0C9-María Zambrano

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Panel 1 - The One About Gender and Political Engagement (Room: 0C9-María Zambrano, Time: 10:00 - 11:30)
Chair: Amalia Álvarez-Benjumea
Discussants: Nerea Gándara Guerra & Piotr Zagórski

- **The Shrinking Gender Gap in Political Discussion in Western Europe, 1973-2024.**
  Annelien Bouland, Sergio Galaz García, & Juan J. Fernández
  Discussant: Nerea Gándara Guerra
- **Win-Win or Zero-Sum? A Survey Experiment on Gender Equality Framing, Political Trust, and Policy Support.**
  Tommaso Camilot & Pilar Sanchez-Bellosta
  Discussant: Nerea Gándara Guerra
- **The Timing of Political Socialization: The Evolution of Political Interest and Internal Political Efficacy.**
  Lidia Núñez Alañón & Gema García Albacete
  Discussant: Piotr Zagórski
- **No Time to Engage: The gendered impact of working time in the development of political interest.**
  Raúl Villegas Santana
  Discussant: Piotr Zagórski

Panel 5 - The One About Conflict, Violence and Repression (Room: 0C9-María Zambrano, Time: 12:00 - 13:30)
Chair: Amalia Álvarez-Benjumea
Discussants: Francisca Castro & Krzysztof Krakowski

- **Understanding the backlash over transitional justice policies.**
  Francisco Villamil & Lesley-Ann Daniels
  Discussant: Francisca Castro
- **Legacy of Violence: 1941 Pogroms and Support for Populist Radical Right in Today's Poland.**
  Piotr Zagórski & Jason Wittenberg
  Discussant: Francisca Castro
- **When algorithms replace parties: AI surveillance and elite power-sharing in autocracies.**
  Héctor Martínez Pérez
  Discussant: Krzysztof Krakowski
- **Who Responds to Gender-Based Violence in Conflict? Evidence from IDP Camps in Sub-Saharan Africa.**
  Pilar Sanchez Bellosta & Thomas Brailey
  Discussant: Krzysztof Krakowski

Panel 8 - The One About Family, Wealth and Social Transmission (Room: 0C9-María Zambrano, Time: 15:00 - 16:30)
Chair: Amuitz Garmendia Madariaga
Discussants: Miguel Alquézar Yus & Anna Clemente

- **The Bank of Mom and Dad in the Asset Economy: Intergenerational Wealth, Housing Markets, and Redistributive Preferences in Spain.**
  Pablo Martínez Terceño
  Discussant: Miguel Alquézar Yus
- **And the Lord added to their number: An empirical network analysis of the spread of Christianity, Mithraism, the cult of Isis, and the cult of Cybele.**
  William Foley
  Discussant: Miguel Alquézar Yus
- **Do Parental Income Shocks Amplify the Link Between Genes and Early Development? Evidence from the UK Child Tax Credit Expansion.**
  Alicia García Sierra & Inés Echevarría
  Discussant: Anna Clemente

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Panel 11 - The One About Boundaries, Discrimination and Inclusion (Room: 0C9-María Zambrano, Time: 10:00 - 11:30)
Chair: Amalia Álvarez-Benjumea
Discussants: Mary Amme-Shiraef & Álvaro Canalejo Molero

- **Understanding Ethnoreligious Boundaries: The Dynamics of Merit and Blame in Competitive and Non-Competitive Contexts.**
  Irene Pañeda-Fernández
  Discussant: Mary Amme-Shiraef
- **Why Discrimination Becomes Law: Evidence from the Rise of Apartheid.**
  Daniel Urquijo
  Discussant: Mary Amme-Shiraef
- **The Cognitive and Affective Construction of Discrimination in LGBTQ+ Discourse: A Sequential Mixed-Methods Approach.**
  Isabel Lázaro Bueno & María Miyar Busto
  Discussant: Mary Amme-Shiraef
- **Not All Hostility Is Alike: How Hate Crimes, Far-Right Votes, and Rallies Shape Migrants' Exit, Voice, and Loyalty.**
  Abdelkarim Laglil Herradi
  Discussant: Álvaro Canalejo Molero

