

Friday, November 6, 2026

08h00-08h30 Registration and Coffee

8h30-10h30 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 (HEC Montréal)

10h30-11h00 Break (Coffee)

11h00-12h20 Session 2: Inequality and Donations

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

- Discussant: Zhexun Mo (Laval)

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

- Discussant: Pierre-Edouard Collignon (Laval)

12h20-13h30 Lunch

13h30-14h50 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: Steven Lehrer (Queen’s University)

14h50-15h20 Break (Coffee)

15h20-16h40 Session 4: Political Economy 2

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

- Discussant: Nicolas Ajzenman (McGill University)

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

- Discussant: Anke Kessler (Simon Fraser)

16h40-17h00 Break (Coffee)

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

“Public Corporate Finance: Theory and Historical Applications”

19h00- 22h Dinner

Saturday, November 7, 2026

08:30-09h00 Registration and Coffee

9h00-11h00 Session 5: Family and Health Economics

Johanna Torres (U of Minnesota) “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, Christopher Mills and Boriana Miloucheva)

- Discussant: Sébastien Montpetit (University of Toronto)

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

- Discussant: Nicholas Lawson (Dalhousie)

11h00-10h20 Break (Coffee)

11h20-12h40 Session 6: Political Economy 3

Michael Smart (University of Toronto) “Risk, News, and the Bond Market: Evidence from Canadian Confederation”

- Discussant: Ross Hickey (UBC Okanagan)

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

- Discussant: Nils-Petter Lagerlöf (York)

12h40-13h40 Lunch

13h40-14h30 Invited Plenary Lecture Pierre Boyer (École Polytechnique-CREST)

“How to design politically feasible and welfare-improving tax reforms?”

14h30-14h50 Break (Coffee)

14h50-16h50 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 (Toronto Metropolitan University) “Evaluating policies to improve food affordability, nutrition, and food security in remote communities in Northern Canada” (with Angela Daley, Tracey Galloway, and Barry Watson)

- Discussant: Jonathan Holmes (University of Ottawa)

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

- Discussant: Ghina Abdul Baki (University of Ottawa)