



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Transatlantic Political Economy Conference (T-PEC)

6-7 November 2025, King's College London, Strand Campus

Register [here](#) to attend.

Organisers: Nicolas Ajzenman (McGill), Cevat G. Aksoy (EBRD and KCL), and Caroline Le Penec (HEC Montréal)

**Day 1: Thursday, November 6 — Bush House, Lecture Theatre 2, BH(S)4.04**

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**09:00-09:30 | Breakfast and registration**

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**09:30-10:15 | Social Movements and Public Opinion in the United States**

Amory Gethin (World Bank)\* and Vincent Pons (Harvard Business School)

*Discussant:* Teresa Esteban-Casanelles (King's College London)

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**10:15-11:00 | Social Protection and Female Empowerment in Philippine Local Politics**

Julien Labonne (University of Oxford)\*, Tatsuya Koyama (Emory University), and Pablo Querubin (New York University)

*Discussant:* Juan Pablo Rud (University of London, Royal Holloway)

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**11:00-11:30 | Coffee Break**

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**11:30-12:15 | Hidden Campaign Finance: Evidence from Electoral Bonds in India**

Sukrit Singh Puri (London Business School)\* and Boris Vallée (London Business School)

*Discussant:* Aliz Toth (London School of Economics)

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**12:15-13:00 | The Institutional Role of the Italian Mafia: Enforcing Contracts When the State Does Not**

Federica Braccioli (WU Vienna University of Economics and Business)

*Discussant:* Krzysztof Krakowski (King's College London)

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**13:00-14:00 | Lunch break**

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**14:00-14:45 | Politicized Scientists: Credibility Cost of Political Expression on Twitter**

Eleonora Alabrese (University of Bath)\*, Francesco Capozza (University of Barcelona), and Prashant Garg (Imperial College London)

*Discussant:* Elia Benveniste (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)

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**14:45-15:30 | Mobile Broadband and the Decline of Incumbency Advantage**

Nikita Melnikov (Nova School of Business & Economics)\*, Sergei Guriev (London Business School), Joana Escórcio Silva (Nova School of Business & Economics), and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya (Paris School of Economics)

*Discussant:* Felipe Gonzalez (King's College London)

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**15:30-16:00 | Coffee Break**

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**16:00-17:00 | Keynote | Elias Papaioannou (London Business School): Private Colonialism in Africa**

Introduction by Cevat Giray Aksoy

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**18:00 | Workshop dinner (by invitation only)**

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**Day 2: Friday, November 7 — Macadam Building, MB1.1, Surrey Street**

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**09:00-09:30 | Coffee and breakfast**

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**09:30-10:15 | On the Importance of African Traditional Religion for Economic Behavior**

Max Posch (University of Exeter)\*, Lewis Dunia Butinda (Marakuja Kivu Research), Aimable Amani Lameke (Marakuja Kivu Research), Nathan Nunn (University of British Columbia), and Raul Sanchez de la Sierra (University of Chicago)

*Discussant:* Marie Beigelman (King's College London)

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**10:15-11:00 | Policymaking in the American States, 1787-2020**

Elliott Ash (ETH Zurich)\*, Charles Angelucci (MIT Sloan School of Management), and Nicolas Longuet-Marx (Columbia University)

*Discussant:* Melissa Sands (London School of Economics)

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**11:00-11:30 | Coffee Break**

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**11:30-12:15 | Revolving Door Laws and Political Selection**

Silvia Vannutelli (Northwestern University)\*, Ray Fisman (Boston University), Jetson Leder-Luis (Boston University), and Catherine O'Donnell (Boston University)

*Discussant:* Matia Vannoni (King's College London)

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**12:15-13:00 | Changing Minds: How Academic Fields Shape Political Attitudes**

Yoav Goldstein (Tel Aviv University)\* and Matan Kolerman-Shemer (Hebrew University)

*Discussant:* Bouke Klein Teeselink (King's College London)

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**13:00-14:00 | Concluding remarks and lunch break**

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