

2nd London Political Finance (*POLFIN*) Workshop

24-25 June 2021, Online (register [here](#))

Day 1: 24 June, 2021 (London time)

14:50-15:00 Welcome by organisers (Thorsten Beck, Orkun Saka & Paolo Volpin)

15:00-17:00 **Session 1: Politics of Corporate Favouritism** | chaired by Orkun Saka

Power, Scrutiny, and Congressmen's Favouritism for Friends' Firms

Quoc-Anh Do (Northwestern), Yen-Teik Lee (NUS), Bang D. Nguyen (Cambridge) & Kieu-Trang Nguyen (Northwestern)*

Discussant: Lauren H. Cohen (Harvard)

Politicizing Anti-bribery Enforcement

Lauren H. Cohen (Harvard) & Bo Li (Tsinghua)*

Discussant: Randall S. Kroszner (Chicago)

17:00-19:00 **Session 2: Politics of (Inter)national Credit** | chaired by Thorsten Beck

Does Political Partisanship Cross Borders? Evidence from International Capital Flows

Elisabeth Kempf (Chicago), Mancy Luo (Erasmus), Larissa Schäfer (Frankfurt)* & Margarita Tsoutsoura (Cornell)

Discussant: Mariassunta Giannetti (Stockholm)

Private Credit under Political Influence: Evidence from France

Anne-Laure Delatte (CNRS), Adrien Matray (Princeton) & Noemie Pinardon-Touati (HEC Paris)*

Discussant: Pat Akey (Toronto)

End of Day 1

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Day 2: 25 June, 2021 (London time)

14:00-16:00 **Session 3: Political Polarization in Finance** | chaired by Paolo Volpin

Political Polarization in Financial News

Eitan Goldman (Indiana), Nandini Gupta (Indiana) & Ryan Israelsen (Michigan State)*

Discussant: Ruben Durante (Pompeu Fabra)

The Political Polarization of U.S. Firms

Vyacheslav Fos (Boston College), Elisabeth Kempf (Chicago)* & Margarita Tsoutsoura (Cornell)

Discussant: John Matsusaka (USC Marshall)

16:00-17:00 **Keynote Speech** | chaired by Paolo Volpin

Professor Renée B. Adams (Oxford)

17:00-19:00 **Session 4: Dark Money & Environment** | chaired by Thorsten Beck

Disclosure in Democracy

Matthew Denes (Carnegie Mellon)*, Madeline Scanlon (Pittsburgh) & Florian Schulz (Washington)

Discussant: Luigi Zingales (Chicago)

Smokestacks and the Swamp

Emilio Bisetti (HKUST), Stefan Lewellen (Penn State)*, Arkodipta Sarkar (HKUST) & Xiao Zhao (HKUST)

Discussant: Efraim Benmelech (Northwestern)

19:00-19:10 **Concluding remarks by organisers**

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