



## 4th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC STATISTICS

### STATISTICAL MODELS FOR THE ECONOMIC TRANSITION: THE NEW CHALLENGE IN A DEVELOPING WORLD

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

6th February 2026

8:30 Registration

9:00 Session of contributed papers (7) – Room A

*Advanced Data Analytics for Complex Social, Economic, and Health Systems*

Chair: **CRESCENZA CALCULLI**, University of Bari Aldo Moro

*AI-Driven Clustering and Neural Network–Based Causal Evidence on CO2 Emissions: A Methodological Perspective.*

ANDREA MAZZITELLI, Mercatorum University

TULIA GATTONE, Mercatorum University

COSIMO MAGAZZINO, LUM University Giuseppe Degennaro

*Territorial Profiling and Latent Segmentation of Italian Regions Based on the R-GEI Index Using Self-Organising Maps.*

ANGELA MARIA D'UGGENTO, University of Bari Aldo Moro

ENRICO DI BELLA, University of Genoa

SARA PRETI, University of Genoa

ERNESTO TOMA, University of Bari Aldo Moro

ANNALISA BELLINO, Section for Gender Policy Implementation, Puglia Region

*A Multi-Method Text Mining Analysis of AIFA Drug Innovation Assessment Reports.*



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CARLOTTA GALEONE, University of Milan

*The Future of Healthcare: a Longitudinal Study on Generation Z's Impact on Clinical and Organizational Paradigms.*

ERIKA GRAMMATICA, University of Milano-Bicocca

*Aligning Pay with Purpose: Do ESG-Linked Executive Compensation Policies Matter?*

SERGIO LONGOBARDI, Parthenope University of Naples

CARLA MORRONE, Sapienza University of Rome

GIACOMO GOTTI, Sapienza University of Rome

MARCO VENUTI, Mercatorum University

*Data-Driven Assessment of Health Systems: A Machine Learning Approach to Economic Inefficiencies in Oncology*

GIORGIA RIVIECCIO, Parthenope University of Naples

FRANCESCO SCHIAVONE, Parthenope University of Naples

SANDRO PIGNATA, IRCCS National Cancer Institute 'Fondazione G. Pascale'

ANNA CRISPO, IRCCS National Cancer Institute 'Fondazione G. Pascale'

ANNA PIA DI IORIO, Parthenope University of Naples

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**9:00 Session of contributed papers (8) – Room B**

***New Statistical Indexes for the Environment and Socio-Economic Transition***

Chair: **ANDREA MARLETTA**, University of Milano-Bicocca

*Individual Economic Insecurity: A Trajectory-Based Composite Measure.*

GIACOMO GOBBER, University of Trento

SILVIA PACEI, University of Bologna

PAOLO VERME, University of Bologna

*Towards Spatially Aware BoD Indicators: a Proposal for Integrating Benefit-of-the-Doubt and ESDA for the Construction of Regional Synthetic Indices.*

GIUSEPPE NOTARSTEFANO, LUMSA University

GIUSEPPE TERZO, LUMSA University

*Assessing Urban Social Investment Across Milan's Municipalities Through Composite Index.*

JURGENA MYFTIU, University of Bergamo

*The Efficiency of European Welfare Systems: A Canonical Correlation Analysis of Senior Well-Being and Social Protection.*

MARCO ARLOTTI, Politecnica University of Marche

MARIATERESA CIOMMI, Politecnica University of Marche

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FRANCESCA MARIANI, Politecnica University of Marche  
MARIA CRISTINA RECCHIONI, Politecnica University of Marche

*A Capability-Based Assessment of Urban Well-Being in Rome.*

MARUSCA DE CASTRIS, Roma Tre University  
CHIARA SCIASCIA, Roma Tre University

*Robust Composite Index for Measuring Environmental Sustainability.*

VIET DUONG NGUYEN, LIUC Carlo Cattaneo University

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**9:00 Session of contributed papers (9) – Room C**

***Advances in Spatial Data Analysis for Sustainable Economics***

Chair: **FRANCESCA BASSI**, University of Padua

*Tourist Spending Capacity and Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Evidence from European NUTS2 Regions.*

CATERINA MORELLI, Aosta Valley University

*Artificial Intelligence and Innovation Spillovers: Evidence from Italian Provinces.*

EMMA BRUNO, Parthenope University of Naples  
ROSALIA CASTELLANO, Parthenope University of Naples  
GENNARO PUNZO, Parthenope University of Naples

*Local Spatio-Temporal Bayesian Estimation of Key Agricultural Economic Indicators.*

FELICETTA CARILLO, CREA - Council for Agricultural Research and Economics  
PAOLO MARANZANO, University of Milano-Bicocca  
LAURA MARCIS, Aosta Valley University  
MARIA CHIARA PAGLIARELLA, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio  
RENATO SALVATORE, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio

*A Spatial Difference-in-Differences Framework for Evaluating Place-Based Policies.*

