

8TH WORKSHOP ECONOMICS & POLITICS

December 2025, Sciences Po Grenoble

Tuesday 16

9.00 – 9.30 Welcome coffee

9.30 – 11.00 Session 1: Historical political economy

Chair: Emiliano Grossman

M. Melki (Paris School of Business). When Democratization Turns into an “Empty Promise”. Evidence from the Birth of the Welfare State.

Disc. openers: A. Pietri, S. Panel

C. Aranzana Moreno (University of Barcelona). The Political Legacy of Displacement: Evidence from the Spanish Exile.

Disc. openers: A. François, J. Gonnot

A. Montalbo (IESEG School of Management). Freehold Land, Resistance To Authoritarianism and Support for Democracy.

Disc. openers: A. François, I. Tojerow

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30 Session 2: Political representatives

Chair: Sophie Panel

O. Cutinelli-Rendina (University of Strasbourg). From Ballots to Business: How Legislative Elections Fuel Intergenerational Entrepreneurial Success in Switzerland

Disc. openers: C. Colombaud, E. Borisova

S. Ghosh & S. Pal (University of Surrey). From Ballots to Belonging: Minority Representation and Social Cohesion in English Local Governments

Disc. openers: C. Aranzana Moreno, J. Gonnot

12:30 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.30 Session 3: Social networks and media

Chair: Ilan Tojerow

A. Casanueva-Artís (Ifo Institute Munich). The Cost of Tolerating Intolerance: Right-wing Protest and Hate Crimes

Disc. openers: S. Ghosh, E. Mougin

J. Stojanovic (Inria & Université Paris Saclay). Tweeting for Votes: Politicians’ Communication Strategy on Social Media Across the Electoral Cycle

Disc. openers: E. Grossman, A. Casanueva-Artís

E. Mougin (ENS de Lyon). Entertainment or slant? Media demand and the Effects of Channel Closures in France

Disc. openers: P.-G. Méon, J. Stojanovic

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.00 Session 4: Political support

Chair: Pierre-Guillaume Méon

N. Lagios (International College of Economics and Finance). And the Winner is... European Identity! The Impact of the Eurovision Song Contest on European Identity

Disc. openers: A. Pietri, O. Cutinelli-Rendina

T. Stratmann (George Mason University). How Elections Reshape Beliefs: Cognitive and Social Dissonance in Political Preference Formation.

Disc. openers: L. Weill, Q. David

19.30 – ... : Social Dinner

Wednesday 17

8.00 – 8.30 Welcome coffee

8.30 – 10.00 Session 5: Elections

Chair: Quentin David

C. Colombaud (Université Catholique de Lille). Elections as catalysts? Dispositional and situational determinants of political interest during the French legislative elections of 2024

Disc. openers: G. Dasbach, E. Grossman

C. Shelton (Claremont McKenna College). Partisan consumers.

Disc. openers: O. Cutinelli-Rendina, A. Casanueva-Artís

T. Taylor (European University Institute). Early but not Alone? Mail-in Voting and within-Couple Political Agency

Disc. openers: S. Varaine, A. Rabaté

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 12.30 Session 6: Local politics

Chair: Abel François

J. Gonnot (ESPOL, Univ. Catholique de Lille). Do Immigrants Impact Local Public Finances? Evidence from Belgium.

Disc. openers: S. Panel, I. Tojerow

G. Dasbach (University of Lille). The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investment: Evidence from Franco-German Town Twinning

Disc. openers: P.-G. Méon, L. Catalano

L. Catalano (KU Leuven). The politics of local spending: municipal budget responses to federal election results

Disc. openers: M. Melki, Q. David

M.J. Gonzalez Fuentes (ENS de Lyon, CERGIC). The Downside of Gender Electoral Policies: Strategic Party Behaviour in Brazil

Disc. openers: S. Pal, T. Taylor

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Session 7: Trust

Chair: Abel François

L. Weill (University of Strasbourg). The Sounds of Trust: The Bouba-Kiki Effect in Political Leaders' Names.

Disc. openers: N. Lagios, M. Melki

E. Borisova (University of Lille). Another Brick in the Wall: Unified State Examination and Conspiracy Thinking

Disc. openers: A. Montalbo, A. Rabaté

A. Pietri (University of Montpellier). Should governments publicize thwarted attacks? A theoretical approach

Disc. openers: T. Stratmann, C. Shelton

The workshop's rules

30 minutes are allocated to each paper. The presentation itself should last up to 15 minutes. Each discussion opener will have up to two minutes to ask two questions, without providing a summary of the paper. The remainder will be devoted to a general discussion. Chairpersons will make sure that the time constraint is met.

Location

Sciences Po Grenoble hosts the 2025 workshop. The address is 1030 avenue Centrale, 38400 Saint-Martin-d'Hères. The room will be indicated in the building. The campus in Saint-Martin-d'Hères can be reached by tram: use either line B or C (which serve the city center and the campus) and stop at Université – Bibliothèques.

Travel information

There are direct trains from Paris to Grenoble (duration: approx. 3 hours).

The closest airport is Lyon Saint-Exupéry. You can travel to Grenoble either by train (<https://www.sncf-connect.com/>) or by bus (<https://www.flixbus.fr/> or <https://www.blablacar.fr/bus>) directly from the airport. Buses leave from Terminal 1, and the train station is located about 5-10 minutes on foot from the airport.

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