

THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2026

09:15 – 09:30	<i>Registration and welcome</i>
Student Session	
09:30 – 10:00	PIETRO QUERCI (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano) Feeding the State: The Consequences of Maize Introduction on African State Formation
10:00 – 10:30	MARCELO GANTIER-MITA (Paris School of Economics) Bringing Services Closer to People? Distance to Administrators and the Reach of the State
10:30 – 11:00	CHIARA GASTALDI (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano) Regional Autonomy and Pre-Primary Education: Evidence from Italian Institutional Borders (with Dominique Cappelletti, Nadiia Matsiuk, Iunio Quarto Russo and Alessio Tomelleri)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
Regular Session 1	
11:30 – 12:15	TORUN DEWAN (London School of Economics) Monitored Coalition Formation (with Massimo Morelli and Francesco Squintani)
12:15 – 13:00	EUGENIO LEVI E STEVEN STILLMAN (Link Campus University) Learning about Immigration: Emotions versus Facts (with Elie Murard and Paolo Roberti)
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
Keynote Session	
14:00 – 15:00	CECILIA TESTA (University of Nottingham) Ballot, Badge, and Bench: Black Representation in Southern Justice” (with Andrea Bernini, Giovanni Facchini and Hye Young Yu)
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Short break</i>
Regular Session 2	
15:15– 16:00	FRANCESCO CAPOZZA (University of Barcelona) Majority Lost: Global Evidence and Field Experiments on Electoral Miscoordination (with Ruben Durante and Siddharth George)
16:00 – 16:45	EPHRAIM SHIMKO (ETH Zurich) Cheap (Talk) Shots: Discrediting the Media to Stay in Office
16:45 – 17:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
Regular Session 3	
17:15 – 18:00	LAURA GRIGOLON (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano) What Is a Local Brewery Worth? Welfare Weights from a Two-Tier Beer Tax (with Seungjin Han and Josip Lesica)
18:00 – 18:45	JUAN VARGAS (Collegio Carlo Alberto) Cocaine Goes Bananas: Global Spillovers from an Illicit Supply Shock (with Gianmarco Daniele and Adam Soliman)

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Regular Session 4	
09:30 – 10:15	GIACOMO DE LUCA (University of Edinburgh) Mafia and Social Order (with Giuseppe de Feo and Victoria Biagi)
10:15 – 11:00	FEDERICA BRACCIOLI (WU Vienna University of Economics and Business) Could Sex Work Be Legal? Factual Knowledge and Stigma (with Sannah Tijani)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
Regular Session 5	
11:30 – 12:15	MAXIMILIANO GARCÍA (Brown University) Governing Environmental Markets: Evidence From Irrigation in Water Markets (with José Belmar)
12:15 – 13:00	EDOARDO GRILLO (University of Padua) It Can't Happen Here: Democratic Backsliding and the Complacency Trap (with Antonio Nicolò)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
Regular Session 6	
14:00 – 14:45	VERONICA GREMBI (Sapienza University of Rome) Breaking Ground or Cutting the Ribbon? The Electoral Returns to Announcing versus Delivering Public Investments (with Paola Bertoli)
14:45 – 15:30	ANDREA BERLANDA (University of Bergamo) Far-Right Local Governance and Migrants' Mental Health (with Elisabetta Lodigiani, Elisa Tosetti and Giorgio Vittadini)
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
Regular Session 8	
16:00 – 16:45	FRANCESCO BARILARI (Bocconi University) When the Dictator is in Town (with Nicola Fontana and Nicola Mastrorocco)
16:45 – 17:30	ELEONORA ALABRESE (University of Bath) AI Images, Trust and News Demand (with Maja Adena, Francesco Capozza and Isabelle Leader)
17:30 – 17:45	Short break
Regular Session 9	
17:45 – 18:30	GIACOMO PONZETTO (CREI) The Decline of Policy Information and the Rise of Populism (with Mario Carillo and Maria Petrova)