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25–26 September 2026

Warwick Venice Centre, Palazzo Giustinian Lolin, San Marco 2893, Venice

Friday 25 September 2026

Time	Location	
08:30–09:00	Foyer	Registration
09:00–11:00		**Parallel Sessions 1**
	Accademia	Diversity and Backlash
		Gedeon Lim (University of Hong Kong): *The Political Economy of Intergroup Contact: Evidence from Malaysia*
		Dean Hoi (University of Melbourne): *Winning Hearts and Stomachs: Ethnic Restaurants and Anti-Immigrant Sentiment in the U.S.*
		Apurav Bhatiya (University of Birmingham): *From Modi's India to Westminster: How Hindu Nationalism Shapes Anti-Muslim Rhetoric Abroad*
		Teresa Freitas-Monteiro (CERGE-EI, University of Copenhagen): *Harsh Rhetoric and Cultural Identity: Backlash Effects of Denmark's Ghetto List*
	Rialto	Geography, Ecology, and the Deep Roots of Culture
		Jonathan Dries (Luiss Guido Carli University): *Rational Superstition: Environmental Volatility and the Origins of Magical Beliefs*
		Aldo Elizalde (Queen's University Belfast): *Songlines*
		Joseph Enguehard (ENS de Lyon & University of Bologna): *Grounded Ideologies: Geology, Institutions, and Politics*
		Marie Beigelman (Kings' College London): *Sugar, Hardship, and the Aftermath of Slavery*
	Canal Grande	Gender, Religion, and Fertility
		Raphael Corbi (University of Sao Paulo): *The Transition to Parenthood: The Effects of Fertility on Cultural Values*

		Eric Melander (University of Birmingham): *Patriarchal Norms and Missing Girls: Evidence from Unintended Consequences of Chinese Reforms* Lamis Kattan (Georgetown University): *Inheritance and Son Preference: Evidence from Pre-Industrial France* Christoph Koenig (University of Padova): *The Power of Forbidding the Pill: Religious Authority, Fertility, and the Catch-Up of Catholic Women*
11:00–11:30	Foyer	Coffee Break
11:30–12:30	**Canal Grande**	**Invited Session 1 – Saumitra Jha: "Leaders in Conflict"**
12:30–14:00	Foyer	Lunch Break

14:00–16:00		**Parallel Sessions 2**
	Accademia	Nation-Building, Language, and Identity
		Ashani Amarasinghe (University of Sydney): *Missions Misaligned: Colonial Legacies of Social Conflict in Africa* Davide Coluccia (University of Bristol): *A Nation of Emigrants: Transatlantic Emigration and Italian National Identity* Gunes Gokmen (Lund University): *Basque: Language, Segregation, and Identity* Zhuowen Qin (King's College London): *Hearing the Nation: Low-Barrier Information and Rural Education in Socialist China*
	Rialto	Migration, Assimilation, and Economic Integration
		Sara Benetti (University of British Columbia): *Our Crowd? Intra-Ethnic Frictions in Immigrant Assimilation* Yajna Govind (Aix-Marseille School of Economics): *Ethno-Racial Inequality in France* Francisco Eslava (Geneva Graduate Institute): *The Spanish Legacy in the US Southwest* Riccardo Di Cato (UC San Diego): *Seeds of Market-Based Capitalism: Christian Missionaries and China's Modernization*
	Canal Grande	Norm Formation
		Jeanet Bentzen (Department of Economics, University of Copenhagen): *Names as Cultural Mirrors* Sara Lazzaroni (University of Bologna & Bank of Italy): *Political Crisis and Institutional Change: Evidence from the 'Affaire Dreyfus'* Marcel Caesmann (University of Zurich): *Getting Religion: Identity Formation in the Protestant Reformation* Lydia Assouad (LSE): *The Arab Slave Trade and the Diffusion of Islam in Africa*
16:00–16:30	Foyer	Coffee Break
16:30–17:30	**Canal Grande**	**Invited Session 2 – Joel Mokyr: "Religious Tolerance and Diversity"**
17:30–19:30		Free
19:30		Conference Dinner

		Saturday 26 September 2026
Time	Location	
09:00–11:00		**Parallel Sessions 3**
	Accademia	Religious Narratives
		Clara Sievert (CERGE-EI): *Religion and State Power in Wartime Russia* Alessandro Pizzigolotto (University of Copenhagen): *The Role of Religion in Society: Insights from Millions of Tax Statements* Mahdi Khesali (University Hamburg): *From Narratives to Numbers: A Dataset of Historical Human Values* Alice Calder (Dartmouth College): *You Will Not Replace Us: Immigration, Demographic Fears, and the Politics of Reproduction*
	Rialto	Innovation
		Francesco Cinnirella (University of Bergamo): *Books go public. The consequences of the expropriation of monastic libraries on innovation* Lars Harhoff Andersen (University of Copenhagen): From Vagabonds to Virtues: The Ideological Roots of Entrepreneurship Max Posch (Exeter): *Innovation and the Medieval Church* Lucas Lopez-Manuel (University of Vigo): *Religious Identity, Safeguards, and Hold-Ups in Human Capital Transmission*
	Canal Grande	The Republic of Letters: Print, Networks, and the Diffusion of Ideas
		Chiara Zanardello (Toulouse School of Economics / Institute for Advanced Study): F*lora, Cosmos, Salvatio: Pre-modern Academic Institutions and the Spread of Ideas* Noah Sutter (London School of Economics and Political Science): *The Grub Street Origins of the French Revolution* Luigi Pascali (LUISS): *The Republic of Letters and the Rise of the West* Andreas Link (University of Erlangen-Nuremberg): *The Protestant Reformation and Its Transformation of Society: The Rise of the Vernacular*

11:00–11:30	Foyer	Coffee Break
11:30–12:30	**Canal Grande**	**Invited Session 3 – Mara Squicciarini**
12:30–14:00	Foyer	Lunch Break
14:00–16:00		**Parallel Sessions 4**
	Accademia	Gender, Religion, and Social Norms
		João Pereira dos Santos (ISEG Lisbon): *Perceptions of (mis)behaviour by gender: Evidence from a global religious gathering and non-religious settings* Catherine Gurkinger (University of Namur): *Shaking the Traditional Order: Women's Conversion to New Christian Churches in Sub-Saharan Africa* Eduard Van der Merwe (Rice University): *Preaching Against the Choir: Faith, Norms, and Family Planning in Kenya* Stefano Fiorin (Bocconi University): *Wearing Your Religion: How Labor Markets Price Visible Identity*
	Rialto	State Formation and Ethnic Conflict
		David Schindler (Tilburg University): *Contagious Prejudice: The Marocchinate* Luca Repetto (Uppsala University): *The State made War, and War made the State. The Great War and Irish Independence* Stefan Nikolic (Loughborough University): *When do imperial legacies fade? Human capital and minority alignment on the Habsburg-Ottoman frontier* Mattia Bertazzini (Nottingham): *The Negus and the monks: Monasteries, state formation and long-run development in Ethiopia, 1270-2020*
	Canal Grande	Market Integration and Cultural Change
		Itzchak Tzachi Raz (Hebrew University): *Doux Commerce: Markets, Culture, and Cooperation in 1850-1920 U.S.* Raphael Corbi (University of Sao Paulo): *The Industrial Organization of Belief: Market Size, Church Expansion, and Religious Change* Anastasia Litina (University of Macedonia): *The Travelers' Effect: How Tourism Reshapes Local Religious Beliefs* Anne Sofie Knudsen (University of Copenhagen)*: Engines of Change: Networks and Identity in the Second Industrial Revolution*