



Convenors: Juan Masullo & Andrea Ruggeri

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**13 October 2025**

**“The Historical Roots of Legal Mobilization:  
Evidence from Land Rights Litigation in Argentina's Northeast”**

**Ezequiel Gonzalez Ocantos**

**University of Oxford**

h. 16:30 Room A, Graduate School, Via Pace 10

His research examines judicial and prosecutorial behaviour in cases of human rights violations and grand corruption. Author of four award-winning books with Cambridge University Press, he co-edits *Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research*.

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**16 October 2025**

**“The Logic of Party Violence”**

**Ursula Daxecker**

**University of Amsterdam**

h. 15:00 Room B, Graduate School, Via Pace 10

She researches how democracy is weakened by political violence, extremist party strategies, and organized crime. Her work highlights how extreme identity politics and hostile rhetoric erode democratic systems. She leads the ERC-funded project *Elections, Violence, and Parties* (2020–2025) and co-directs the Amsterdam Center for Conflict Studies.

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**10 November 2025**

**“Legislative Inclusion, Ethnic Power Relations, and Terrorism in  
Autocracies”**

**Sara M. Polo**

**University of Essex**

h. 12:30 Aula Seminari, Via Passione

She studies the causes and impacts of political violence, terrorism, and gender-based violence in conflict and post-conflict settings. Her research explores themes like the migration-terrorism nexus, authoritarian institutions, and public violence against women.

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**25 Novembre 2025**

**“Inside Criminalized Governance”**

**Nick Barnes**

**University of St Andrews**

h. 16:30 Aula 1 via Livorno

He studies criminal violence and governance, illicit markets, and non-state orders in Latin America, in particular Brazil. His recent book *Inside Criminalized Governance* (Cambridge University Press) analyzes how drug gangs' rule and interact with communities in Rio de Janeiro's favelas.

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**1 December 2025**

**“The Legacies of Armed Conflict on Human Development”**

**Ana Arjona**

**Northwestern University**

h. 12:30 Aula Seminari, Via Passione

She studies organized violence, civil wars, and state building. Her research explores how armed groups shape local governance and political order. She is the author of the award-winning *Rebelocracy* and co-editor of *Rebel Governance in Civil War*, both published by Cambridge University Press.