Panel 15 - The One About Candidates and Voter Choice (Room: 0C9-María Zambrano, Time: 12:00 - 13:30)
Chair: Sergio Galaz García
Discussants: Álvaro Canalejo Molero & Josep Serrano-Serrat

- **Firewalls or fireballs? Democratic Trade-offs in Intra-Party Candidate Selection Among Spanish Party Cadres (PaP).**
  Pablo Pardavila Romero
  Discussant: Álvaro Canalejo Molero
- **We march, she runs? The impact of protests on political nominations.**
  Nerea Gándara Guerra & Alba Huidobro
  Discussant: Josep Serrano-Serrat
- **The Price of Forcing Trade-offs: Constrained versus Fully Randomized Conjoint Designs in the Cross-National Study of Candidate Preferences.**
  Mariano Torcal
  Discussant: Josep Serrano-Serrat

Panel 19 - The One About European Integration, Trust and Democratic Support (Room: 0C9-María Zambrano, Time: 15:00 - 16:30)
Chair: Patrick Kraft
Discussants: Nikitas Konstantinidis & Rosa M. Navarrete

- **Bordering on Discontent: The Political Consequences of Border Liberalization.**
  Josep Serrano-Serrat & Jose Maycas-Sardi
  Discussant: Nikitas Konstantinidis
- **Who Participates in Deliberative Democracy, and Does it Matter? Public Trust, Unequal Participation, and the Lisbon Citizens' Assembly.**
  Mariana C. Duarte, Nicholas Carnes, Jorge M. Fernandes, & Noam Lupu
  Discussant: Nikitas Konstantinidis
- **Immigration and Pro-European Attitudes: A Multilevel Analysis of Regional Context.**
  Juan J. Fernández
  Discussant: Rosa M. Navarrete
- **Endogenous Troubles, Exogenous Sympathy: Policy Legacies and Public Support for EU Solidarity.**
  Alexandru D. Moise & Chendi Wang
  Discussant: Rosa M. Navarrete

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Panel 2 - The One About European Integration and Euroscepticism (Room: 0D1-José Castillejo, Time: 10:00 - 11:30)
Chair: Amuitz Garmendia Madariaga
Discussants: Mariana C. Duarte & Alexandru D. Moise

- **Was Jean Monnet Wrong? Crises, Issue Salience, and the Activation of Eurosceptic Voting in European Parliament Elections, 2009–2024.**
  Aleksandra Sojka & Ilke Toygur
  Discussant: Mariana C. Duarte
- **Zero-Sum Nationalism: Social Identity and Dis(trust) in Supranational Institutions.**
  Iñigo Ruiz Hilera, Tommaso Camilot, & Berta Caihuelas Navajas
  Discussant: Mariana C. Duarte
- **Redistributive place-based policies and support for government in the EU.**
  Carlos Xabel Lastra Anadón
  Discussant: Alexandru D. Moise
- **From Institutions to Faces? Strategic Personalization in the Digital Presence of the European Commission.**
  Mario Tamayo Sanz
  Discussant: Alexandru D. Moise

Panel 6 - The One About Parties, Polarization and Populism (Room: 0D1-José Castillejo, Time: 12:00 - 13:30)
Chair: Jorge Fernandes
Discussants: Javier Lorenzo & Alex Theodoridis

- **Fostering costly political activism through moralized messages: Evidence from a digital field experiment in Austria.**
  Francisco Tomás-Valiente
  Discussant: Javier Lorenzo
- **If You Don't Like What's Being Said, Change the Conversation: Elite Polarisation and Eurosceptic Voting.**
  Rosa M. Navarrete & Alex Hartland
  Discussant: Alex Theodoridis
- **The Role of Politicized Minority Groups in Affective Polarization: Experimental Evidence from Turkey.**
  Cansu Paksoy, Ali Çarkoğlu, & Markus Wagner
  Discussant: Alex Theodoridis

Panel 9 - The One About Clientelism and Distributive Politics (Room: 0D1-José Castillejo, Time: 15:00 - 16:30)
Chair: Jorge Fernandes
Discussants: Matt Malis & Miguel Carreras

