

17th EUROPEAN GRADUATE NETWORK CONFERENCE

Wednesday, March 25th, 2026

19:30 WELCOME DINNER

Venue: *Ristorante Cafaggi, Via Guelfa 35/R, 50129, Firenze*

Thursday, March 26th, 2026

Palazzo Vegni— Via di San Niccolò 93 (2nd floor), 50125, Florence

8:30 REGISTRATION opens

09:00–09:15
Room: Magna
WELCOME remarks by Guglielmo Meardi (Professor of Economic Sociology and Dean of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, SNS) and the Organizing Committee (Gianmarco Bucci, Victoria Solé, Martín Portos)

09:15–10:15
Room: Magna
KEYNOTE by Chiara Milan (Assistant Professor of Political Sociology, SNS): "Ethics for Whom? The Ethical Review Process and its Discontents" + Q&A

10:15–10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45–12:45
Chair: Markus Kollberg (BGSS)
Room: 2N
PANEL 1: Comparative Politics and Civil Society
Otis Johnson (UPF): "Spatial Modeling, Citizen Science, and Algorithmic Inequality in Global Vector Control"
PhD discussant: Sophie Prantil
Christian Cervellera (LSE): "Isn't Labour Working? De-unionization and working class representation in post-industrial Britain"
PhD discussant: Linus Hormuth
Sophie Prantil (CEU): "Pillarization and Persistence: Explaining Working-Class Resistance to the Far Right in Wallonia"
PhD discussant: Christian Cervellera
Linus Hormuth (IPZ): "Cooperation and Trust among International Legislators"
PhD discussant: Otis Johnson

10:45–12:45
Chair: Toni Rodon (UPF)
Room: Dottorandi
PANEL 2: Democratic Innovations and Political Participation
Nora Chirikure (BGSS): "Strengthening Inclusive Local Governance and Vertical Social Cohesion in Lebanon"
PhD discussant: Marcelina Morzywolek
Jessica de Rongé (SciencesPo): "Citizen's Trust in Mini-Publics in France"
PhD discussant: Petra Radic
Marcelina Morzywolek (EUI): "The Hybrid Sphere: Voluntary and Community-Based Care in Three European Welfare States"
PhD discussant: Nora Chirikure
Petra Radic (CEU): "Neither Free Nor Controlled: The Volatile Logic of Hybrid Media Systems - Evidence from Protest Coverage in Serbia"

PhD discussant: Jessica de Rongé

12:45–13:45

LUNCH BREAK

13:45–15:45

Chair: Donatella della Porta (SNS)

Room: 2N

PANEL 3: Social Movements and Collective Action

Annina Hermes (BGSS): "From Sports Clubs to Ballot Boxes: Far Right Infiltration of Civil Society and Consequences for Political Behavior"

PhD discussant: Alena Gileva

Alena Gileva (SNS): "Activists Once or Forever: Biographical Outcomes of Student Social Movements in Serbia and Croatia"

PhD discussant: Aizaz Hussain

Aizaz Hussain (SciencesPo): "Shadows of the Silk Road: How CPEC Transformed Ethnic Resistance in Pakistan?"

PhD discussant: Meret Stephan

Meret Stephan (EUI): "The Effect of Pro-Migration Protests on Voting Behavior and Political Attitudes"

PhD discussant: Annina Hermes

13:45–15:45

Chair: Emanuela Lombardo (SNS)

Room: Dottorandi

PANEL 4: Gender and Politics

Carlotta Sallach (CEU): "'Our women did that?': Credibility, embodiment and the politics of in- and exclusion in German trials on female political violence"

PhD discussant: Marina Carré

Marina Carré (UPF): "Feminism as public philosophy: the case of Barcelona as an experimental city"

PhD discussant: Edgar Paysant

Edgar Paysant (SciencesPo): "The Sexuality of Militarisation: The Queer Politics of France's Domestic Military Deployments"

PhD discussant: Ziwei Tang

Ziwei Tang (LSE): "Organising Desire: Aspirational Contracts in Fandom"

PhD discussant: Carlotta Sallach

13:45–15:45

Chair: Neil Warner (LSE)

Room: Magna

PANEL 5: Political Economy

Gabriele Beretta (SNS): "The Politics of Export-led Growth and Austerity from the Left: the trajectories of the German SPD and the Italian PD in the Eurozone"

PhD discussant: Jean-Baptiste Bonnet

Jean-Baptiste Bonnet (SciencesPo): "Who Drives the Transition? Institutional Adaptation and the Politics of Green Industrial Policies"

PhD discussant: Gabriele Beretta

Rajesh Kayyalaparambil Parameswaran (CEU): "State ownership beyond regulation: unpacking 'Kerala Savaari' as an institutional response in digital economies of the developing world"

