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PROGRAM



CONFERENCE VENUE

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TUESDAY MAY 26 morning

08:30–08:50 *Registration & Coffee*

08:50–09:00 *Welcome remarks*

Session 1: Popular Regime Support: Nazi Germany

Chair: Victor Gay, TSE

09:00–09:45 **Jan Stuckatz**, *Copenhagen Business School*

Career Trade-Offs under Totalitarian Rule: Evidence from Nazi Germany

Discussant: Fabio Angiolillo,

University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute

09:45–10:30 **Sascha Riaz**, *European University Institute*

Regime Loyalty in Wartime Nazi Germany

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

Session 2: Popular Regime Support: GDR and Fascist Italy

Chair: Selina Hofstetter, University of Zurich

11:00–11:45 **Ludwig Schulze**, *European University Institute*

Land and Loyalty: The Political Consequences of Land Reform in East Germany

Discussant: Jan Stuckatz, Copenhagen Business School

11:45–12:30 **Fabio Angiolillo**, *University of Gothenburg, V-Dem Institute*

Guilt By Association: Past State-Based Violence's Determinants for Fascist Organizational Strength

Discussant: Victor Gay, TSE

12:30–14:00 *Lunch break*

TUESDAY MAY 26 afternoon

Session 3: Elite Support: Nazi Germany and Francoist Spain **Chair: Mikkel Dack, Rowan University**

14:00–14:45 **Jan Hammelehle**, *Universitat de Barcelona*
The Price of Consolidation: Austerity and the Nazi Alignment
of German Business Leaders at the End of the Weimar Republic
Discussant: Magalí Serra Duran, *European University Institute*

14:4–15:30 **Pau Vall-Prat**, *Universitat de Barcelona*
Mayors as Autocratic Pawns
Discussant: Anne Degrave, *TSE*

15:30–16:00 *Coffee break*

Session 4: Elite Support: Fascist Italy and Khmer Cambodia **Chair: Jan Stuckatz, Copenhagen Business School**

16:00–16:45 **Lorenzo Vicari**, *European University Institute*
Feather-Handed Fascists: Surveillance as a Signal of
Bureaucratic Loyalty
Discussant: Dario Landwehr, *University of Konstanz*

16:45–17:30 **Lucy Right**, *Yale University*
Who Recruits for a Revolutionary Regime? Evidence from the
Khmer Rouge Insurgency

19:30 *Dinner (by invitation only)*

WEDNESDAY MAY 27 morning

09:25–09:45 *Welcome coffee*

Session 5: Legacies on Contemporary Political Behavior: Voting and Party Support

Chair: Victor Gay, TSE

09:45–10:30 **Cristina Mac Gregor**, *New York University*
Political Heirs: Memory and the Persistence of Electoral Responses to Past Authoritarian Abuses
Discussant: Kristin Michelitch, TSE

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

Session 6: Legacies on Contemporary Political Behavior: Turnout and Activism

Chair: Jan Stuckatz, Copenhagen Business School

11:00–11:45 **Isabelle DeSisto**, *Princeton University*
Family Repression and Political Mobilization across Regime Types
Discussant: Alberto Simpser, ITAM

11:45–12:30 **Magalí Serra Duran**, *European University Institute*
Voting under Repression: Individual-Level Turnout in Authoritarian Regimes
Discussant: Selina Hofstetter, University of Zurich

12:30–14:00 *Lunch break*