



MIT
COMMENCEMENT

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**School of Humanities, Arts,
and Social Sciences**

Advanced Degree Ceremony

Thursday, May 29, 2025

11 am to 12 pm

MIT Schwarzman College of Computing

Bldg. 45, 8th floor



Massachusetts
Institute of
Technology

Welcome

Agustín Rayo PhD '01, Kenan Sahin Dean
School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

Commencement address

Sonia Maria Pavel PhD '25, Department of Linguistics and Philosophy

Reading of recipient names

Martha Eddison, Special Assistant & Senior Communications
Strategist to the President

Conferring of degrees

MASTER'S RECIPIENTS

Data, Economics, and Design of Policy

Economics

History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, and Society

Linguistics

Philosophy

Political Science

Science Writing

DOCTORAL RECIPIENTS

Economics

Investiture by Jonathan Gruber, Ford Professor of Economics,
Department Head; and David Atkin, Barton L. Weller (1940)
Professor of Economics, Associate Head

History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, and Society

Investiture by Kate Brown, Thomas M. Siebel Distinguished Professor
in History of Science, Interim Department Head, STS

Linguistics

Investiture by Norvin Richards, Dean's Distinguished Professor
of Linguistics

Philosophy

Investiture by Sally Haslanger, Ford Professor of Philosophy and
Women's and Gender Studies

Political Science

Investiture by David Singer, Raphael Dorman-Helen Starbuck Professor
of Political Science, Department Head

Diplomas

Please visit bit.ly/commt-name-book for a list of degree recipients. The name book for 2025 will be available on the afternoon of Thursday, May 29, 2025. For more information about diplomas, please visit: bit.ly/MIT-diplomas.

Photos

Visit gradimages.com to view and purchase photos from today's ceremony.

Receptions

A reception for all SHASS graduates and their guests will take place immediately following today's ceremony on the first floor of the MIT Schwarzman College of Computing (Building 45)

Department of Economics

Thursday, May 29, 2025 | Time: 12:30-2:00 pm
Location: Saxon Lawn

Department of Political Science

Thursday, May 29, 2025 | Time: 12:30-2:00 pm
Location: Millikan Room (E53-482)

Department of Linguistics and Philosophy

Thursday, May 29, 2025 | Time: 12:30-2:00 pm
Location: Bldg 32-D850 8th floor lounge, Stata Center

History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, and Society

Thursday, May 29, 2025 | Time: 5:00-7:00 pm
Location: Off-Campus Event by Invitation



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Namebook



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**2025 Commencement
Student Speaker
Sonia Maria Pavel PhD '25**

Sonia is finishing her Ph.D. in Philosophy at MIT. She works primarily in social and political philosophy, with interests in justice, education, feminist theory, social ontology, normative public policy, and the history of political thought. Sonia was born and raised in Bucharest, Romania, and came to the U.S. through the Wien International Scholarship Program at Brandeis University, where she received her B.A. in Philosophy and Anthropology. Sonia is an incoming Assistant Professor at Clemson University, starting in Fall 2025.