

Affiliate Fellows Conference

September 17-18, 2026

Booth 455 – NBC Tower

455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago IL 60611

DRAFT AGENDA*

Thursday, September 17, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast Stigler Welcome Rachel Piontek, Executive Director - Stigler Center	Booth 455 (NBC Tower) - Room #132
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Panel 1 • Lisa Liu — <i>Mandatory CSR Disclosures and Real Asset Regulatory Leakage</i> • David Samuel — <i>Taxes, Branch Location, and the Pass-through of Bank Tax Savings</i> • Dhruv Aggarwal — <i>Value over Values: Evidence from State Pension Funds</i> Discussant: Joao Granja, University of Chicago	
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Panel 2 • Felix Montag — <i>Mergers and the Demand for Protectionism</i> • Silvia Vannutelli — <i>Managers, Remote Work and Productivity in the Public Sector</i> • Bo Cowgill — <i>Optimal Contracts for Decision-Relevant Beliefs</i> Discussant: Chad Syverson, University of Chicago	
11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Break	
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Fellow Brainstorming	
1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Break	
1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Panel 3 • Max Posch — <i>Cultural Similarity and the Diffusion of Development</i> • Camille Urvoy — <i>Competing for attention: The Entry of YouTube Shorts</i>	

- Aljoscha Janssen — *Patriotic Spots: Bud Light's Advertising Elasticity During a Nationwide Boycott*

Discussant:

Brad Shapiro, University of Chicago

2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Panel 4

- Giovanna Invernizzi — *Governing Through Division*
- Milena Djourelouva — *Machine or Paper: Trust and the Adoption of Voting Technology*
- Barton Lee — *Market Power is Power*

Discussant:

Anthony Fowler, University of Chicago

4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Break

4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Panel 5

- Suhas Sridharan — *Information Disclosure in Conduit Municipal Bond Offerings*
- Max Kagan — *Taking Sides: When Can Firms Politically Mobilize Their Employees?*
- Pablo Balán — *A Judge in the Family: The Value of Kinship Ties Between Judges and Law Firms*

Discussant:

Christopher Berry, University of Chicago

6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Transition to Gleacher Center (directly across the street, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr.)

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Reception

Gleacher Center - Lounge 500

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Dinner

Friday, September 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

Booth 455 (NBC Tower) - Room

#132

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Panel 6

- Emilie Aguirre — *Prediction Markets*
- Anna Tzanaki — *Innovating Merger Control for the Digital Economy*
- Filippo Lancieri — *Should We Presume that Mergers Regularly Lead to Efficiencies?*
- Amit Zac — *Amazon's Sustainability Paradox*

Discussant:

Jonathan Masur, University of Chicago

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Panel 7

- Anya Nakhmurina — *The Impact of Detailed Cost Allocation on School Outcomes under ESSA*
- Simcha Barkai — *Democrats Increasingly Hold the Entire Party Line*

Discussant:

Derek Neal, University of Chicago

11:45 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

Break

11:55 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Lunch

12:40 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.

Break

12:50 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.

Panel 8

- Brian Jabarian — *Agentic Monoculture under Firm Competition: Evidence from AI Interviews*
- Michele Fioretti — *Do Environmental NGOs Compete? Media Attention and Donations to Greenpeace and WWF*
- Mario Leccese — *Common Ownership, Employment and Worker Mobility: Evidence from Venture Capital*

Discussant:

Marianne Bertrand, University of Chicago

2:20 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Panel 9

- Jorge Ale-Chilet — *Patients' and Providers' Incentives in Out-of-Network Emergency Visits*
- Luca Maini — *Insurance Design and the Passthrough of Nominal Drug Prices*

Discussant:

Joshua Gottlieb, University of Chicago

3:30 p.m.

Conference Adjourns

Conference Organizers



Stigler Center

for the Study of the Economy and the State

- **Luigi Zingales**, Robert C. McCormack Distinguished Service Professor of Entrepreneurship and Finance, University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- **Filippo Lancieri**, Associate Professor, Georgetown University Law Center; Research Fellow, Stigler Center, University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- **Matthew Lucky**, Senior Assistant Research Director, Stigler Center, University of Chicago Booth School of Business