MARUSCA DE CASTRIS, Roma Tre University  
GUIDO PELLEGRINI, Sapienza University of Rome

*Testing Spatial Heterogeneity in Water Conservation Determinants: Spatially Stratified Analysis from Italy.*

RASHAD MAMMADLI, LIUC Carlo Cattaneo University  
CHIARA GIGLIARANO, LIUC Carlo Cattaneo University

*Local Policy Evaluation at Scale: Leveraging Survey and Administrative Data.*

SILVIA SCARPA, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

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MASSIMO BALDINI, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia  
ANDREA BARIGAZZI, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia  
GIOVANNI GALLO, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia  
MARCELLO MORCIANO, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

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**10:00 Coffee Break – ROOM VITTIME INNOCENTI DI TUTTE LE MAFIE**

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**10:30 Plenary Session - ROOM ALESSANDRO LEOGRANDE**

Chair: **CATERINA MARINI**, University of Bari Aldo Moro.

***What We Learn When We Observe Every Price: Insights from UK Consumer Price Microdata***

**ENGIN KARA**, Cardiff University (UK)

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**11:15 Invited Session (B) - ROOM ALESSANDRO LEOGRANDE**

***Spatial Methods for Modelling Local Economic Phenomena***

Chair: **PAOLO POSTIGLIONE**, University of Chieti-Pescara.

Discussant: **FEDERICA GALLI**, University of Bologna.

***A Holistic Green Indicator for Tourism Sustainability Across Italian Provinces.***

RICCARDO GIANLUIGI SERIO, University of Trento

GIUSEPPE ESPA, University of Trento

MARIA MICHELA DICKSON, University of Padova

DIEGO GIULIANI, University of Trento

***Honey! I Shrank the Spatial Econometric Coefficients.***

GIUSEPPE ARBIA, Cattolica University of Sacro Cuore

LUCIA DELLA RATTA, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies

VINCENZO NARDELLI, Cattolica University of Sacro Cuore

NICCOLÒ SALVINI, Cattolica University of Sacro Cuore

***Machine Learning and the Prediction of Geographically Distributed Data: a Methodological Proposal.***

ALFREDO CARTONE, Gabriele d'Annunzio University

SIMONE MAZZAFERRO, Gabriele d'Annunzio University

PAOLO POSTIGLIONE, Gabriele d'Annunzio University

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**12:30 Round-Table Talks - ROOM ALESSANDRO LEOGRANDE**

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## ***Innovation, Competitiveness and SMEs: Challenges and Opportunities in the Economic Transition***

Moderator: **ANDREA CICCARELLI**, University of Teramo

Participate:

- **PASQUALE ORLANDO**, Director of the Department for the Unitary Planning including the Management of Human, Financial and Capital Resources - Region Puglia
- **ALESSANDRO RINALDI**, Deputy Director-General – Director of Research and Statistics of Guglielmo Tagliacarne Research Institute – Italian Chambers of Commerce
- **LUIGI TRIGGIANI**, Secretary-General of Unioncamere Puglia

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**13:30 Lunch – ROOM VITTIME INNOCENTI DI TUTTE LE MAFIE**

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**14:30 Invited Session (C) - ROOM ALESSANDRO LEOGRANDE**

### ***Measures and Models for Firm Performance***

Chair: **DAVIDE PIACENTINO**, University of Palermo

Discussant: **GENNARO PUNZO**, Parthenope University of Naples.

*Mapping the Geography of Innovation and Firm Performance in Italy: A Spatial Approach Beyond Industrial Districts.*

ALESSIO BUMBEA, Mercatorum University

ANNAMARIA GIUFFRIDA, Mercatorum University

KATARZYNA KOPCZEWSKA, University of Warsaw

ANDREA MAZZITELLI, Mercatorum University

*Environmental Sustainability and Economic Performance of Manufacturing Enterprises.*

DANIELA DE FRANCESCO, Italian National Institute of Statistics

ALESSANDRO FARAMONDI, Italian National Institute of Statistics

SILVIA LOMBARDI, University of Milano-Bicocca

*Business Acumen and Firm Performance: Modelling the Impact of Marketing Decisions through a Dynamic Framework.*

RAFFAELE ANGELONE, University of Milano-Bicocca

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**15:45 Invited Session (D) - ROOM ALESSANDRO LEOGRANDE**

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## ***Inequalities Across Italian Regions***

Chair: **PAOLO VERME**, University of Bologna

Discussant: **LUCA TRAPIN**, University of Bologna

*Fuzzy measures of economic insecurity among households in three Italian regions.*

ANDREA REGOLI, Parthenope University of Naples.

