

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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2:00 – 2:30 pm
Registration and Welcome

Francesco Billari Rector, Bocconi University
Andrea Sironi President, 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
Elia 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
**The Future of Innovation: Are the Good
Times over?**
Joel Mokyr Northwestern University

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

SESSION 5 – TECHNOLOGY, DISTRIBUTION AND GROWTH

Chair **Marta Prato** Bocconi University

3:30 – 4:00 pm

**Why has Liberalism Failed and how to
Remake It Better?**
Daron Acemoglu MIT

4:00 – 4:30 pm

**Firm Dynamics and Growth with Soft
Budget Constraints**
Philippe Aghion INSEAD

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