

Friday, November 6, 2026

08:00-08:30 Registration and Coffee

8:30-10:30 Session 1: Political Economy 1

Tom Groll (Columbia) “Distributive Politics, Representation, and Redistricting” (with Sharyn O’Halloran)

- Discussant: Joseph McMurray (Brigham Young)

Justin Fox (WUST) “Legislator Prerogative” (with Daniel Gibbs)

- Discussant: Dan McGee (UoT)

Magesan Arvind (Calgary) “Threshold Rules and Political Participation: Evidence from UK Petitions” (with Dimitri Migrow)

- Discussant: Caroline Le Pennec

10h30-11:00 Break (Coffee)

11:00-12h20 Session 2: Inequality and Donations

David Price (UoT) “Lifecycle Origins of Inequality” (with Luigi Pistaferri and Fatih Guvenen)

- Discussant: TBA

Ross Hickey (UBC Okanagan) “Directed Search and The Distribution of Donations” (with Jonhatan Rousborough)

- Discussant: Pierre-Edouard Collignon (Laval)

12:20-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:50 Session 3: Discrimination

Jiawei Lyu (UoT) “The Costs of Affirmative Action: Evidence from a Male-Favoring Quota”

- Discussant: Sam Guyetvay (UQAM)

Peter Matthews (Middlebury) “Do racial attitudes undermine support for the U.S. social safety net?” (with Jeffrey Carpenter, Jakina Debnam Guzman, and Erin Wolcott)

- Discussant: TBA

14:50-15:20 Break (Coffee)

15h20-16h40 Session 4: Political Economy 2

Dario Toman (UoT) “Partisan Elections, Competition, and Candidate Selection: Evidence from School Boards”

- Discussant: Arvind Magesan (Calgary)

Nils-Petter Lagerlof (York) “Population Density and Public Transit Funding: Political Equilibrium and Social Optimum”

- Discussant: Anke Kessler (Simon Fraser)

16:40-17:00 Break (Coffee)

17h00-17h50 Invited Plenary Lecture: Ernesto Dal Bò (UC Berkely-Hass)

19h00- 22h Dinner

Saturday, November 7, 2026

08:30-09:00 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00-11:00 **Session 5: Family and Health Economics**

Johanna Torres (U of Minnesota) Chain “Family Care as Informal Insurance: Medicaid, Marriage, and Widowhood in Old Age”

- Discussant: Philippe De Donder (Toulouse School of Economics)

Isabelle Maripier (Laval) “Income, Nonparental Care, and Child Safety: Evidence from a Child Care Subsidy Reform” (with Alex Hoagland and Christopher Mills)

- Discussant: Sébastien Montpetit (UoT)

Francisco Bullano (University of Minnesota) “Health, families and private and public health insurance”

- Discussant: Nicholas Lawson (Dalhousie)

11:00-10:20 **Break (Coffee)**

11:20-12:40 **Session 6: Political Economy 3**

Michael Smart (UoT) “A Nation at a Discount: News, Bond Prices, and Canadian Confederation, 1864-67”

- Discussant: TBA

Arthur Silve (Laval) “The end of slavery in Brazil: Escape and resistance on the road to freedom” (with François Seyler)

- Discussant: Nippe Lagerlof (York)

12:40-13:40 **Lunch**

13:40-14:30 **Invited Plenary Lecture Pierre Boyer (École Polytechnique-CREST)**

14:30-14:50 **Break (Coffee)**

14:50-16:50 **Session 7: Public policies**

Ian Sapollnik (MIT) “Tax Loss Carrybacks: Targeting, Take-up, and Effects on Employer Firms” (with Dustin Swonder)

- Discussant: Till Gross (Carleton)

Nicholas Li (UoT) “Evaluating policies to improve food affordability, nutrition, and food security in remote communities in Northern Canada”

- Discussant: Jonathan Holmes (Ottawa)

Nicholas Lawson “Passing the Buck(s): International Emission-Reduction Subsidies Versus Climate Clubs”

- Discussant: TBA