

GAME THEORY, POLITICAL ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

A global convening on institutions, incentives
& the political economy of development.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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KEY THEMES

1 . THEORY

2 . EMPIRICS

3 . POLICY



FROM 11 TO 13 DECEMBER, 2025



AMPHI KHOURIBGA, BLOCK B,
4TH FLOOR, UM6P RABAT CAMPUS

AGENDA

DAY 1:

GAME THEORY, POLITICAL ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT (THEORY)

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS / DETAILS
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Registration	
9:30 - 9:40 AM	Opening Remarks	Rida Laraki: Full Professor at Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P), Director of the Moroccan Center for Game Theory. Leonard Wantchekon James Madison: Professor of Political Economy, Princeton University; Founder & President, African School of Economics.
9:40 - 10:40 AM	Keynote Speech: The Micro-foundations of Authoritarianism	Kaushik Basu: <i>Professor of Economics</i> Carl Marks: Professor of International Studies, Department of Economics, Cornell University.
10:40 - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Session 1A	Session Chair: Olga Gorelkina: Assistant Professor in Economics, Africa Business School, UM6P. Speakers: Mark Voorneveld: Associate Professor of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics. Renee Bowen: Dean's Professor of International Business & Global Affairs, Georgetown University. Gaétan Nandong: Assistant Professor of Politics, Department of Politics, New York University
12:30 - 14:00 PM	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30 PM	Session 1B	Session Chair: Olga Gorelkina: Assistant Professor in Economics, Africa Business School, UM6P. Speakers: Amrita Dhillon: Professor of Economics, King's College London. Francesco Squintani: Professor of Economics, Director, Quantitative and Analytical Political Economy Centre (QAPEC), University of Warwick. Karna Basu: Associate Professor of Economics, Hunter College and The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY).
15:30 - 16:00 PM	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 17:30 PM	Session 1C	Session Chair: Alexey Kushnir: Associate Professor of Economics, Carnegie Mellon University. Speakers: Mehdi Shadmehr: Associate Professor of Public Policy, Department of Public Policy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Yukio Koriyama: Full Professor of Economics (Professeur de la classe exceptionnelle), École Polytechnique. Rida Laraki: Full Professor at Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P), Director of the Moroccan Center for Game Theory.

DAY 2:

GAME THEORY, POLITICAL ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT (EMPIRICS)

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS / DETAILS
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Session 2A	<p>Session Chair: Bilal Islah: Assistant Professor of Business Economics, Africa Business School, Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P).</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Shan Aman-Rana: Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Virginia.</p> <p>Romain Ferrali: Assistant Professor of Economics, Aix-Marseille School of Economics.</p> <p>Nathan Canen: Associate Professor of Economics, University of Warwick</p>
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Session 2B	<p>Session Chair: Bilal Islah: Assistant Professor of Business Economics, Africa Business School, Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P).</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Christopher Blair: Assistant Professor of Politics, Princeton University.</p> <p>Amir Abdul Reda: Assistant Professor in Computational Political Science, Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P).</p> <p>Moritz Schmoll: Assistant Professor in Political Science, Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P).</p> <p>Raúl Sánchez de la Sierra: Associate Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.</p>
12:30 - 14:00 PM	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30 PM	Session 2C	<p>Amrita Dhillon: Professor of Economics, King's College London.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Awa Ambra Seck: Assistant Professor, Harvard Business School.</p> <p>Guilherme Lambais: Assistant Professor of Economics, Lusíada University of Lisbon.</p> <p>Nouhoum Touré: Assistant Professor (MCF), Centre d'Economie de la Sorbonne, Sorbonne University.</p>
15:30 - 16:00 PM	Coffee Break	
16:00 - 17:30 PM	Session 2D	<p>Amrita Dhillon: Professor of Economics, King's College London.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Rohini Somanathan: Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics (DSE), University of Delhi.</p> <p>Claudio Ferraz: Professor of Economics, University of British Columbia (UBC).</p> <p>Ahmed Tritah: Professor of Economics, Université of Poitiers; Chaire EIEA, UM6P.</p>
19:30 - 21:30 PM	Formal Conference Dinner	

DAY 3:

GAME THEORY, POLITICAL ECONOMY & DEVELOPMENT (POLICY)

TIME	SESSION / ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS / DETAILS
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Panel 3A: Institutions and Development	Paul Seabright: Professor of Economics, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE). Youssef Farhat: Deputy Budget Director, Ministry of Economy & Finance, Kingdom of Morocco.
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break	
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Panel 3B: Service Delivery & Local Governance	Stuti Khemani: Senior Economist, Development Research Group, The World Bank. Sania Nishtar: CEO, Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance; Former Senator, Pakistan. Moderated by: Anas Lahlou: Operation Director of the Chair, Industrial Economy & the Emergence of Africa, UM6P
12:30 - 14:00 PM	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30 PM	Session 3C: Finance and Development	Ayhab Saad: Assistant Professor of Political Science, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. Kenza Benhima: Full Professor of Economics, University of Lausanne (HEC Lausanne). Mohamed Wail Aaminou: Affiliate Professor at the Sustainable Business Economic Center (SBEC),UM6P. Moderated by: Ahmed Tritah: Professor of Economics, Université of Poitiers; Chaire EIEA, UM6P.
15:30 - 16:30 PM	Poster Session: Game Theory, Political Economy & Development	Julio Solis Arce: PhD. Candidate, Harvard University. Yabo Vidogbena: Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania. Rethis Gansey: PhD. Candidate, Princeton University. Joshua Limpert: PhD. Candidate, Princeton University.
16:30- 17:30 PM	Keynote Speech: Future Directions in Political Economy Research	Leonard Wantchekon James Madison: Professor of Political Economy, Princeton University; Founder & President, African School of Economics.
17:30 - 17:50 PM	Closing Remarks	Rida Laraki: Full Professor at Université Mohammed VI Polytechnique (UM6P), Director of the Moroccan Center for Game Theory.