

*Tor Vergata Reading Group*  
*in Political Economy & Labour*

**General Description:** Discussion on papers recently published in leading economic journals or recent working papers by leading scholars in the field of political economy or labor economics (broadly defined). Papers looking at related topics in historical contexts/using historical data are also welcome.

**Organizing Committee:** [Francesco Barilari](#), [Elisa Facchetti](#), [Giorgio Gulino](#), [Christoph Koenig](#), [Francesco Sobbrío](#)

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**Time and place:**

Every two weeks on Wednesday @3.30 pm (In presence only)

**Format:** 1h meeting. Each meeting of the members will present and discuss one paper also providing a background on the key related literature. Presentations should use slides and be structured in three parts: i) motivation and general background literature; ii) main results in the paper; iii) critical evaluation. Each presentation will be followed/complemented by a general discussion. **All the members of the reading group are required to carefully read the paper in advance**, actively participate in the discussion, and attend the meetings regularly.

**Aim:**

1. To help PhD students to you get ideas/get started with writing a paper in this area.
2. To enhance interactions among faculty members/postdocs working in related fields.

**Selection of papers:** The organizing committee pre-selects a set of papers for possible presentations. It is also possible to propose alternative papers to the organizing committee. Presentations of preliminary projects are also very welcome but subject to the approval of the organizing committee.

Miscellanea: Food will be provided on a voluntary basis by the organizers

## Preliminary List of Papers

### Labour Economics

- [“Violence Against Women at Work”](#) (QJE 2023) Abi Adams-Prassl, Kristiina Huttunen, Emily Nix, Ning Zhang
- [“The old boys’ club: Schmoozing and the gender gap”](#) (AER 2023) Zoe Cullen, Ricardo Perez-Truglia
- [“Trading Non-Tradables: The Implications of Europe's Job Posting Policy”](#) (Forthcoming at QJE) Mathilde Munoz
- [“Cash Transfers and Formal Labor Markets: Evidence from Brazil”](#) (CEPR WP 2021, *R&R at Econometrica*) Francois Gerard, Joana Naritomi and Joana Silva
- [Career Spillovers in Internal Labor Markets](#) (Review of Economic Studies, forthcoming) Nicola Bianchi, Giulia Bovini, Jin Li, Matteo Paradisi, Michael Powell
- [Do Youth Employment Programs Work? Evidence from the New Deal](#), Anna Aizer, Shari Eli, Guido Imbens, Keyoung Lee, Adriana Lleras-Muney
- [Answering the Call of Automation: How the Labor Market Adjusted to the Mechanization of Telephone Operation](#), James Feigenbaum, Daniel Gross
- [The Rise of Domestic Outsourcing and the Evolution of the German Wage Structure](#) (Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2017) Deborah Goldschmidt, Johannes Schmieder
- [The Effect of Minimum Wages on Low-Wage Jobs](#) (Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2019) Doruk Cengiz, Arindrajit Dube, Attila Lindner, Ben Zipperer
- [Politics at Work](#), Emanuele Colonnelli, Valdemar Pinho Neto, Edoardo Teso
- [The Geography of Child Penalties and Gender Norms: Evidence from the United States](#), Henrik Kleven.
- [Systemic Discrimination among Large U.S. Employers](#) (Quarterly Journal of Economics, 2022) Patrick Kline, Evan Rose, Christopher Walters
- [Eclipse of Rent-Sharing: The Effects of Managers' Business Education on Wages and the Labor Share in the US and Denmark](#) (NBER WP), Daron Acemoglu, Alex He & Daniel le Maire

- [The Making of Social Democracy the Economic and Electoral Consequences of Norway's 1936 Folk School Reform](#) (CEPR DP), Acemoglu, Daron and Pekkarinen, Tuomas and Salvanes, Kjell G. and Sarvimäki, Matti

## Education

- [“Diversity in Schools: Immigrants and the Educational Performance of U.S. Born Students”](#) (forthcoming, Review of Economic Studies) David Figlio, Riccardo Marchingiglio, Umut Ozek and Paola Sapienza
- [“Diversifying Society’s Leaders? The Determinants and Causal Effects of Admission to Highly Selective Private Colleges”](#) (NBER WP, 2023) Raj Chetty, David J. Deming, John Friedman

## Public sector performance

- [“Managers and Productivity in the Public Sector”](#) (Econometrica, 2022) Alessandra Fenizia
- [“Strengthening State Capacity: Civil Service Reform and Public Sector Performance during the Gilded Age”](#) (R&R at American Economic Review) Guo Xu, Abhay Aneja

## Innovation

- “Who Becomes an Inventor in America? [The Importance of Exposure to Innovation](#)” (QJE 2019) [Xavier Jaravel, Alex Bell](#), Raj Chetty, Neviana Petkova and John Van Reenen
- [Does Directed Innovation Mitigate Climate Damage? Evidence from U.S. Agriculture](#) (QJE 2023) Jacob Moscona, Karthik A Sastry