GIUSEPPE VERDOLIVA, Parthenope University of Naples

*Mapping Income Inequality Trends Between Spatial and Socio-Demographic Disparities.*

SILVIA DE NICOLÒ, University of Bologna

*Educational Inequality in Italy: Official Grades vs. Standardized Test Scores.*

RAFFAELE LAGRAVINESE, University of Bari Aldo Moro

VITOROCCO PERAGINE, University of Bari Aldo Moro

GIORGIA ZOTTI, University of Bari Aldo Moro

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**17:00    Coffee Break – ROOM VITTIME INNOCENTI DI TUTTE LE MAFIE**

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**17:30    Session of contributed papers (10) – ROOM A**

***Market, Risk, and Policy Evidence in Finance and Energy***

Chair: **CONSUELO RUBINA NAVA**, Aosta Valley University

*Critical Peak Pricing or Rebate: Evidence from a Large Winter Experiment in Quebec.*

DEBBIE J. DUPUIS, HEC Montreal (Canada)

PIERRE-OLIVIER PINEAU, HEC Montreal (Canada)

LUCA TRAPIN, University of Bologna

*Core Determinants for the Dynamics of a Currency Board: The Fragility behind the Peg*

ELEONORA CAVALLARO, Sapienza University of Rome

BERNARDO MAGGI, Sapienza University of Rome

*ESG Factors and Asset Allocation: Evidence from Simulated Portfolios.*

LUIGI ALDIERI, University of Salerno

ALESSANDRA AMENDOLA, University of Salerno

VINCENZO CANDILA, University of Salerno

*Common Factors in Large Panels of Equity Options.*

MARIA GRITH, Neoma Business School (France)

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AARON POPA, Erasmus University Rotterdam (Netherlands)  
PAOLO SANTUCCI DE MAGISTRIS, Luiss University  
FRANCESCO VIOLANTE, IESEG School of Management (France)

*Interconnectedness in the Tails: Evidence of Risk Contagion in European Electricity Markets.*

LUIGI GROSSI, University of Parma  
ANTONIO PANICO, University of Parma

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**17:30 Session of contributed papers (11) – Room B**

***Advanced Measurements for the Labor Market Analysis***

Chair: **FRANCESCA ADELE GIAMBONA**, University of Florence

*A Multilayer Network Framework for the Identification of Functional Regions.*

ANDREA ENRICO VURRO, Mercatorum University  
ANDREA MAZZITELLI, Mercatorum University  
GIUSEPPE ESPA, University of Trento

*Labour Market Integration, Digital Work, and Psychological Well-Being in Later Careers.*

CAMILA CID, University of Bologna  
IDA D'ATTOMA, University of Bologna  
LIVIA ORTENSÌ, University of Bologna

*Measuring Employment Precarity with EU-SILC Data: a Three-Domain Framework Applied to Italy, Finland and Lithuania.*

KAMILE BOTYRIUTE, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences (Lithuania)  
RUTA BRAZIENE, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences (Lithuania)  
ANTONELLA ROCCA, Parthenope University of Naples.

*Spatial DID for Interdependent Outcomes: GDP, Unemployment, and the Italian NUTS 3.*

RICCARDO D'ALBERTO, University of Verona  
SILVIA EMILI, University of Bologna

*The Employment Effects of the Campania Special Economic Zone: Evidence from a Triple-Differences Design.*

SILVIA DE NICOLÒ, University of Bologna  
BEATRICE BIONDI, University of Bologna  
MARIO MAZZOCCHI, University of Bologna

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**17:30 Session of contributed papers (12) – Room C**

***Innovative Data and Methods for Organizational and Firm-Level Analysis***

Chair: **ANTONELLA ROCCA**, Parthenope University of Naples

*Archetypal Logistic Regression for Response Propensity Estimation in Business Surveys.*

ALESSANDRO LA ROCCA, Italian National Institute of Statistics

*Decoding Websites: Inferring Financial Distress in SMEs from Coding Style.*

CARLO BOTTAI, University of Milano-Bicocca

LISA CROSATO, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

CATERINA LIBERATI, University of Milano-Bicocca

*Daughters of a Lesser God. Harassment and Violence in the Workplace. A Survey in the Bologna Area of Italy.*

SERGIO BRASINI, University of Bologna

DEMETRIO PANARELLO, Link Campus University

GIORGIO TASSINARI, University of Bologna

*Open Manager: a Study to Confirm Managerial Implications.*

TULLIO MENINI, University of Naples L'Orientale

*AI-Driven Environmental Sentiment of EU Climate Benchmarks: The Hidden Volatility of Green Finance.*

FRANCESCO BATTAGLIA, Parthenope University of Naples

GIORGIA RIVIECCIO, Parthenope University of Naples

GIOVANNI DE LUCA, Parthenope University of Naples

GABRIELE SAMPAGNARO, Parthenope University of Naples

MICHELE MARIO IPPOLITO, Parthenope University of Naples

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**18:30 Closing Remarks - ROOM ALESSANDRO LEGOGRANDE**

- **ROSALIA CASTELLANO**, SMEA Coordinator
  - **VITTORIO NICOLARDI**, Chair of the Local Organizing Committee
  - **ANDREA CICCARELLI**, Chair of the Programme Committee
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