



Venue: Auditorium JJ Lafont (Auditorium 3)
Coffee & lunches are served in the cafeteria.

Monday June 23, 2025

09:00 - 09:20 *Registration & Coffee*

09:20 - 09:30 *Welcome & Kickoff*

Educating the Masses

Chair: Joana Monteiro FGV/EBAPE

09:30 - 10:20 **Agustina Paglayan** *UC San Diego*

Education and Democracy: An Uphill Battle.

Discussant: Anne Degrave IAST & TSE

10:20 - 11:10 **Felix Haass** *Humboldt University of Berlin*

Selective University Admissions as a Strategy of Autocratic Rule.

Discussant: Violeta Haas IAST & TSE

11:10 - 11:30 *Coffee + snacks*

11:30 - 12:20 **Ekaterina Zhuravskaya** *PSE*

Curtailing False News, Amplifying Truth.

Discussant: Horacio Larreguy ITAM

12:20 - 13:50 *Lunch [+ Photo]*

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Political Control

Chair: Felix Dwinger IAST & TSE

13:50 - 14:40 **Alexandra Siegel** *U Colorado*

Cooptation and Coercion of Online Influencers:
Evidence from Saudi Wikipedia.

Discussant: Kristin Michelitch IAST & TSE

14:40 - 15:30 **Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed** *IAST & TSE*

Nationalizing Clientelism during Regime Transition:
Implications for Regime Stability.

Discussant: Lauren Young UC Davis

15:30 - 15:50 *Coffee + snacks*

15:50 - 16:40 **Mai Hassan** *MIT*

The Shape of Opposition Mobilization and Regime Repression in the Wake of
the 1989 Sudan Coup.

Discussant: Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed IAST & TSE

16:40 - 17:30 **Stephane Wolton** *LSE*

Unmasking the Enemies: A Theory of Denunciations.

Discussant: Sara Shahanaghi TSE

19:30 *Dinner (Invitation Only)*

Tuesday June 24, 2025

09:00 - 09:30 *Coffee*

Policies, Ideologies, & Identities

Chair: Arthur Silve Université Laval

09:30 - 10:20 **Barton Lee** *ETH Zurich*

Drain the Swamp: A Theory of Anti-Elite Populism.

Discussant: Kun Heo LSE

10:20 - 10:40 **Giacomo Lemoli** *IAST & TSE*

Linguistic Rights and the Borders of Political Identity.

10:40 - 11:00 *Coffee + snacks*

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11:00 - 11:50 **Jane Esberg** *U Penn*

Reel Politik: Repression, Democracy, and the Hollywood Blacklist.

Discussant: Giacomo Lemoli IAST & TSE

11:50 - 12:40 **Daniel Mattingly** *Yale*

How Ideology Shapes Elite Politics in China.

Discussant: Alberto Simpser ITAM

12:40 - 14:10 *Lunch*

Collective Action, Institutions, & Political Accountability

Chair: Violeta Haas IAST & TSE

14:10 - 15:00 **Mehdi Shadmehr** *UNC Chapel Hill*

Missing Discussions.

Discussant: Antoine Zerbini Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

15:00 - 15:50 **Monika Nalepa** *U Chicago*

From Anti-Authoritarian Resistance to Democratic Resilience:

Legacies of Solidarity in Poland's Backsliding Era.

Discussant: Felix Dwinger IAST & TSE

15:50 - 16:10 *Coffee + snacks*

16:10 - 16:30 **Felix Dwinger** *IAST & TSE*

Rooted in Repression: A Theory of Propaganda.

16:30 - 17:20 **Bryn Rosenfeld** *Cornell*

Risk Attitudes and Political Participation under Autocracy.

Discussant: Hanno Hilbig UC Davis

19:30 *Dinner (Invitation Only)*