

Stigler Center-CEPR Political Economy of Finance Conference Series

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5th Stigler Center-CEPR Conference Governance in a Polarized World

Friday 24 October 2025 – *London, the UK*

Submission deadline: Sunday 22 June 2025

The event

In a time of large shocks and rising inequality, the political divide is growing. Polarization forces changes to private and public governance, reshaping financial markets, corporate strategies and public policy.

How does corporate governance adjust in a more conflictual world? How do a divided society and politicized corporations respond to major societal challenges such as climate change or economic decline? How do inequality and politicization shape governance choices and the trade-offs faced by voters, businesses and governments? How can organizations foster trust and cohesion in an era of polarization?

The conference invites theoretical and empirical papers on these and related themes.

The conference keynote will be delivered by Nobel Laureate:

Jean Tirole

Toulouse School of Economics and CEPR

This conference results from the merger of the conferences on Political Economy of Finance previously organized by [PolEconFin](#) and the [Stigler Center](#), respectively. This revamped conference series is held annually and alternates between Europe and the United States.

The event, jointly hosted by the Stigler Center and The Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), aims to bring together researchers active at the intersections between Economics, Finance, Political Science, Philosophy, and Law.

This conference is by invitation-only.

This edition is co-funded by Imperial College London and Erasmus Initiative 'Dynamics of Inclusive Prosperity' at Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Submission

Please submit papers by logging in to <https://hub.cepr.org/> and then going to <https://hub.cepr.org/event/4675> to find the conference submission page. The submission deadline is **Sunday 22 June 2025** (6PM BST).

If you have any difficulties submitting your paper for this event, please contact Jemila Benchikh at jbenchikh@cepr.org for assistance (with subject header "Stigler Center-CEPR Political Economy of Finance Conference"). There is no submission fee. The authors will be notified about the acceptance of papers end of August 2025.

Further information

The conference will be held in-person at Imperial College London. The conference is scheduled on **Friday 24 October 2025** and followed by a dinner with all participants.

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