

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

June 23-24, 2025

Venue: Bocconi University - Via Sarfatti 25 (Aula Perego and Aula Manfredini), Milan, Italy

PROGRAM

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Chair: Luca Braghieri

09.30 – 10.00 *Registration*

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 *Coffee break*

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 *Lunch*

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 “*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](#)

16.10 - 16.40 *Coffee break*

16.40 - 17:30 “*Do Elections Moderate or Polarize Political Rhetoric?*” by [Guido Tabellini](#)
(with Tito Boeri and Nina Nikiforova)
Discussant: [Maria Petrova](#)

17.30 - 18.10 “*The War of Ideas: Institutions and Global Media Bias*” by [Alexey Makarin](#)
(with Sibó Liu, Jinfeng Wu, and Dong Zhang)
Discussant: [Giulia Caprini](#)

20.00 - *Dinner (by invitation only)*

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: [Ro'ee Levy](#)

10.50 – 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 [Ingar 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](#)

20.00 – *Optional dinner (non-sponsored)*

Timing

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

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