- **The Domestic Consequences of International Reconstruction Aid: Evidence from the Marshall Plan in Post-War Italy.**
  Catherine de Vries, Sienna Nordquist, Mattia Cecchi, & Simone Cremaschi
  Discussant: Matt Malis
- **Public Procurement and Electoral Mobilization: The Returns of Backing the Winner.**
  Nelson A. Ruiz, Nicolás Idrobo, Pablo Querubín, & Miguel Rueda
  Discussant: Matt Malis
- **Civic Resources and Housing Supply: How Voluntary Associations Condition Housing Outcomes.**
  Ivan Tubio Sanles
  Discussant: Miguel Carreras
- **Financing for Votes: Electoral Incentives and Creditor Choice in Public Investment.**
  Keyi Tang & Alicia Chen
  Discussant: Miguel Carreras

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Panel 12 - The One About Electoral Behavior and Political Change (Room: 0D1-José Castillejo, Time: 10:00 - 11:30)
Chair: Sergio Galaz García
Discussants: Ignacio Jurado & Korhan Kocak

- **The Spatial Structure of Political Sorting in a Fragmenting Party System: Evidence from Spain (1977–2023).**
  Fernando de la Cuesta Serrano
  Discussant: Ignacio Jurado
- **Can Polling Places Move Votes? Religious Polling Stations and Electoral Outcomes in Madrid.**
  Miguel Alquézar Yus, Antoni-Italo de Moragas, & Teresa Esteban-Casanelles
  Discussant: Ignacio Jurado
- **From Strategic Voting to Strategic Switching: the Multi-Period Calculus of Voting.**
  Dan Kselman, Emerson Niou, & Austin Wang
  Discussant: Korhan Kocak
- **The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same? The Development of Political Ideological Axes in the US, 1980–2024.**
  Sergio Galaz García, Manuel Cuerno, & Fernando Galaz García
  Discussant: Korhan Kocak

Panel 16 - The One About Authoritarianism and Democratic Erosion (Room: 0D1-José Castillejo, Time: 12:00 - 13:30)
Chair: Amuitz Garmendia Madariaga
Discussants: Felipe Torres-Raposo & Francisco Villamil

- **Decentralization by Design, Democracy by Default: De Gaulle's 1969 Gambit.**
  Filippo Liviano D'Arcangelo & Amuitz Garmendia Madariaga
  Discussant: Felipe Torres-Raposo
- **Electoral Delegitimization Rhetoric and Law Compliance.**
  Ignacio Jurado & Josep Serrano-Serrat
  Discussant: Felipe Torres-Raposo
- **Do memory sites influence far-right vote? Evidence from Chile.**
  Francisca Castro
  Discussant: Francisco Villamil
- **Longing for Strong Hands: Left Behindness and Authoritarian Nostalgia in Comparative Terms.**
  Hugo Marcos-Marne, Alejandro Sánchez-Muñoz, & Piotr Zagórski
  Discussant: Francisco Villamil

Panel 20 - The One About Migration and Mobility (Room: 0D1-José Castillejo, Time: 15:00 - 16:30)
Chair: Amalia Álvarez-Benjumea
Discussants: Sigrid Weber & Pedro Martín-Cadenas

- **Can migration foster educational mobility? Comparing migrants' children in Europe with their origin-country peers.**
  Alessandro Ferrara & *Carolina V. Zuccotti*
  Discussant: Sigrid Weber
- **Between Development and Control: State Sponsored Emigration under Francoist Rule.**
  Covadonga Meseguer, Laura Maravall, & Ángel Muñiz
  Discussant: Sigrid Weber
- **Leaving Home, Losing Trust? The Political Effects of Internal Migration.**
  Alberto de León
  Discussant: Pedro Martín-Cadenas
- **Ethnic Discrimination in Spain: Evidence from Three Field Experiments in Childcare, Employment, and Housing.**
  Álvaro Suárez Vergne, Isabel Lázaro Bueno, Héctor Cebolla Boado, & Mariña Fernández Reino
  Discussant: Pedro Martín-Cadenas

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Panel 3 - The One About Cleavages Old and New (Room: 0E18-Menéndez Pidal, Time: 10:00 - 11:30)
Chair: Jorge Fernandes
Discussants: Dan Kselman & Jose Maycas-Sardi

