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4th CEPR Workshop on Media, Technology, Politics, and Society

June 25-26, 2026

Venue: EIEF – Via Sallustiana 62, Rome, Italy

PROGRAM

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

Thursday 25 June - Chair: [Andrea Prat](#)

09.30 – 10.00 *Registration*

10.00 – 10.50 “*What Motivates Partisan Selective Exposure? Experimental Evidence from the 2024 US Presidential Election*” by [Michael Thaler](#) (University College London), with Peter Robertson and Matthew Gentzkow

Discussant: [Ro’ee Levy](#) (Tel Aviv University)

10.50 – 11.40 “*Frictions in News Consumption: Evidence from Social Media*” by [Luca Braghieri](#) (Università Bocconi), with Ro’ee Levy and Hannah Trachtman

Discussant: [Andrey Simonov](#) (Columbia University)

11.40 – 12.10 *Coffee break*

12.10 – 13.00 “*Moral Regulation and Cultural Production: Evidence from Hollywood*” by [David Strömberg](#) (Stockholm University), with Ruixue Jia

Discussant: [Charles Angelucci](#) (MIT)

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 15.20 “*The Joe Rogan Effect: Politicized Podcasts and the Youth Gender Gap*” by [Federico Masera](#) (UNSW Sydney), with Elliott Ash, Sergio Galletta, and Lehan Zhang

Discussant: [Heyu Xiong](#) (Case Western Reserve University)

15.20 – 16.10 “*An Image is Worth 40.38 Words: Partisanship and Attention in Videos*” by [Andrea Ciccaroni](#) (Columbia University)

Discussant: [Giulia Caprini](#) (Sciences Po)

16.10 – 16.40 *Coffee break*

16.40 – 17.30 “*Algorithms and Parasitic Content*” by [Nancy Wang](#) (MIT), with Hannah Solheim

Discussant: [Rafael Jiménez-Durán](#) (Università Bocconi)

17.30 – 18.20 “*The Well-Being Effects of Digital Mental Health Care*” by [Manuela Angelucci](#) (University of Texas at Austin), with Raissa Fabregas and Antonia Vazquez

Discussant: [Matthew Ridley](#) (University of Warwick)



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20.00 – *Dinner (by invitation only)*

Friday 26 June - Chair: [Alexey Makarin](#)

10.00 – 10.50 “*Mobile Broadband and the Decline of Incumbency Advantage*” by [Ekaterina Zhuravskaya](#) (**Paris School of Economics**), with Sergei Guriev, Nikita Melnikov, and Joana Escorcio Silva

Discussant: [Markus Prior](#) (**Princeton University**)

10.50 – 11.40 “*Media Education, Access to News and Information Inequality: Nationwide Experiment in French High Schools*” by [Julia Cagé](#) (**Sciences Po**), with Simon Briole and Andrea Prat

Discussant: [Matthew Gentzkow](#) (**Stanford University**)

11.40 – 12.10 *Coffee break*

12.10 – 13.00 “*Ambiguous Attribution: Theory and Evidence from Public Service Provision*” by [Gerard Padró i Miquel](#) (**Yale University**), with Ricardo Alonso, Monica Martinez-Bravo, Carlos Sanz, and Silvia Vannutelli

Discussant: [Maria Petrova](#) (**Universitat Pompeu Fabra**)

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 – 15.20 “*GenAI Misinformation, Trust, and News Consumption: Evidence from a Field Experiment*” by [Ruben Durante*](#) (**National University of Singapore, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, and CEPR**), with Filipe Campante, Felix Hagemester, and Ananya Sen

Discussant: [Andrew M. Guess](#) (**Princeton University**)

15.20 – 16.10 “*Identity in Journalism: Evidence from News Reporting of Violence against Women*” by [Claudia Marangon](#) (**Harvard University**)

Discussant: [Silvia Vannutelli](#) (**Sciences Po and Northwestern**)

16.10 – 16.40 *Coffee break*

16.40 – 17.30 “*Polarization and Exposure to Cross-Partisan Media in an Electoral Autocracy*” by [Horacio Larreguy](#) (**ITAM**), with Jeremy Bowles, Shelley Liu, and Ahmet Akbiyik

Discussant: [Ruben Enikolopov](#) (**Universitat Pompeu Fabra**)

20.00 – *Optional dinner (non-sponsored)*



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