

Conference on Institutions, knowledge diffusion and economic development

September 28-29, 2023
Via S. Ignazio 74, Cagliari (Italy)

Thursday, September 28

09:00-09:15 Registration

09:15-09:30

Welcome Address (Room 1)

Francesco Mola (Rector, University of Cagliari)

Francesco Cappelli (American Studies Center)

Raffaele Paci (University of Cagliari, CRENoS)

09:30-10:30

Keynote speech (Room 1): Nicholas Charron (University of Gothenburg)
Quality of Institutions and Gender Equalities Across European Regions

Chair: Simona Iammarino (University of Cagliari)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 **Parallel Sessions 1**

Session 1A – Institutions I (Room 1)

Chair: Luca Pennacchio

Giovanni Righetto (University of Bologna). Political power and the influence of minorities: theory and evidence from Italy

Anna Laura Baraldi (University of Campania). Gender Quota and Violence against Politicians (joint with Giovanni Immordino, Erasmo Papagni and Marco Stimolo)

Amanda De Pirro (Lancaster University). With a Little Help From My Enemy: Intellectual Property Rights in Fascist Italy

Session 1B – Regions (Room 11)

Chair: Stefano Usai

Francesco Quatraro and **Alessandra Scandura** (University of Turin). Recombinant novelty and Foreign Direct Investments: evidence from European Regions (joint with Enrico Bergamini)

Davide Fiaschi (University of Pisa). A dynamical taxonomy of population density: moving around in the Moran scatterplot (joint with Angela Parenti and Cristiano Ricci)

Rita De Siano (Parthenope University). The role of tourism in European regions' economic recovery: a spatial perspective (joint with Rosaria R. Canale)

Session 1C – Digital Technologies I (Room 11 bis)

Chair: Carla Massidda

Mariarosaria Agostino (University of Calabria). Digital Technologies and Global Value Chains: Evidence from the Italian Industry (joint with Emanuele Brancati, Anna Giunta, Domenico Scalera and Francesco Trivieri)

Andrea Caria (University of Cagliari, CRENoS). Online learning during the Covid-19 pandemic: an exploratory survey study for Italian schools (joint with Adriana Di Liberto and Sara Pau)

Claudia Zola (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia). Digitization and contextual factors in Emilia-Romagna municipalities: A cluster and poset based approach

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 **Keynote speech (Room 1): Andrés Rodríguez-Pose** (London School of Economics)
The Green Transition and its potential territorial discontents

Chair: Anna Giunta (Roma Tre University, Rossi-Doria Centre)

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:30 **Parallel Sessions 2**

Session 2A – Institutions II (Room 1)

Chair: Domenico Scalera

Giulio Cainelli (University of Padua). Napoleonic Administrative Reforms and Development. Lessons from the Italian *Mezzogiorno* (joint with Carlo Ciccarelli and Roberto Ganau)

Luciano Mauro (University of Trieste) The National Recovery and Resilience Plan: Will it Narrow the North-South Productivity Gap? (joint with Francesco Pigliaru)

Alessandro De Iudicibus (University of Campania). The effectiveness of a legality certification. Evidence from Italian firms (joint with Maria Rosaria Alfano and Claudia Cantabene)

Session 2B – Technology & Innovation I (Room 11)

Chair: Emanuela Marrocu

Eva Hagsten (University of South-Eastern Norway). Digital transformation as local means to attract innovative establishments (joint with Martin Falk)

Alessandra Colombelli (Politecnico di Torino). Women in innovative start-ups and regional inclusiveness: “green” and socially-responsible companies (joint with Anna D’Ambrosio and Chiara Ravetti)

Alessandro Zona Mattioli (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam). The Rise of Intangible Capital and Labour Market Power (joint with Eric Bartelsman and Sabien Dobbelaere)

Carmelo Pierpaolo Parello (Sapienza University). Can AK Models with International Technological Interdependence Explain Cross-Country Income Distribution and Convergence?

20:00 Social Dinner

Friday, September 29

09:30-10:30 **Keynote speech (Room 1): Rosina Moreno** (University of Barcelona)
The role of relatedness and unrelatedness for the geography of technological breakthroughs in Europe
Chair: Alfredo Del Monte (University of Naples Federico II)

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-13:00 Parallel Sessions 3

Session 3A – Institutions III (Room 1)

Chair: Sara Moccia

Saverio Di Giorno (Parthenope University). Institutions, economic growth and mafia infiltration: a strange triangle. The issue of misallocation of capital (joint with Francesco Busato and Ivano Dileo)

Claudia Cantabene (University of Campania). Public Certification, Information Asymmetry, and Investment (joint with Antonio Acconcia, Maria Rosaria Alfano and Anna Laura Baraldi)

Annamaria Nifo (University of Sannio). Regional institutional quality and productivity: Evidence from the World Bank Enterprise Survey (joint with Mariarosaria Agostino, Sabrina Ruberto and Gaetano Vecchione)

Vania Licio (University of Cagliari, CRENoS). Navigable rivers and transport infrastructure in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Session 3B – Innovation II (Room 11)

Chair: Frederick Guy

Andrea Ascani (Gran Sasso Science Institute). Innovation and zombie firms: Empirical evidence from Italy (joint with Lakshmi B. Nair)

Luca Serafini (University of Cagliari, CRENoS). The Impact of Smart Specialisation and Industry 4.0 on firms' performance (joint with Emanuela Marrocu and Raffaele Paci)

Katharina Hartinger (University of Mainz). Individualism, Creativity, and Innovation

Session 3C – Digital Technologies II (Room 11 bis) **Chair: Bianca Biagi**

Andrea Borsato (University of Strasbourg). The Kaldor-Verdoorn Law at the Age of Robots and AI (joint with André Lorentz)

Camilla Lenzi (Politecnico di Milano). Cities as multipliers of wage inequalities from digitalisation (joint with Roberta Capello and Elisa Panzera)

Marco Sforza (Roma Tre University). Digital Technologies and managerial capabilities: An empirical investigation of Italian family firms (joint with Roberto Gabriele and Anna Giunta)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:30-19:00 Technical excursion Unesco WHS "Su Nuraxi" Barumini

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