

Summer School
Media and Democracy

3-6 June 2025

Scuola Galileiana Università degli Studi di Padova

Tuesday June 3

2.00-2.30 pm Welcome

2.30-6.00 pm Lecture 1 (coffee break 4.00-4.30 pm)

Francesco Sobbrío: Media and Misinformation: Drivers and Remedies

Wednesday June 4

9.00-12.30 pm Lecture 2 (coffee break 10.30 -11.00 pm)

Gloria Gennario: Introduction to Text Analysis with R

12.30-2.00 pm lunch

2.00-6.30 pm Lecture 3 (coffee break 4.00 – 4.30 pm)

Giulia Caprini, Edoardo Grillo, Gloria Gennario, Francesco Sobbrío, Andrea Tesei
Shifting Narratives: New Trends in Media and Democratic Institutions

6.30 pm Spritz and pizza

Thursday June 5

9.00-12.30 pm Lecture 4 (coffee break 10.30 -11.00 pm)

Giulia Caprini : Text and image analysis: application to media research

12.30-2.00 pm lunch

2.00-4.30 pm Lecture 5 (coffee break 4.30-5.00 pm)

Andrea Tesei: Information, Persuasion, and Power: The Political Impact of Media

5.00-6.30 pm Presentation of Research Proposals by Students

Friday June 6

9.00-12.00 pm Lecture 6 (coffee break 10.30 -11.00 pm)

Marco Deseriis: The Impact of Digital Platforms and AI on Participatory and Representative Democracy

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Andrea Tesei is Professor of Economics in the [School of Economics and Finance](#) at [Queen Mary University of London](#). He is also a Research Fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research ([CEPR](#)), a Research Associate of the Centre for Economic Performance ([CEP](#)) at the London School of Economics and a Research Fellow of [CESifo](#).

His main research interests are in political economy and development economics, with a focus on the economic, political and social impact of traditional and new media and on the institutional consequences of natural resource abundance.

His research has been published in leading scientific journals, including the *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, and the *Review of Economics and Statistics*. He obtained my Ph.D. from Universitat Pompeu Fabra in 2012.

Gloria Gennaro is a Lecturer in Public Policy and Data Science at University College London's Department of Political Science. Her research focuses on the political economy of advanced democracies, in Western Europe and in the U.S. She uses cutting-edge causal inference techniques with machine learning and natural language processing to improve our theoretical understanding of democratic politics.

Her work has been published in *The Economic Journal* and in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Before joining UCL, she was a PostDoc at the [Immigration Policy Lab](#), at [ETH Zurich](#). She received her PhD in Public Policy and Administration at [Bocconi University](#), Department of Social and Political Sciences.

Giulia Caprini is an applied microeconomist and Prize Postdoctoral Fellow at Nuffield College (Oxford). She earned a PhD in Economics at the European University Institute.

She studies the social impact of media contents, in particular through non-verbal language. My research interests lie at the intersection of political economy, health, behavioral and cognitive economics.

At Oxford, she teaches quantitative methods for data analysis and causal inference.

Francesco Sobbrío is Professor of Economics at Tor Vergata University of Rome and a CESifo Research Fellow in the Economics of Digitization area. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Southern California.

His research spans political economy, media economics, and the economics of information. He has published in leading journals such as *AEJ: Applied Economics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, and *Journal of Public Economics*. His work explores how traditional and digital media affect political behavior, misinformation, and public policy.

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Edoardo Grillo is Professor of Economics at the University of Padova. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Princeton University and an M.Sc. from Bocconi University. His research lies at the intersection of political economy, behavioral economics, and game theory.

He has published in top journals including the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, and *Journal of Economic Theory*. His recent work explores democratic backsliding, political persuasion, and the behavioral foundations of political agency.

Marco Deseriis is Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences at the Scuola Normale Superiore. His research combines critical perspectives in media studies, cultural studies, democratic theory and social movement studies to explore cultural and political dimensions of Internet-based activism and emerging forms of political organization in the network society.

He has published the monograph *Improper Names: Collective Pseudonyms from the Luddites to Anonymous* (University of Minnesota Press, 2015) and co-authored with Giuseppe Marano *Net.Art: L'arte della Connessione* (Shake Edizioni, 2008). He has also published articles in leading journals in media and communication studies such as *New Media & Society*, *Information, Communication & Society*, *International Journal of Communication*, among others.