



# 3<sup>rd</sup> CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society

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*Deadline to register for attending this conference has passed*

## PROGRAM

### MONDAY, 23 JUNE

**Chair: Luca Braghieri**

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| 09:30 – 10:00 | <i>Registration</i>  |
| 10:00 – 10:50 | <p>"Competing Ideologies: Fit, Simplicity, and Fear" by <a href="#">Andrea Prat</a> (with José Luis Montiel Olea)</p> <p>Discussant: <a href="#">Andrea Mattozzi</a></p>   |
| 10:50 – 11:40 | <p>"The Political Economy of Alternative Realities" by <a href="#">Ferenc Szucs</a> (with Adam Szeidl)</p> <p>Discussant: <a href="#">Giovanna Invernizzi</a></p>  |
| 11:40 - 12:10 | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 12:10 - 13:00 | <p>"The Anatomy of Censorship and Propaganda: Evidence from Russian Wikipedias" by <a href="#">Ruben Durante</a> (with Vladimir Avetian, Ulrich Matter, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)</p> <p>Discussant: <a href="#">Ruben Enikolopov</a></p> |
| 13:00 - 14:30 | <i>Lunch</i>   |
| 14:30 - 15:20 | <p>"Hate in the Time of Algorithms: Evidence from a Large-Scale Experiment on Online Behavior" by <a href="#">Aarushi Kalra</a></p> <p>Discussant: <a href="#">Mateusz Stalinski</a></p>   |
| 15:20 - 16:10 | <p>"Adding Fuel to the (Gun) Fire: How Politicians Polarize the Public Debate" by <a href="#">Lehan Zhang</a> (with Gabriele Gratton, Pauline Grosjean, and Hasin Yousaf)</p> <p>Discussant: <a href="#">Milena Djourelova</a></p>         |
| 16:10 - 16:40 | <i>Coffee break</i>  |
| 16:40 - 17:30 | <p>"Do Elections Moderate or Polarize Political Rhetoric?" by <a href="#">Guido Tabellini</a> (with Tito Boeri and Nina Nikiforova)</p> <p>Discussant: <a href="#">Maria Petrova</a></p>   |
| 17:30 - 18:10 | <p>"The War of Ideas: Institutions and Global Media Bias" by <a href="#">Alexey Makarin</a> (with Sibö Liu, Jinfeng Wu, and Dong Zhang)</p> <p>Discussant: <a href="#">Giulia Caprini</a></p>  |
| 20:00 -       | <i>Dinner (by invitation only)</i>   |

## TUESDAY, 24 JUNE

**Chair: Carlo Schwarz**

- 10:00 – 10:50 “*The Political Effects of X's Recommender Algorithm*” by [Germain Gauthier](#) (with Roland Hodler, Philine Widmer, and Ekaterina Zhuravskaya)  
Discussant: [Ro'ee Levy](#)
- 10:55 – 11:40 “*What do news readers want?*” by [Gregory Martin](#) (with Cameron Pfiffer and Shoshana Vasserman)  
Discussant: [Charles Angelucci](#)
- 11:40 – 12:10 *Coffee break*
- 12:10 – 13:00 “*Politicians, News Media, and the Culture War*” by [Aakaash Rao](#) (with Shakked Noy)  
Discussant: [David Strömberg](#)
- 13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch*
- 14:30 – 15:20 “*News avoidance in times of war*” by [Guy Yanay](#) (with Ro'ee Levy and Moses Shayo)  
Discussant: [Markus Prior](#)
- 15:20 – 16:10 “*Language Customization and the Market for News*” by [Ingar Haaland](#) (with Felix Chopra, Fabian Roeben, Christopher Roth, and Vanessa Sticher)  
Discussant: [Elliott Ash](#)
- 16:10 – 16:40 *Coffee break*
- 16:40 – 17:30 “*3G Internet and Human Capital Development*” by [Ronak Jain](#) (with Samuel Stemper)  
Discussant: [Nicolás Ajzenman](#)

**Timing:** Talks: 50 minutes = 30 minutes (author) + 10 minutes (discussant) + 10 minutes (Q&A)

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