

# Conference in Honor of Professor Guido Tabellini

**26 – 27 MAY 2025**

SDA Bocconi  
School of Management  
Michele Ferrero  
Auditorium  
Via Sarfatti 10, Milano

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**26 MAY 2025**

**2:00 – 2:30 pm**  
**Registration and Welcome**  
Andrea Sironi President, Bocconi University  
Francesco Billari Rector, Bocconi University  
Guido Tabellini's students

**SESSION 1 – POLITICAL ECONOMICS**  
Chair **Edoardo Teso** Bocconi University

**2:30 – 3:30 pm**  
**The Political Economics of Party Entry**  
Torsten Persson IIES, and Tim Besley LSE

**3:30 – 4:00 pm**  
**Climate Politics in the United States**  
Matilde Bombardini University of California  
Berkeley

**4:00 – 4:30 pm**  
**Guido Tabellini: From Political Institutions  
to Cultural Polarization & Identity**  
Francesco Trebbi University of California  
Berkeley

**4:30 – 5:00 pm**  
**Coffee Break**

**SESSION 2 – CULTURE AND SOCIAL  
ECONOMICS**  
Chair **Rafael Jimenez** Bocconi University

**5:00 – 5:30 pm**  
**Changing Harmful Norms**  
Eliana La Ferrara Harvard University

**5:30 – 6:00 pm**  
**The impact of slave ownership on  
allegiances in the US Civil War and its  
lasting legacy on social networks**  
Matthew O. Jackson Stanford University

**8:00 pm**  
**Dinner**  
Restaurant "Materia", Via Sarfatti 10  
*by invitation only*

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**SESSION 2 (cont) – CULTURE AND SOCIAL  
ECONOMICS**  
Chair **Michela Carlana** Bocconi University

**9:00 – 9:30 am**  
**Why has Construction Productivity  
stagnated? The Role of Land-Use Regulation**  
Edward Glaeser Harvard University

**9:30 – 10:00 am**  
**A Cognitive Theory of Reasoning and  
Choice**  
Nicola Gennaioli Bocconi University

**10:00 – 10:30 am**  
**Coffee Break**

**SESSION 3 – HISTORY OF NATIONS**  
Chair **Mara Squicciarini** Bocconi University

**11:00 – 11:30 am**  
**Why has Liberalism Failed and how to  
Remake It Better?**  
Daron Acemoglu MIT

**11:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Africa in World History**  
James Robinson University of Chicago

**12:00 – 12:30 pm**  
**Empires. Nation States and Democracies**  
Gerard Roland University of California  
Berkeley

**12:30 – 2:00 pm**  
**Buffet Lunch**



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## SESSION 4 – TRADE AND POLITICAL ECONOMICS

Chair **Jan Bakker** Bocconi University

**2:00 – 2:30 pm**

**Optimal Tariffs with Geopolitical Alignment**

**Elhanan Helpman** Tel Aviv and Harvard  
University

**2:30 – 3:00 pm**

**What Political Economy Got Right (and  
Wrong) on Trade**

**Dani Rodrik** Harvard University

**4:30 – 5:00 pm**

Coffee Break

**5:00 – 6:00 pm**

**ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON  
EUROPEAN SOVEREIGNTY**

**Giuliano Amato** European University Institute

**Catherine De Vries** Bocconi University

**Mario Monti** IEP@BU Institute for European

Policymaking @ Bocconi University

**Massimo Morelli** Bocconi University

## SESSION 5 – TECHNOLOGY, DISTRIBUTION AND GROWTH

Chair **Marta Prato** Bocconi University

**3:30 – 4:00 pm**

**The Future of Innovation: Are the Good  
Times over?**

**Joel Mokyr** Northwestern University

**4:00 – 4:30 pm**

**Firm Dynamics and Growth with Soft  
Budget Constraints**

**Philippe Aghion** Collège de France and  
INSEAD