



Transatlantic Political Economy Conference (T-PEC)

9-10 October 2026, Montreal

Location: Thompson House, McGill University

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

Day 1: Friday, October 9

08:30-09:20 | Breakfast and welcome

09:20-10:00 | Making Teenagers Read Newspapers: A Nationwide Experiment in French High Schools

Julia Cagé (Sciences Po)

Discussant: Juan Morales (Wilfrid Laurier University)

10:00-10:30 | Coffee Break

10:30-11:10 | Electoral Integrity and Local Development: Experimental Evidence From Colombia

Mateo Montenegro (Toulouse School of Economics)

Discussant: Francesco Amodio (McGill University)

11:10-11:50 | Candidate Entry into Local Government

Kate Casey (Stanford University)

Discussant: Maggie Jones (McGill University)

11:50-13:00 | Lunch break

13:00-13:40 | Political Appointments, Careers, and Performance in the Public Sector: Evidence from U.S. Federal Judges

Carlo Medici (University of California, Los Angeles)

Discussant: Decio Coviello (HEC Montréal)

13:40-14:20 | Does Transparency Improve Legislator Performance? Evidence from the UK Parliamentary Expenses Scandal

Luis Martinez (Emory University)

Discussant: Evelyne Brie (Université de Montréal)

14:20-14:50 | Coffee Break

14:50-15:30 | Multidimensional Political Signaling and the Rise of Cultural Politics

Konstantin Sonin (University of Chicago)

Discussant: Nicolas Sahuguet (HEC Montréal)

15:30-16:30 | Keynote talk by Frederico Finan (University of California, Berkeley)

Introduction by Caroline Le Pennec



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

Day 2: Saturday, October 10

09:00-09:30 | Breakfast

09:30-10:10 | Journalist Ideology and the Production of News: Evidence from Movers

Jacob Conway (University of Chicago)

Discussant: Eric Avis (HEC Montréal)

10:10-10h50 | From Correction to Connection: Relational Approaches to Countering Misinformation

Cesi Cruz (University of Michigan)

Discussant: Vincent Arel-Bundock (Université de Montréal)

10:50-11:20 | Coffee Break

11:20-12:00 | When the Grass Seems Greener on the Other Side: Economic Misperceptions and Support for Democracy

Martin Fiszbein (Boston University)

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

12:00-13:00 | Keynote talk by Vincent Pons (Harvard University)

Introduction by Nicolas Ajzenman

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

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

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