

BSE SUMMER FORUM

CASA CONVALESCÈNCIA, Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 171 Barcelona

Political Economy (PEC)

June 4-5, 2026, Room "04" (Ground Floor)

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Session 1

09:00 – 09:20

Registration and Welcome

09:20 – 10:10

BRUNO CAPRETTINI (University of St.Gallen)

["You Only Weave Twice: Espionage and Industrialization in 18th Century France"](#)

10:10 – 11:00

MARCO GROTTERIA (London Business School)

["Politics and the Price of Housing"](#) (with S.Lakshmi Naaraayanan and Andrea Pagliuca)

11:00 – 11:30

*Coffee Break **

Session 2

11:30 – 12:20

CLARA SIEVERT (CERGE-EI)

["How Market Access Shapes Wellbeing and Values: Experimental Evidence from the D.R. Congo"](#) (with Marina Ngoma, Nathan Nunn, Jonathan L. Weigel and Xavier Jaravel)

12:20 – 13:10

KAI GEHRING (University of Bern and Wyss Academy for Nature)

["Virality: What Makes Narratives Go Viral, and Does It Matter?"](#) (with Matteo Grigoletto)

13:10 – 14:20

*Lunch **

Session 3

14:20 – 15:10

MARCO OTTAVIANI (Bocconi University)

["Information Aggregation in Organizations: An Order-Statistics Approach to Voting Rules"](#) (with Peter Norman Sorensen)

15:10 – 16:00

PRIYAMA MAJUMDAR (University of Warwick)

["Government by Discussion: Deliberation, Media, and Policy-Making"](#) (with Elaheh Fatemipour)

16:00 – 16:30

*Coffee Break **

Session 4

16:30 – 17:20

SHAODA WANG (University of Chicago)

["A Few Bad Apples? Academic Dishonesty, Political Selection, and Institutional Performance in China"](#) (with Zhuang Liu and Wenwei Peng)

17:20 – 18:10

JULIEN LABONNE (Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford)

["Making a Leader: Social Protection and Female Descriptive Representation in Philippine Local Politics"](#) (with Tatsuya Koyama and Pablo Querubin)

20:30

*Workshop Dinner * (by invitation only)*

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Session 5	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome
10:10 – 11:00	MANUEL BAGUES (University of Warwick) “ Unpacking the Incumbency Effect: Electoral Advantage and Coalition Building in Government Formation ” (with Margot Belguise and Iacopo Monterosa)
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break *
Session 6	
11:30 – 12:20	GIULIA BUCCIONE (CEMFI) “ Religious Messaging and Adaptation to Water Scarcity: Evidence from Jordan ”
12:20 – 13:10	MATTHIAS WEIGAND (Harvard University) “ Crisis and Absolutism: A Design-Based Analysis of the Thirty Years’ War ” (with Luis Bosshart)
13:10 – 14:20	Lunch *
Session 7	
14:20 – 15:10	ALESSANDRO RIBONI (Ecole Polytechnique and CREST) “ Backlash and Culture Wars: A Political-Economy Model ”
15:10 – 16:00	JAYA WEN (Harvard Business School) “ Public Displays of Alignment ” (with Joris Mueller, Cheryl Wu, and Zi Yang Kang)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break *
Session 8	
16:30 – 17:20	CARLO MEDICI (Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles) “Political Appointments, Careers, and Performance in the Public Sector: Evidence from U.S. Federal Judges” (with Massimo Pulejo)
17:20 – 18:10	ETHAN KAPLAN (University of Maryland at College Park) “ Peer Effects on Partisanship, Registration, and Voter Turnout: Evidence from Roommate Assignments ” (with Kenneth Coriale and Rachel Nesbit)

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