## Economics of crime

- [“Making a Narco: Childhood Exposure to Illegal Labor Markets and Criminal Life Paths”](#) (Econometrica, 2022) Maria Micaela Sviatschi
- [“The effect of job loss and unemployment insurance on crime in Brazil”](#) (Econometrica 2022) DGC Britto, P Pinotti, B Sampaio
- [“Does Welfare Prevent Crime? The Criminal Justice Outcomes of Youth Removed from SSI”](#) (QJE 2022) with Manasi Deshpande and Michael G. Mueller-Smith

## Political Economy of News Media:

- [Opinions as Facts](#) (Review of Economic Studies, forthcoming) Leonardo Bursztyn, Aakaash Rao, Chris Roth, David Yanagizawa-Drott
- [How do social media feed algorithms affect attitudes and behavior in an election campaign?](#) *Science*, 2023, Andrew M. Guess , Neil Malhotra , Jennifer Pan , Pablo Barberá , Hunt Allcott , Taylor Brown , Adriana Crespo-Tenorio , Drew Dimmery , Deen Freelon , Matthew Gentzkow , Sara González-Bailón , Edward Kennedy , Young Mie Kim , David Lazer , Devra Moehler , Brendan Nyhan , Carlos Velasco Rivera , Jaime Settle , Daniel Robert Thomas , Emily Thorson , Rebekah Tromble , Arjun Wilkins , Magdalena Wojcieszak , Beixian Xiong , Chad Kiewiet de Jonge , Annie Franco , Winter Mason , Natalie Jomini Stroud , Joshua A. Tucker
- [Reading Twitter in the Newsroom: How Social Media Affects Traditional-Media Reporting](#), Sophie Hatte, Etienne Madinier, Ekaterina Zhuravskaya
- [Social Media Influence Mainstream Media: Evidence from Two Billion Tweets](#) Julia Cage, Nicolas Herve, Beatrice Mazoyer
- [The Effect of Social Media on Elections: Evidence from the United States](#) Thomas Fujiwara, Karsten Müller & Carlo Schwarz
- [Internet, Social Media, and the Behavior of Politicians: Evidence from Facebook in Brazil](#) Pedro Bessone, Filipe R. Campante, Claudio Ferraz & Pedro Souza
- [Going Viral: Propaganda, Persuasion and Polarization in 1932 Hamburg](#) (CEPR DP), Bruno Caprettini, Marcel Caesmann, Hans-Joachim Voth, David Yanagizawa-Drott

## Political Economy and Migration

- [Racial Diversity and Racial Policy Preferences: The Great Migration and Civil Rights](#) (Review of Economic Studies, forthcoming), Alvaro Calderon, Vasili Fouka, Marco Tabellini
- [Diffusion of Gender Norms: Evidence from Stalin's Ethnic Deportations](#) (mimeo), Antonela Miho, Alexandra Jarotschkin, Ekaterina Zhuravskaya
- [Frontier Culture: The Roots and Persistence of “Rugged Individualism” in the United States](#) (*Econometrica*, 2020), Samuel Bazzi, Martin Fiszbein, Mesay Gebresilasse

## Political Economy of Dictatorship and Democratization

- [The Political-Economic Causes of the Soviet Great Famine, 1932–33](#) (NBER WP), Andrei Markevich, Natalya Naumenko and Nancy Qian
- [\(Successful\) Democracies Breed Their Own Support](#) (IZA DP), Acemoglu, Daron and Ajzenman, Nicolas and Aksoy, Cevat Giray and Fiszbein, Martin and Molina, Carlos
- [How Much Should We Trust the Dictator's GDP Growth Estimates?](#) (JPE, 2022), Luis R. Martínez

## Political Polarization

- [Morals as luxury goods and political polarization](#). No. w30001. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2022. Enke, Benjamin, Mattias Polborn, and Alex Wu.
- ["Sticking to one's guns: Mass shootings and the political economy of gun control in the United States."](#) *Journal of the European Economic Association* 19.5 (2021): 2765-2802. Yousaf, Hasin.
- [Policy Diffusion and Polarization across US States](#). No. w30142. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2022. DellaVigna, Stefano, and Woojin Kim.
- [Political Parties as Drivers of US Polarization: 1927-2018](#). No. w28296. National Bureau of Economic Research, 2021. Canen, Nathan J., Chad Kendall, and Francesco Trebbi.

## Miscellaneous papers in Political Economy

- ["Moral values and voting."](#) *Journal of Political Economy* 128.10 (2020): 3679-3729. Enke, Benjamin.
- [Emotion and Reason in Political Language](#), *The Economic Journal*, Volume 132, Issue 643, April 2022, Pages 1037–1059. Gloria Gennaro, Elliott Ash
- ["The supply of motivated beliefs."](#) (2021). Thaler, Michael.