

Finance and Political Economy Conference

2026 Agenda

September 4, Friday (Riggs Library)
Breakfast 8:20-9am

Session 1: Political Influence and Law

Moderator: Elizabeth Kempf (Harvard Business School)

9:00—9:40am

[The Liberal Tilt of Financial Regulators](#)

Jason Chen (Auburn University), Joseph Kalmenovitz (University of Rochester),
Denis Sosyura (Arizona State University)

Discussant: John Matsusaka (University of Southern California)

9:40—10:20am

[Mega-Donors and Representation of the Wealthy in the Wake of Citizens United](#)

Ilon Babenko (Arizona State University), Viktor Fedaseyev (CEIBS), Guosong
Xu (Erasmus University)

Discussant: Pat Akey (ESSEC Business School)

Coffee Break 10:20—10:35

Session 2: Granular Origins of Political Cycle

Moderator: Jarrad Harford (University of Washington)

10:35—11:20am

Lauren Cohen (Harvard Business School)

Invited Speech

[The Micro-Geography of Persuasion: Randomized Peer Exposure and Legislative Outcomes](#)

11:20—12:00pm

[Firms as Electoral Monopsonies](#)

Carlos F. Avenancio-León (UCSD), Adelina Barbalau (University of Alberta),
Cyndi Xinyu Hou (Indiana University), Alessio Piccolo (Indiana University)

Discussant: Paolo Volpin (Drexel University)

Lunch 12:00—1:20pm

Session 3: Pricing of Political Uncertainty

Moderator: **Slava Fos** (Boston College)

1:20—2:00pm	The Pricing of Geopolitical Tensions over a Century Andrei S. Goncalves (Ohio State University), Alessandro Melone (Ohio State University), Andrea Ricciardi (Ohio State University) Discussant: Jinyuan Zhang (UCLA)
2:00—2:40pm	Learning from Prediction Markets: The Transmission of Information and Noise to Traditional Assets Itay Goldstein (Wharton School), Ye Li (University of Washington), Chen Wang (University of Notre Dame) Discussant: Pete Kyle (University of Maryland)

Coffee Break 2:40-3:00pm

3:00—3:45pm	TBD
Invited Speech	Paola Sapienza (Stanford University)

Coffee Break 3:45—4:00pm

Session 4: Seminar Style Presentations

4:00—4:20pm	Populism and Monetary Policy Transmission Nora Lamersdorf (BI Norwegian Business School)
4:20—4:40pm	Partisan Product Pricing Ran Duchin (Boston College), Quentin Dupont (Georgetown University), Paul Freed (University of Virginia), and John Hackney (University of Arkansas)
4:40—5:00pm	Unreadable Political Trades Ziming Dong (UC Irvine), Nancy R. Xu (Boston College), Xiaoyun Yu (SAIF)
5:00—5:20pm	Watchdog or Showdog? Spotlight Chasing in Antitrust Enforcement Tianshu Lyu (Yale School of Management), Zunda Winston Xu (Stanford GSB)

Conference Dinner: [Boqueria Penn Quarters](#), 6pm

September 5 Saturday (Room 350, Rafik Hariri Building)
Breakfast 8:20-9:00am outside of Room 350

Session 5: Firms and Knowledge Production

Moderator: William Mullins (UCSD)

9:00—9:40am

[The Politics of Academic Research](#)

Matthew C. Ringgenberg (University of Utah), **Chong Shu** (University of Utah),
Ingrid M. Werner (Ohio State University)

Discussant: Marlene Koffi (University of Toronto)

9:40—10:20am

[When Science and Technology Collide with Politics: Patent Examiner Political Ideology and Green Innovation](#)

Tao Shu (CUHK), **Fei Xie** (University of Delaware), Song Zhang (University of Delaware), Wenrui Zhang (Colorado State University)

Discussant: Joan Farre-Mensa (University of Illinois Chicago)

Coffee Break 10:20—10:40am

Session 6: Political Ideology and Household Choices

Moderator: Francesco D'Acunto (Georgetown University)

10:40—11:20am

[Politics and the Price of Housing](#)

Marco Grotteria (LBS), S. Lakshmi Naaraayanan (LBS), and **Andrea Pagliuca** (LBS)

Discussant: Arpit Gupta (New York University)

11:20—12:00pm

[The Price of Representation: Congressional Redistricting and Housing Markets](#)

Calvin Wright (University of Southern California)

Discussant: Ethan Kaplan (University of Maryland)

12:00—12:40pm

[Consuming Values](#)

Jacob Conway (University of Chicago), Levi Boxell (Independent)

Discussant: Jason Sandvik (University of Arizona)

Conference concludes, boxed lunch to go