

MoPED 2026 Workshop Agenda

The Berlin Meetings on the Political Economy of Development (MoPED) will take place at the WZB ([Reichpietschufer 50, 10785 Berlin](#)) on **June 22-23, 2026**. Participants are expected to read all papers/designs for sessions they plan to attend *in advance* of the workshop, with an eye toward providing actionable feedback. Authors will have up to 5 minutes at the start of each session to introduce the project, followed by an in-depth discussion of the work.

Monday, June 22:

10:45 - 11:00	Welcome and opening remarks (Room A300)	
11:00 - 12:00	Melina Platas (NYU-AD): Keynote Address (Room A300)	
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch at WZB	
	Room A310	Room A305
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Yannick Bokasola (ICTD): “Informality, Tax, and Markets in Kinshasa: Everyday Realities and Resistance”	Andres Sandoval (Amsterdam): “Explaining Citizen Support for Biometric IDs in Mexico”
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Rithika Kumar (Rice): “Gender Quotas and Household Continuity of Power”	Nina McMurry (Vanderbilt): “The Political Economy of Conflict and Deforestation: Evidence from the Philippines”
2:45 – 3:15pm	Coffee break (Foyer)	
3:15 – 4:00pm	Dhia Hammami (Syracuse/SMU): “Gendered Informational Inequality in Elite Networks: Evidence from Tunisia”	Rikhil Bhavnani (Wisconsin-Madison): “Musical Chairs: Frequent Judge Transfers Undermine Court Productivity in India”
4:15 – 5:00pm	Livia Schubiger (ETH Zurich): “It Takes a Village: Harnessing Social Norms to Reduce Intimate Partner Violence” (Room A310)	
7:00 pm	Dinner at 3 Schwestern, Mariannenpl. 2, 10997 Berlin-Bezirk Friedrichshain-Kreuzberg	

Tuesday, June 23:

08:30 – 9:00 am	Welcome back coffee (Foyer)	
9:00 – 09:45 am	Julio Solis Arce (Harvard): “A Culture of Consensus”	Gamze Zeki (Stockholm): “Demand for Gender Equality under Conservatism: Experimental Evidence from Elite Platform Shifts”
10:00 – 10:45 am	Andrea Caflisch (UCL): “Economic Recovery and Social Cohesion: A Field Experiment with Capital Grants in Post-War Iraq”	Lucas Borba (Vanderbilt): “Segregation and the Fiscal Bargain: How Spatial Inequality Erodes State Capacity ”
10:45 – 11:15 am	Coffee break (Foyer)	
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Mae MacDonald (Stanford): “Push, Not Peace: Reconsidering the Drivers of Refugee Return”	Jay Iormbagah (Joseph Sarwuan Tarka): “Variations in Accountability Systems of Informal Taxation across Regions In Kaduna State”
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Jeremy Bowles (UCL): “Decentralization with Guardrails: Field Experimental Evidence from the Zambian Constituency Development Fund”	
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Closing remarks (Room A310)	
1:15 – 2:30 pm	Lunch (Foyer outside Room A310)	