

# The Economic Analysis of Critical Junctures

Venice, 19–20 June 2023

## Program

Presenting authors are denoted in capital letters

### Monday, 19 June 2023

8:15 – 8:30      **Welcome and Introduction**  
Michael Callen, Davide Cantoni, David Y. Yang and Noam Yuchtman

#### Session 1 The State

8:30 – 9:10      **Administrative Incentives Impact Crop-Residue Burning and Health in South Asia**  
Gemma Dipoppa, SAAD GULZAR (Princeton)

9:10 – 9:50      **Rebel Governance and Development: The Persistent Effects of Distrust in El Salvador**  
MARIA MICAELA SVIATSCHI (Princeton)

9:50 – 10:30      **Informal Elites as Local Bureaucrats: How Working as a Tax Collector Improves the Performance of City Chiefs in the D.R. Congo**  
JONATHAN WEIGEL (UC Berkeley)

10:30 – 11:00      **Coffee Break**

#### Session 2 Keynote Lecture

11:00 – 12:30      **Fear and Dreams: Social Origins of Para-State Behavior in Colombia**  
JAMES A. ROBINSON (University of Chicago)

12:30 – 14:00      **Lunch**

### **Session 3** **Conflict**

- 14:00 – 14:40      **(Mis)perceptions of Inequality, Social Cohesion, and Policy Preferences: Evidence from Lebanon**  
Augustin Bergeron, LYDIA ASSOUD (LSE), Salma Mousa, Giulia Buccione
- 14:40 – 15:20      **Measuring Religion from Behavior: Climate Shocks and Religious Adherence in Afghanistan**  
OEINDRILA DUBE (University of Chicago), Joshua Blumenstock, Michael Callen
- 15:20 – 16:00      **Markets, Conflict, and Incumbent Tenure: Evidence from Turkey's Kurdish Insurgency**  
EMINE DENIZ (University of Chicago)
- 16:00 – 16:30      **Coffee Break**

### **Session 4** **Social Organizations and Movements**

- 16:30 – 17:10      **Strengthening Female Political Representation in Nepal**  
STEFANO FIORIN (Bocconi)
- 17:10 – 17:50      **Can Chants in the Street Change Politics' Tune? Evidence from the 15M Movement in Spain**  
ANNALI CASANUEVA ARTIS (ifo Institute)
- 17:50 – 18:30      **Union Leaders: Experimental Evidence from Myanmar**  
LAURA BOUDREAU (Columbia), Rocco Macchiavello, Virginia Minni, Mari Tanaka
- 19:30                **Dinner**

Tuesday, 20 June 2023

## Session 5 Elections

- 8:00 – 8:40      **Identity-Based Elections**  
HELIOS HERRERA (Warwick)
- 8:40 – 9:20      **Voter Support for Democratic Institutions under Authoritarianism**  
CEREN BAYSAN (Toronto), Daron Acemoglu, Cevat Aksoy, Carlos Molina
- 9:20 – 10:00     **The Politics of Policy Reform: Experimental Evidence from Liberia**  
WAYNE SANDHOLTZ (NOVA Lisbon)
- 10:00 – 10:40    **Black Empowerment and Whites' Counter-Mobilization: The Effect of the Voting Rights Act**  
ANDREA BERNINI (Oxford), Cecilia Testa, Giovanni Facchini  
Marco Tabellini
- 10:40 – 11:00    **Coffee Break**

## Session 6 Media

- 11:00 – 11:40    **Access to Social Media and Support for Dominant Incumbents During An Authoritarian Turn: Natural and Field Experimental Evidence from Uganda**  
Jeremy Bowles, John Marshall, PIA RAFFLER (Harvard)
- 11:40 – 12:20    **The Effect of Independent Online Media in an Autocracy**  
RUBEN ENIKOPOLOV (UPF)
- 12:30 – 13:30    **Lunch**

## Session 7 Review

- 13:30 – 14:30    **Experiments to Understand the Causal Drivers and Consequences of Institutional Change**  
MICHAEL CALLEN (LSE), JONATHAN WEIGEL (Berkeley),  
NOAM YUCHTMAN (LSE)
- 14:30              **Departure**