



UNIVERSITY OF
BIRMINGHAM

POLECON UK 8th Annual Conference

8-9 June 2026

Local Organisers: [Apurav Bhatiya](#) and [Eric Melander](#)

Location: [Harvard Lecture Theatre, Alan Walters Building](#)

----- Monday, June 8 -----

11:00 -- 11:30 Registration and Coffee

11:30 -- 12:15 **Yann Algan (HEC Paris)**, [Emotions and Policy Attitudes \(with Eva Davoine, Thomas Renault and Stefanie Stantcheva\)](#)

12:15 -- 13:00 **Benjamin Marx (Boston University)**, [The Global Incumbency Advantage \(with Raphaël Descamps, Vincent Pons and Vincent Rollet\)](#)

13:00 -- 14:00 Lunch

14:00 -- 14:45 **Julia Cagé (Sciences Po)**, [Media Education, Access to News and Information Inequality: A Nationwide Experiment in French High Schools \(with Simon Briole and Andrea Prat\)](#)

14:45 -- 15:30 **Debraj Ray (New York University)**, [The Great Gatsby Curve: Upward Mobility, Persistence and Inequality \(with Laura Mayoral and Garance Genicot\)](#)

15:30 -- 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 -- 16:45 **Best Graduate Student Paper Award: Margot Belguise (University of Warwick)**, [The Normalization of the Far-Right: When the Saliency of Victories Matters](#)

16:45 -- 17:25 **Graduate Student Session:**

Lily Shevchenko (University of Warwick), [Can hate speech be banned online? The effects of shutting down toxic forums on Reddit \(with Adam Di Lizia\)](#)

Tobias Schillings (University of Oxford), [Universal or Segmented Expansion? The Political Economy of Healthcare Reform in the Global South](#)

17:25 -- 18:30 Drinks Reception/Committee Meeting

19:00 -- 22:00 Dinner: [Dishoom Birmingham](#)

Tuesday, June 9

09:00 -- 09:45 **Marco Tabellini (Harvard Business School)**, [Extractive Taxation and the French Revolution \(with Tommaso Giommoni and Gabriel Laoumeau\)](#)

09:45 -- 10:30 **Anja Prummer (Freie Universität Berlin)**, [Choosing Community \(with Lukas Hübner\)](#)

10:30 -- 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 -- 11:45 **Milena Djourelova (University of Southern California)**, [Voting Technology: Electoral Effects, Trust and Take-Up \(with Teodora Tsankova\)](#)

11:45 -- 12:30 **Benjamin Arold (University of Cambridge)**, [Worker Rights in Collective Bargaining \(with Elliott Ash, W. Bentley MacLeod and Suresh Naidu\)](#)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch and End of Conference
