

2nd UniCatt Political Economy Workshop

Venue for the workshop: rooms G.241 and G.242, main campus, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Largo Gemelli 1. Please use the Largo Gemelli entrance to reach the seminar rooms.

Lunch and refreshments are provided for all the registered attendees.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/NR3kBre2BWexz4tcA> Registration deadline: 7th December 2025.

Date: 18th December 2025.

The local organizing committee: Davide Cipullo, Luca Colombo, Tommaso Colussi, Mario Maggioni, Domenico Rossignoli, Federico Trombetta

<i>Registration and greetings</i>	9.00-9.15	Room G. 242
<i>History and Institutions</i> (chair: Tommaso Colussi)	9.15-11.00	Room G.242
M. Tabellini	Harvard Business School	Extractive Taxation and the French Revolution
J. Chapman	Università di Bologna	Justices of the Peace: Legal Foundations of the Industrial Revolution
M. Squicciarini	Università Bocconi	Church, State, and Education: School Funding and the Assimilation of Catholic Immigrants in the U.S.
C. Alfonso	Università di Bologna	The Making of Italians: Institutional Response to Disasters and Nation-Building
<i>Theory and Polarization</i> (chair: Federico Trombetta)	9.15-11.00	Room G. 241
G. Invernizzi	Università Bocconi	A Theory of Party Evolution
G. Gratton	University of New South Wales	Adding Fuel to the (Gun)Fire: How Politicians Polarize the Public Debate
F. Schönenberger	University of Stuttgart	Strategic Policy Responsiveness to Challenger Platforms: Evidence from the US House of Representatives
P. Buisseret	Harvard University	Inequality, Polarization, and Culture Wars
Coffee break	11-11.30	
<i>Keynote 1</i> (chair: Domenico Rossignoli)	11.30-12.30	Room G. 242
David Yanagizawa Drott	University of Zurich	TBD
Lunch	12.30-14.15	University canteen, via Necchi 9

<i>Political connections & Patronage</i> (chair: Mario Maggioni)	14.15-15.30	Room G. 242
D. Britto	Università Bocconi	Family Connections, Nepotism, and Political Bargaining
A. Schiavone	Università di Bologna	The Quiet Payoff: Mafia Electoral Support and Policy Inaction
L. Leucht	Oxford University	Jobs for Votes: Patronage and Performance in Tammany Hall's NYPD
<i>Information & accountability</i> (chair: Luca Colombo)	14.15-15.30	Room G. 241
K. Kocak	IE University	Sequential Updating
B. Blumenthal	ETH Zürich	Experimentation with partisan agents
E. Shimko	ETH Zürich	Cheap (Talk) Shots: Discrediting the Media to Stay in Office
<i>Keynote 2 (chair: Davide Cipullo)</i>	15.30-16.30	Room G. 242
Alessandra Casella	Columbia University	Women, Men, and Polya Urns
<i>Coffee break</i>	16.30-17.00	
<i>Culture/Cooperation/Political Mobilization</i> (chair: Massimo Bordignon)	17.00-18.40	Room G.242
H. Pickard	Newcastle University	Exposure to Populism and Zero-Sum Thinking
S. Gharibyan	IOS Regensburg	Gender after war: Casualties, victimization, and voting during nation-building
C. Hirschi	Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University	Demarcation Line, Dividing Ties Internal borders and Cooperation in post-WWII France
B. Montano	Columbia University	Misperceptions of gender norms and political advocacy: experimental evidence from rural Tanzania
<i>Media & propaganda</i> (chair: Leonardo Cherici)	17.00-18.40	Room G.241
M. Castiello	Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne	Spread the Word: Mass Media, Language and Propaganda in Fascist Italy
A. Saia	Università di Bologna	Ancient Epics in the Television Age: Mass Media, Identity, and the Rise of Hindu Nationalism in India
C. Accettura	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	Bella Ciao! The Political Legacy of Women in the Italian Resistance
M. McRae	Trinity College Dublin	Black by Popular Demand: Media, Competition and the Evolution of a Social Norm