



1st Transatlantic Political Economy Conference (T-PEC)

25-26 October 2024, Montreal

Organisers: Nicolas Ajzenman (McGill), Cevat Giray Aksoy (EBRD and KCL),
and Caroline Le Pennec (HEC Montréal)

Day 1: 25 October 2024

Location: Thompson House, McGill University

09:00-09:30 | Breakfast and registration

09:30-10:15 | Democracy Corrupted: Apex Corruption and the Erosion of Democratic Values

Saumitra Jha (Stanford GSB)

Discussant: Pierre-Louis Vezina (King's College London)

10:15-11:00 | Hosting Media Bias: Evidence from the Universe of French Broadcasts, 2002-2020

Camille Urvoy (University of Mannheim)

Discussant: Pedro C. Sant'Anna (MIT)

11:00-11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30-12:15 | Is Basic Democracy Enough?

Cory Smith (University of Maryland)

Discussant: Clémence Tricaud (UCLA)

12:15-13:00 | Bourbon Reforms and State Capacity in the Spanish Empire

Felipe Valencia (University of British Columbia)

Discussant: Lydia Assouad (LSE)

13:00-14:00 | Lunch break

14:00-14:45 | State Capacity as an Organizational Problem. Evidence from the Growth of the U.S. State over 100 years

Nicola Mastrococco (University of Bologna)

Discussant: Decio Coviello (HEC)

14:45-15:30 | Hate, Fear and Intergroup Conflict: Experimental Evidence from Nigeria

Miguel Ortiz (Princeton University)

Discussant: Francesco Amodio (McGill)

15:30-16:00 | Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 | Keynote | Nathan Nunn (University of British Columbia): Zero-Sum Thinking and the Roots of U.S. Political Divides

Introduction by Caroline Le Pennec (HEC Montréal)

18:00 | Dinner at La Prunelle (by invitation only)



Day 2: 26 October 2024

Location: Hélène-Desmarais Building, HEC Montréal

09:00-09:30 | Coffee and breakfast

09:30-10:15 | When Democracies Refuse to Die: Evaluating a Training Program for New Politicians

Claudio Ferraz (University of British Columbia)

Discussant: Juan Felipe Riano (Georgetown)

10:15-11:00 | The Extent and Causes of Increased Partisan Residential Segregation in the US

Emilie Sartre (University of Nottingham)

Discussant: Arthur Silve (Laval)

11:00-11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30-12:15 | McCarthyism, Media, and Political Repression: Evidence from Hollywood

Tianyi Wang (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Silvia Vannutelli (Northwestern)

12:15-13:00 | Voter Misperceptions and Preferences for Democratic Institutions

Ceren Baysan (University of Toronto)

Discussant: Ruth Dassonneville (Université de Montréal)

13:00-14:00 | Concluding remarks and lunch break

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