



SÉMINAIRE

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICYMAKING WITH POLITICAL LEARNING

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Le Laboratoire d'économie mathématique et de microéconomie appliquée accueillera Benjamin BLUMENTHAL lors d'un séminaire de présentation de *Environmental Policymaking with Political Learning* le mardi 5 novembre, à 11h, en salle Maurice DESPLAS.

Benjamin BLUMENTHAL est chercheur postdoctoral à l'ETH Zurich. Il a soutenu sa thèse en 2023 (PSE & EHESS), intitulée *Policymaking, Accountability, and Influence* sous la direction de Thierry Verdier. Ses recherches portent sur la théorie des jeux appliquée, la théorie microéconomique et l'économie politique. Voir ses travaux en cours [ici](#).

Benjamin Blumenthal présentera : *Environmental Policymaking with Political Learning*.

Abstract :

*I propose a model of environmental policymaking with electoral accountability in which voters learn about politicians' policy preferences and environmental policies' appropriateness by observing past policy choices and outcomes. Compared to a benevolent policymaker benchmark, I show that reputational concerns can lead to policy distortions, as a result of the interdependence between voters' learning about implemented policies and their induced preferences over politicians: when favourable policy outcomes lead voters to prefer policy persistence, the desire to appear likely to implement voters' *interim* preferred policy can stifle the implementation of the *ex-ante* optimal environmental policy.*