PhD discussant: Anna Sawallisch

Anna Sawallisch (BGSS): "Signaling improvement: The political consequences of media liberalization"

PhD discussant: Rajesh Kayyalaparambil Parameswaran

15:45–16:15

COFFEE BREAK

16:15–18:15

Chair: Waltraud Schelkle (EUI)

Room: 2N

PANEL 6: European Politics and Society

Thomas Laffitte (CEU): "Hyperpolitics of EU integration: the extreme and yet impotent politicization of debt mutualization in Germany"

PhD discussant: Jacqueline Schwellensattel

Giorgia Castiello (SNS): "Shaping governance in crisis: a case of joint purchasing in the EU"

PhD discussant: Thomas Laffitte

Jacqueline Schwellensattel (UPF): "Protecting the Family? Queer Family Reunification in the EU Asylum Process and the New Pact on Migration and Asylum"

PhD discussant: Avan Fata

Avan Fata (LSE): "A Disunited Continent? British Perceptions of Western Europe in the United Nations, 1945 – 1948"

PhD discussant: Giorgia Castiello

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Chair: Manuela Caiani (SNS)

Room: Dottorandi

PANEL 7: Innovative Methodology

Pietro Casari (SNS): "Events and Networks: Methodological Advancements for the Study of Collective Action Processes"

PhD discussant: Fabienne Eisenring

Fabienne Eisenring (IPZ): "Universities as a site of political preference formation: peer networks and contemporary political cleavages"

PhD discussant: Pietro Casari

Mara Weber (LSE): "Elite Rhetoric and Persistent Stigmatization: A Century of UK Parliamentary Discourse"

PhD discussant: Lucia Domenech

Lucia Domenech (EUI): "Political Violence and Selective Migration: Evidence from ETA's campaign in the Basque Country"

PhD discussant: Mara Weber

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CONFERENCE DINNER

Venue: *Antico Ristoro di' Cambi*, Via Sant'Onofrio 1/R, 50124, Firenze

Friday, March 27th, 2026

Palazzo Strozzi— Piazza degli Strozzi (5th floor), 50123, Florence

10:00–12:00

Chair: Ronja Sczepanski (SciencesPo)

Room: Pollaiuolo

PANEL 8: Political Behaviour

Simon Audebert (SciencesPo): "Public Service Accessibility as a Predictor of Far-Right Voting in Rural Municipalities in France"

PhD discussant: Brady Allardice

Brady Allardice (UPF): "Mid-Century Modern: Analyzing the Electoral Effects of Technological Change from the Post-War U.S. to Now"

PhD discussant: Felipe Perilla Reyes

Felipe Perilla Reyes (IPZ): "How Dynasties Win: Network Social Capital and Electoral Performance in Colombia"

PhD discussant: Anna Ruth Guildea

Anna R. Guildea (SNS): "The 'Man Question' in Voting Behaviour"

PhD discussant: Simon Audebert

10:00–12:00

Chair: Daniele Caramani (IPZ)

Room: Strozzi

PANEL 9: Party Politics and Political Orientation

Irene Rodríguez López (UPF): "One seat ahead: The impact of narrow electoral wins on political parties' digital ad strategy"

PhD discussant: Cheryl Vaterlaus

Cheryl Vaterlaus (IPZ): "When Democracy Divides: Party Polarization Over Liberal Democratic Principles"

PhD discussant: Martin Dybdahl

Elias Koch (BGSS): "When Democracy is at Stake: Polity-Seeking in Modern Party Competition"

PhD discussant: Irene Rodríguez López

Martin Dybdahl (EUI): "Beyond Attainment: How Field of Study Shapes the Political Returns to Higher Education"

PhD discussant: Elias Koch

10:00–12:00

Chair: Evelyne Hübscher (CEU)

Room: Altana

PANEL 10: Public Policies and Inequalities

Scherer Philipp (IPZ): "Who drops out and when? Investigating the Take-Up Process of Social Benefits"

PhD discussant: Hamza Syed

Alissa Siara (EUI): "Conditional Cash Transfers and Cross-Domain Policy Feedback Effects in Education"

PhD discussant: Antonello Boccagna

Hamza Syed (LSE): "Effect of electricity on development of segregated marginalised villages"

PhD discussant: Alissa Siara

Antonello Boccagna (BGSS): "How Exposure to Anti-Migration Policies Backfires: The Electoral Consequences of the Italian NGO Sea Rescue Policy"

PhD discussant: Scherer Philipp

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LUNCH BREAK

Venue: *Osteria Ristorante La Spada*, Via della Spada 62/R, 50123, Firenze

13:30–15:00

JR & SR REPS MEETING: taking stock, moving forward

Room: Pollaiolo