

# Popular Support for Autocratic Regimes in Historical Perspective

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### PROGRAM



### CONFERENCE VENUE

Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)  
1, Esplanade de l'Université – 31 000 Toulouse, France  
Auditorium 3 – JJ Laffont (Ground Floor)

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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***

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

Who Became a Nazi? A Structured Database of the Denazification Questionnaires from the US Occupation Zone in Germany, 1945–49

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

Regime Loyalty during Wartime: Evidence from Nazi Germany

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

### ***Session 2: Popular Regime Support: GDR and Fascist Italy***

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

Roots of Authority: The Political Consequences of Land Reform in East Germany

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

The Effect of Past State Repression on Support for a New Autocracy: Evidence from Fascism

12:30–14:00 *Lunch break*

## TUESDAY MAY 26 afternoon

### ***Session 3: Elite Support: Nazi Germany and Francoist Spain***

- 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
- 14:4–15:30     **Pau Vall Prat**, *Universitat de Barcelona*  
Mayors as Autocratic Pawns
- 15:30–16:00     *Coffee break*

### ***Session 4: Elite Support: Fascist Italy and Khmer Cambodia***

- 16:00–16:45     **Pau Grau-Vilalta**, *European University Institute*  
Feather-Handed Fascists? Surveillance as a Signal of Bureaucratic Loyalty
- 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

08:40–09:00 *Welcome coffee*

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

09:00–09:45 **Steven M. Van Hauwaert**, *Université Catholique de Lille, ESPOL*  
Generational Dynamics of Authoritarian Nostalgia and Populist Radical Right Support: A Comparative Analysis

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

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

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

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

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