- **Why the Poor Don't Vote for the Poor: Class, Cues, and Candidate Choice in Brazil.**
  Jorge Fernandes, Joaquim Meira, Mafalda Pratas, & Alon Yakter
  Discussant: Dan Kselman
- **Cartelization and the Foreclosure of Economic Alternatives.**
  Gilberto Lopez
  Discussant: Dan Kselman
- **Does Economic Insecurity Fuel Populism? Evidence from Unemployment News Shocks.**
  Antoni-Italo de Moragas
  Discussant: Jose Maycas-Sardi
- **From the bullring to the ballot box: How cultural symbols shape voting behaviour.**
  Álvaro Sánchez-García
  Discussant: Jose Maycas-Sardi

Panel 7 - The One About Economic Beliefs and Redistribution (Room: 0E18-Menéndez Pidal, Time: 12:00 - 13:30)
Chair: Patrick Kraft
Discussants: Dulce Manzano & Michael Becher

- **Is this what I deserve? Self-deservingness, welfare experiences, and satisfaction with democracy.**
  Miguel Marfil
  Discussant: Dulce Manzano
- **The Politics of Capitalism: Analyzing Ideological Variability in Privatization Attitudes.**
  Raúl López Pérez & Sofia Giulioni
  Discussant: Dulce Manzano
- **From Concern to Action: How Collective Efficacy Shapes Attitudes Towards Inequality.**
  Anna Clemente & Giuliano Formisano
  Discussant: Michael Becher

Panel 10 - The One About Social Norms (Room: 0E18-Menéndez Pidal, Time: 15:00 - 16:30)
Chair: Sergio Galaz García
Discussants: Irene Pañeda-Fernández & Luis Miller

- **Uneven boundaries: Anti-discrimination norms and cultural membership among minorities in Germany.**
  Amalia Álvarez-Benjumea & Lucas Drouhout
  Discussant: Irene Pañeda-Fernández
- **The Stigmatization of Political Ideologies.**
  Vicente Valentim
  Discussant: Irene Pañeda-Fernández
- **Mental health stigma: an intervention.**
  Antonio Cabrales, Mengjia Chen, Maria Cubel, Santiago Sánchez-Pagés, Christiane Schwieren, & Judit Vall Castelló
  Discussant: Luis Miller
- **Rallying around the flagging button: experimental evidence on politicised enforcement of democratic norms in Spain.**
  Roeland Endtz & Amalia Álvarez-Benjumea
  Discussant: Luis Miller

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Panel 13 - The One About International Institutions (Room: 0E18-Menéndez Pidal, Time: 10:00 - 11:30)
Chair: Amuitz Garmendia Madariaga
Discussants: Catherine de Vries & Keyi Tang

- **The Creation of the European Monetary System (1979): International Monetary Instability and Franco-German Convergence.**
  Cansu Ece Goksin
  Discussant: Catherine de Vries
- **A Contract-Theoretic Model of IMF Lending: Program Design, Ownership, and Policy Implementation.**
  Nikitas Konstantinidis
  Discussant: Catherine de Vries
- **Epistemic Paradiplomacy in Practice: The Hispanic Sinology Network and the "Semana China" Initiative as a Reflexive Case Study.**
  Juan Andrés Gascón Maldonado
  Discussant: Keyi Tang

Panel 17 - The One About Cooperation, Networks and Social Behavior (Room: 0E18-Menéndez Pidal, Time: 12:00 - 13:30)
Chair: Amalia Álvarez-Benjumea
Discussants: Alicia García Sierra & William Foley

- **Markets, social responsibility, and the replacement excuse.**
  Miguel Abellán, Janina Kraus, & Mario Mechtel
  Discussant: Alicia García Sierra
- **Shifting Gender Norms Among Adolescents in Peru: A Scalable Edutainment Intervention.**
  Silvia Bueno López, Úrsula Aldana, Erica Field, Javier Romero, & Livia Schubiger
  Discussant: Alicia García Sierra
- **Networks in Prison: an experiment with inmates.**
  Tarek Jaber-Lopez, Loukas Balafoutas, & Antonio Cabrales
  Discussant: William Foley
- **Settlement Structure and Social Cohesion.**
  Krzysztof Krakowski & Anselm Hager
  Discussant: William Foley

Panel 21 - The One About Bureaucracy, Accountability and Enforcement (Room: 0E18-Menéndez Pidal, Time: 15:00 - 16:30)
Chair: Sergio Galaz García
Discussants: Juan Antonio Mayoral & Nelson A. Ruiz

