



CENTRO STUDI LUCA D'AGLIANO

Twentieth Luca d'Agliano Lecture in Development Economics

SPIN DICTATORS: THE NEW BREED OF TYRANNY FOR THE GLOBALIZED WORLD

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Sergei Guriev

Sergei Guriev joined Sciences Po as a tenured professor of economics in 2013 after serving as the Rector of the New Economic School in Moscow in 2004-13. In 2016-19, he was on leave from Sciences Po serving as the Chief Economist and the Member of the Executive Committee of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). In 2022, Sergei Guriev was appointed the provost of Sciences Po.

Professor Guriev's research interests include political economics, development economics, labor mobility, and contract theory.

Professor Guriev is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Economic Association and a Global Member of the Trilateral Commission. He is also a Research Fellow and the Leader of the Research and Policy Network on Populism at the Centre for Economic Policy Research, London. He is a Senior Member of the Institut Universitaire de France and an Ordinary Member of Academia Europaea.

Spin Dictators: The New Breed of Tyranny for the Globalized World

Hitler, Stalin, and Mao ruled through violence, fear, and ideology. But in recent decades a new breed of media-savvy strongmen has been redesigning authoritarian rule for a more sophisticated, globally connected world. In place of overt, mass repression, rulers such as Vladimir Putin, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and Viktor Orbán control their citizens by distorting information and simulating democratic procedures. Like spin doctors in democracies, they spin the news to engineer support. Uncovering this new brand of authoritarianism, we explain the rise of such “spin dictators,” describing why and how they emerge and operate and why they are better fit for the 21st century's globalized world with cross-border flows of capital, goods, services, ideas and people. We discuss the new threats they pose, and how democracies should respond.

Programme

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18.00 Welcoming Address

FRANCESCO PROFUMO (President, Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo)

GIORGIO BARBA NAVARETTI (Professor of Economics, University of Milan; Scientific Director, Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano; President, Fondazione Collegio Carlo Alberto)

18.10 Introduction to the Lecture

THIERRY VERDIER (Professor of Economics, Paris School of Economics; Chairman, Scientific Advisory Board, Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano)

18.20 Lecture

19.20 Debate

The Luca d'Agliano Lectures in Development Economics

The Luca d'Agliano Lectures in Development Economics are organised every year in Turin thanks to the generous support of the Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo. They aim at favouring the diffusion of the ideas of the best world thinkers in the field to a non specialised audience. The ultimate objective of the Lectures is to help grounding the general debate on development issues, often confused and muddled, into sound economic analysis.

Past Luca d'Agliano Lecturers:

2003 - Pranab Bardhan (Professor of Economics, University of California, Berkeley): *"Globalisation and the Poor"*;

2004 - Dani Rodrik (Professor of International Political Economy, Harvard University): *"Rethinking Economic Growth in Developing Countries"*;

2006 - Jeffrey G. Williamson (Laird Bell Professor of Economics, Harvard University): *"Globalization and Underdevelopment in the Pre-Modern Third World"*;

2006 - François Bourguignon (Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, World Bank; Professor of Economics, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris): *"Employment and Development: Good Jobs, Bad Jobs"*;

2007 - Paul R. Krugman (Professor of Economics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University): *"Does Outsourcing Change Everything?"*;

2008 - Anthony J. Venables (Professor of Economics, Oxford University; Director, Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies): *"Accelerating Economic Growth in Africa"*;

2009 - Barry Eichengreen (George C. Pardee and Helen N. Pardee Professor of Economics and Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley): *"The Dollar in Doubt"*;

2010 - Nemat (Minouche) Shafik (Permanent Secretary, Department for International Development): *"The Future of Aid"*;

2011 - Thierry Verdier (Scientific Director, Paris School of Economics): *"The Role of Cultural Diversity in Growth and Development: What do Economists Have to Say about This?"*;

2012 - Timothy Besley (School Professor of Economics and Political Science, London School of Economics and Political Science): *"State Effectiveness and Economic Development"*;

2013 - Kevin H. O'Rourke (All Souls College, University of Oxford): *"Globalization and Industrialization in the Long Run"*;

2014 - Martin Ravallion (Edmond D. Villani Professor of Economics, Georgetown University): *"The Idea of Antipoverty Policy"*;

2015 - Jean-Philippe Platteau (Professor Emeritus, University of Namur): *"Religion, Politics, and Development: Is Islam a Special Issue?"*;

2016 - J. Vernon Henderson (School Professor of Economic Geography, London School of Economics and Political Science): *"Building African Cities"*;

2017 - Kaushik Basu (Professor of Economics and Carl Marks Professor of International Studies, Cornell University; Former Chief Economist and Senior Vice President, The World Bank): *"Culture, Corruption, and the Law. Challenges for a Globalizing World"*;

2018 - Robert W. Staiger (Roth Family Distinguished Professor in the Arts and Sciences and Professor of Economics, Dartmouth College): *"Is Multilateralism Dead?: Trade in the Era of Trump"*;

2019 - Gordon Hanson (Pacific Economic Cooperation Chair in International Economic Relations and Director, Center on Global Transformation, University of California.): *"The Global Political Consequences of China's Trade Boom"*;

2020 - Oriana Bandiera (Sir Anthony Atkinson Chair in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science): *"Inequality and the (mis)use of Talent"* (online);

2022 - Pol Antràs (Robert G. Ory Professor of Economics, Harvard University): *"De-Globalization? Global Value Chains and the Global Economic Turmoil"*.

Luca d'Agliano

Luca d'Agliano was born in Turin on July 4th, 1961. In September 1980, he went up to Churchill College, University of Cambridge, where he read philosophy and then economics. On taking his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1983, he was awarded a scholarship by the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi, Turin, and was admitted to St. Anthony's College, University of Oxford. Here, under the guidance of Amartya Sen, he studied questions relating to developing countries and welfare economics.

It was Luca's vision that the study of economics should be "... continually carried over into practical applications, above all when attempting to solve problems that limit the growth of man's well-being. For this substantially ideological reason, it becomes important to combine close study of purely theoretical matters with a study of the problems afflicting the developing countries in their struggle against poverty [...]".
Nearly a year later, Luca d'Agliano lost his life in a road accident (June 1984).

Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano

The Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano was founded in Turin in 1986 by the family of Luca d'Agliano, his friends, and some of his teachers. It is currently located at the Fondazione Collegio Carlo Alberto – formerly at the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi – in Torino and at the University of Milan. It is a non-profit research institution contributing original research in the field of international and development economics. Particular emphasis is placed on the training of young scholars and in giving them the opportunity of acquiring a truly international perspective. The activities of the Centro Studi mainly focus on academic research, but it also greatly contributes to the policy debate.

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