

VENICE SUMMER INSTITUTE 2024

Economics of Social Media

San Servolo, 26–27 June 2024

Program

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Wednesday, 26 June 2024

Session 1

Chair: Annalí Casanueva

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Analyzing Climate Change Policy Narratives with the Character-Role Narrative Framework**
KAI GEHRING (University of Bern), Matteo Grigoletto
Discussants: Matilde Giaccherini, Francesco Sobbrío
- 9:00 – 9:30 **The Content Moderator's Dilemma: Online Plurality and the Removal of Toxic Content**
CARLO SCHWARZ (Bocconi University), Mahyar Habibi, Dirk Hovy
Discussants: Alejandra Agustina Martinez, Gisli Gylfason
- 9:30 – 10:00 **Toxic Content and User Engagement on Social Media: Evidence from a Field Experiment**
MATEUSZ STALINSKI (Warwick University), George Beknazar-Yuzbashev, Rafael Jiménez-Durán, Jesse McCrosky
Discussants: Juan Morales, Alex Yarkin
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Censorship in Democracy**
MATTEO GRIGOLETTO (University of Bern), Marcel Caesmann, Janis Goldzycher, Lorenz Gschwent
Discussants: Jaime Marques Pereira, Giacomo Battiston
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Keynote 1

Chair: Anna Kerkhof

- 11:00 – 12:30 **Hosting Media Bias: Evidence from the Universe of French Television and Radio Shows, 2002-2020**
JULIA CAGÉ (Sciences Po Paris)

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12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

Session 2

Chair: Milena Djourelova

14:00 – 14:30 **Does the "Melting Pot" Still Melt? Internet and Immigrants' Integration**

ALEX YARKIN (Brown University)

Discussants: Kai Gehring, Mateus Stalinski

14:30 – 15:00 **Accountability Under Polarization**

HORACIO LARREGUY (ITAM), Jose Ramon Enriquez, John Marshall, Alberto Simpser

Discussants: Alejandra Agustina Martinez, Thomas Schiller

15:00 – 15:30 **Moral Characters: Social Media and US Congressional Elections.**

JUAN MORALES (Wilfrid Laurier University), Edoardo Grillo, Alessandra Moresi

Discussants: Francesco Sobbrío, Carlo Schwarz

15:30 – 16:30 **Coffee Break**

Session 3

Chair: Annalí Casanueva

16:30 – 17:00 **Vax Populi: The Social Costs of Online Vaccine Skepticism**

MATILDE GIACCHERINI (Mercatorum University), Joanna Kopinska, Gabriele Rovigatti

Discussants: Gisli Gylfason, Juan Morales

17:00 – 17:30 **Hate in the Tropics: Bolsonaro's Triumph and the Surge of Online Hate Speech in Brazil**

ALEJANDRA AGUSTINA MARTÍNEZ (University of Leicester), Diego Marino Fages

Discussants: Carlo Schwarz, Horacio Larreguy

17:30 – 18:00 **Fact-checking Politicians**

FRANCESCO SOBBRIO (University of Rome Tor Vergata), Andrea Mattozzi, Samuel Nocito

Discussants: Thomas Schiller, Alex Yarkin

18:00 – 18:30 **Strategic Use of Social Media by Political Parties: Evidence from Italy**

GIACOMO BATTISTON (RFBerlin), Federico Boffa, Eugenio Levi, Steven Stillman

Discussants: Matteo Grigoletto, Jaime Marques Pereira

19:30 **Conference Dinner**

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Thursday, 27 June 2024

Keynote 2

Chair: Milena Djourelova

9:00 – 10:30 **Political Effects of Social Media**
RUBEN ENIKOLOPOV (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, BGSE)

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

Session 4

Chair: Anna Kerkhof

11:00 – 11:30 **Trumping the News: A High-Frequency Analysis**
JAIME MARQUES PEREIRA (Lancaster University)
Discussants: Matteo Grigoletto, Mateus Stalinski

11:30 – 12:00 **Silver Tongues vs. Ready Fists: Violent Protests and Eloquent Tweets.**
THOMAS SCHILLER (Leibniz University Hannover), Tobias Korn
Discussants: Kai Gehring, Horacio Larreguy

12:00 – 12:30 **From Tweets to the Streets: Twitter and Extremist Protests in the United States**
GISLI GYLFASON (Paris School of Economics)
Discussants: Matilde Giaccherini, Giacomo Battiston

13:00 **Lunch and Departure**