the following email address: campus-administration@sdabocconi.it . Please keep an eye on your email inbox and check your spam folder!
- Kindly make sure to fill in the form **before the conference** and remember to bring it with you (printed or on your smartphone) on the day of.

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- **Metro line 3 (yellow line):** the closest Metro stops to Bocconi are either **Missori** (20 minutes walking distance) or **Porta Romana** (18 minutes walking distance).
From **Missori** you can avoid walking by taking **tram number 15** (direction: Rozzano) until the stop called "**Castelbarco**" (5 stops)
From **Porta Romana** you can avoid walking by taking **tram number 9** (direction: Porta Genova) until the stop called "**Porta Lodovica**" (5 stops)
- **Metro line 4 (blue line):** the closest stop to Bocconi is **Santa Sofia** (15 minutes walking distance)
From **Santa Sofia** you can avoid walking by taking **tram number 15** (direction: Rozzano) until "**Castelbarco**" (4 stops)

Hotels near Bocconi - a few suggestions:

- Hotel Crivi's, Corso di Porta Vigentina 46, 20122 Milano (4 Stars Hotel)
- JR Hotels Bocconi Milano, Viale Bligny 56, 20136 Milano, Italia (4 Stars Hotel)
- UNA Hotels Mediterraneo, Via L. Muratori 14, 20135 Milano, Italia (4 Stars Hotel)
- Hotel Milano Navigli, Piazza Sant' Eustorgio 2, 20122 Milano, Italia (3 Stars Hotel)

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