

Unibo Political Economy Workshop

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Voting mechanisms, socio-economic contextual factors, and electoral outcomes

Organizers: Jonathan Chapman, Giovanni Prarolo

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Piazza Scaravilli 2, Auditorium

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9:00-9:20 **Registration**

9:20-9:30 **Welcome and Introduction**

9:30-10:10 **Where You Grow Up Shapes Your Political Behavior: Evidence from Childhood Moves**

Jacob Brown, Enrico Cantoni*, Sahil Chinoy, Martin Koenen, Vincent Pons

10:10-10:50 **Bridging the Participation Gap? Public Goods as a Determinant of Electoral Engagement**

Giorgio Bellettini, Carlotta Berti Ceroni, Martin Gonzalez Eiras, Giovanni Prarolo, Marco Rosso*

10:50-11:20 *Coffee*

11:20-12:00 **The Political Economy of the Local Press: Taxes on Knowledge, Partisanship, and Democratization in Nineteenth-Century Britain**

Jonathan Chapman, Cyril Thomson*

12:00-12:40 **Pilgrims and Crusaders: Religion as a Political Double-Edged Sword**

Tommaso Colussi*, Dominic Rohner, Andrea Tesei, Felipe Valencia

12:40-13:20 **Registration Reforms in the United States**

Graziella Bertocchi, Federica Cairone*

13:20-14:30 *Lunch*

- 14:30-15:45** **Keynote Talk**
Religion, Human Capital and Politics in a Historical Perspective
Mara Squiccarini
- 15:45-16:15** *Coffee*
- 16:15-16:45** **When the Dictator is in Town**
Francesco Barilari, Nicola Fontana*, Nicola Mastrorocco
- 16:45-17:15** **Political Power, Conflict and Backlash: Theory and Evidence from Italy**
Giovanni Righetto*, Paolo Vanin
- 17:15-17:45** **Agricultural Practices, Organised Workers and Female Empowerment: Evidence from Italian Mondine**
Luca Bagnato*, Yu Pan, Miriam Venturini
- 17:45-18:15** **Moral Panics and the Transformations of Political Cleavages: The STOP ERA Campaign**
Federica Esposito*
- 20:00** **Dinner (invitation only)**
Va Mo Là (Via delle Moline, 3a)