- **Financial Crime Enforcement Despite Domestic Constraints: Institutional Pathways to EPPO Criminal Investigations.**
  Andreína Victoria Hernández-Ross
  Discussant: Juan Antonio Mayoral
- **The Informal Power of Family Network Structures Within the Judiciary: The Non-Meritocratic Trade-Offs on Court's Efficiency.**
  Luis Soto-Tamayo
  Discussant: Juan Antonio Mayoral
- **Bureaucratic Favoritism in the Foreign Service.**
  Matt Malis & David Lindsey
  Discussant: Nelson A. Ruiz
- **Do Government Audits Curb Bureaucrats' Rent-Seeking? Evidence from a Million Bureaucrats.**
  Felipe Torres-Raposo & Luis Soto
  Discussant: Nelson A. Ruiz

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- **Automation, Bargaining, and Elections At Work.**
  Michael Becher & Daniel Stegmueller
  Discussant: Antonio Cabrales
- **Empty Nest Syndrome: Parents' Labor Supply and Well-Being.**
  Andrea Pop-Catalisan
  Discussant: Antonio Cabrales
- **Age, Openness, and Conservatism.**
  Korhan Kocak
  Discussant: Anna Clemente

PLENARY TALK & STUDENT PAPER PRIZE: The One You Don't Want to Miss (Time: 17:00 - 18:45)

- **Plenary talk: The Political Economy of the Post-Knowledge Economy.**
  Aina Gallego (UB-IBEI)
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Discussants: Álvaro Sánchez-García & Robert Liñeira

- **Conceptualizing the Suburbs.**
  Pedro Martín-Cadenas, Jorge M. Fernandes, & Melissa Rogers
  Discussant: Álvaro Sánchez-García
- **Politicians with Local Roots and Voter Turnout.**
  Edoardo Alberto Viganò
  Discussant: Álvaro Sánchez-García
- **Exit and multilevel governance: How institutional trust shapes citizens' preferences over who governs in Latin America.**
  Jair Alva-Mendoza
  Discussant: Robert Liñeira
- **Shared Power, Distorted Blame: Partisan and Territorial Bias in Responsibility Judgments.**
  Sandra León & Lluís Orriols
  Discussant: Robert Liñeira

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Panel 18 - The One About Climate, Crises and Policy Support (Room: Plenary Room, Time: 12:00 - 13:30)
Chair: Patrick Kraft
Discussants: Patrick Kraft & Sandra León

- **Perceived Differently, Same Effect: Extreme Weather Events and the Concern-Policy Support Gap.**
  Álvaro Fernández
  Discussant: Patrick Kraft
- **Caring for Nature, Skeptical of Climate Change: An Analysis of the Ideological Gap in Environmental Attitudes across Europe.**
  Luis Azores
  Discussant: Patrick Kraft
- **War Risk, Threat Perception and Policy Preferences: Evidence from Russia's Invasion of Ukraine.**
  Dulce Manzano & Javier Martínez-Cantó
  Discussant: Sandra León
- **Who is to blame? Conventional and unconventional media disinformation spread during a natural catastrophe.**
  Javier Lorenzo & Alberto de León Concepción
  Discussant: Sandra León

Panel 22 - The One About Identity (Room: Plenary Room, Time: 15:00 - 16:30)
Chair: Amuitz Garmendia Madariaga
Discussants: Cansu Paksoy & Vicente Valentim

- **Partisan Primacy and Political Mega-Identity: Affective Polarization Across Social Cleavages in Multiparty Spain.**
  Luis Miller & Isabel Rodríguez
  Discussant: Cansu Paksoy
- **Ethnic Minority Repression, Recognition, and Identity Politicization in the Long Run.**
  Mary Amme-Shiraef
  Discussant: Cansu Paksoy
- **How Political Polarization Shapes Cultural Transmission.**
  Jose Maycas-Sardi & Andreu Arenas
  Discussant: Vicente Valentim
- **Social Sorting and Political Cleavages: Evidence from 2.5 Million Electoral Candidates.**
  Carlos Sanz & Jesús Fernández-Villaverde
  Discussant: Vicente Valentim

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