

Columbia-Bocconi Political Economy Conference

The Forum, Columbia University, 601 W 125th St, New York

June 4th and 5th, 2026

June 4th

10:00 – 10:30	Breakfast	
10:30 – 12:00	Session 1	Anderson Frey. The Price of Order: How Violent Crime Weakens Democracy. Discussant: Jake Shapiro
		Monika Nalepa. Legacies of Authoritarian Resistance and Democratic Backsliding: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Poland. Discussant: Timothy Frye
12:00 – 12:30	Snippet Session	Raul Duarte (Harvard), Abhyudaya Tyagi (Columbia), Francesco Mattioli (Bocconi), Natalia Vasilenok (Stanford), Shunsuke Yoshimura (Rochester)
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 3:00	Session 2	Horacio Larreguy. Polarization and Exposure to Cross-Partisan Media in an Electoral Autocracy. Discussant: Thomas Fujiwara
		Chagai Weiss. Shooting the Messenger: The Polarizing Effects of Political Attacks on the Press. Discussant: Markus Prior
3:00 – 3:15	Break	
3:15 – 4:45	Session 3	Tamar Mitts. The Impact of Generative AI on Public Trust in Democracy: Evidence from India. Discussant: Andy Guess
		Piero Stanig. What if you see it? Workers' perceptions of and reactions to Generative AI. Discussant: Yamil Velez
4:45 – 5:00	Break	
5:00 – 6:30	Session 4	Elliot Ash. Immigration and Social Distance: Evidence from Newspapers during the Age of Mass Migration. Discussant: Rafaela Dancygier
		Vincent Pons. The Limited Effects of U.S. Protests. Discussant: Belinda Archibong
7:00 – on	Dinner	Bar 314

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9:00 – 9:30	Breakfast	
9:30 – 11:00	Session 5	Zhaotian Luo. A Relational Theory of Power Alternation. Discussant: Mike Ting
		Alastair Smith. How the Strength of Group Affinity Distorts Politics. Discussant: Jess Sun
11:00 – 11:15	Break	
11:15 – 12:45	Session 6	Mashail Malik. How does Coethnicity with Refugees Shape their Reception? Evidence from Afghan Refugees in Pakistan. Discussant: Delia Baldassarri
		Chiara Superti. Where Do I Belong? The Effect of Discrimination on Migrants' Voting and Partisanship. Discussant: Elizabeth Wellman
12:45 – 1:45	Lunch	
1:45 – 3:15	Session 7	Pablo Pinto. The Perils of Privilege: Racial Prejudice, Manufacturing Wages, Educational Attainment, and the Populist Response to Industrial Decline. Discussant: Italo Colantone
		Maria Carreri. Political Corruption and Bureaucratic Performance: Evidence from Mafia-Infiltrated Municipalities. Discussant: Tara Slough