

## ASC – Institutions and Regional Development Conference

### 8th Edition: “Local Economies under Pressure: Geopolitical Risks, Artificial Intelligence, Climate Change and Depopulation of Peripheral Areas”

September 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – L’Aquila (Italy)

VENUE: **GRAN SASSO SCIENCE INSTITUTE**

- **Rectorate Building:** Via Michele Iacobucci, 2, 67100, L’Aquila
- **Ex-ISEF Building:** Viale Francesco Crispi 7, 67100, L’Aquila

**Thursday, September 25**

**08:30-09:00**

**Registration**

**09:00-09:30**

**Welcome Address**

**Francesco Cappelli** (*President of American Studies Center*)

**Paolo Veneri** (*Director of Social Science Area, Gran Sasso Science Institute*)

*Room: AUDITORIUM Rectorate Building [floor -1]*

**09:30-10:30**

**Keynote speech**

**Philip McCann** (*Manchester Business School*)

Capital Market and Investment Shocks in US, UK and EU Cities and Regions

**Chair: Alessandra Faggian** (*Gran Sasso Science Institute*)

*Room: AUDITORIUM Rectorate Building [floor -1]*

**10:30-11:00**

**Coffee break**

**11:00-13:00**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 1**

**Session 1A – Institutions** – *Room: AUDITORIUM Rectorate Building [floor -1]*

**Chair: Antonio Acconcia** (*University of Naples Federico II*)

**Daria Denti** (*Gran Sasso Science Institute*)

Can’t shake it off. Earthquakes and social cohesion in Italy  
(with Alessandra Faggian, Marco Modica and Ilan Noy)

**Emmanuel Caiazzo** (*University of Naples Parthenope*)

The geopolitics of aid: US and China's strategic financial  
(with Pietro Panizza and Alberto Zazzaro)

**Adriana Pinate** (*Gran Sasso Science Institute*)

Does Institutional Quality Affect Individuals' Perceptions of Inequality? Yes, but only at the parochial level  
(with Claudio Di Bernardino, Martina Dal Molin and Giulia Urso)

**Session 1B – Climate change** – Room: LAB Rectorate Building [floor -1]

**Chair: Marcello d'Amato** (*Suor Orsola Benincasa*)

**Saverio Simonelli** (*University of Naples Federico II*)

Resilience after Climate Shocks: Evidence from SBA Disaster Loans  
(with Federico Esposito)

**Paola Coletti** (*University of Bergamo*)

When Global Goals Meet Local Realities: Challenging the Intergovernmental Design of SDG  
(with Vittorio Pecoraro)

**Carla Guerriero** (*University of Naples Federico II*)

Carbon Markets and International Trade: a Gravity Model Application to the EU ETS  
(with Angelo De Santis and Antonia Pacelli)

**Luca Bettarelli** (*University of Palermo*)

Firm-Level Climate Change Adaptation: Micro Evidence from 134 Nations  
(with Claudia Berg, Davide Furceri, Michael Ganslmeier, Arti Grover, Megan Lang and Marc Schiffbauer)

**13:00-14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00-15:00**

**Keynote speech**

**Chiara Farronato** (*Harvard Business School*)

Balancing the Digital Scale: The Promises and Pitfalls of Modern Platforms

**Chair: Anna Giunta** (*Roma Tre University*)

Room: AUDITORIUM Rectorate Building [floor -1]

**15:00-15:30**

**Coffee break**

**15:30-17:30**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 2**

**Session 2A – Development I** – Room: AUDITORIUM Rectorate Building [floor -1]

**Chair: Luca Pennacchio** (*University of Naples Parthenope*)

**Davide Di Marcoberardino** (*Marche Polytechnic University*)

Shaken Up or Still Studying? Student Performance after the Central Italy Earthquake  
(with Marco Cucculelli)

**Malavika Ananthakrishnan** (*Azim Premji University*)

Rural Roads and their Impact on Urban Centres: Evidence from Indian Cities and Towns

**Federico Colozza** (*University of Pavia*)

Productivity Convergence for the Capable? Endogenous Capabilities, the Great Recession, and the Effectiveness of EU Cohesion Policy

(with Massimo Bagarani and Luigi Salvati)

**Session 2B – Artificial intelligence and digitalization** – Room: LAB Rectorate Building [floor -1]

**Chair: Giulia Iannone** (*Gran Sasso Science Institute*)

**Tommaso Oliviero** (*University of Naples Federico II*)

Artificial intelligence and growth in advanced and emerging economies: short-run impacts  
(with Leonardo Gambacorta, Enisse Kharroubi and Aaron Mehrotra)

**Eva Hagsten** (*Södertörn University*)

Location of foreign-controlled workplaces independent of high levels of broadband speed and skills

(with Martin Falk)

**Melania Riefolo** (*University of Foggia*)

European Funds, Digitalization and Urban economic performance: A Symbiotic Relationship Analysis

(with Vito Amendolagine)

**20:00**

**Social Dinner**

**Friday, September 26**

**09:00-09:30**

**Registration**

**09:30-10:30**

**Keynote speech**

**Riccardo Crescenzi** (*London School of Economics*)

Green(ing) Foreign Direct Investment, Global Value Chains and Sustainable Regional Development

**Chair: Sara Moccia** (*University of Naples Federico II*)

Room: MAIN LECTURE HALL Ex-ISEF Building [ground floor]

**10:30-11:00**

**Coffee break**

**11:00-13:00**

**PARALLEL SESSIONS 3**

**Session 3A – Migration** – Room: MAIN LECTURE HALL Ex-ISEF Building [ground floor]

**Chair: Maria Rosaria Carillo** (*University of Naples Parthenope*)

**Davide Bellucci** (*University of Naples Parthenope*)

Effects of protectionism on the selection of emigrants in Italy during the Age of Mass Migration  
(with Maria Rosaria Carillo, Salvatore Carrozzo and Luca Pennacchio)

**Tiziana Venittelli** (*University of Naples Parthenope*)

Does Easier Family Reunification Improve Immigrants' Well-being?  
(with Maria Rosaria Carillo and Massimiliano Cerciello)

**Roberto Nisticò** (*University of Naples Federico II*)

A Boatlift across the Mediterranean: Refugees in Italian Aging Communities  
(with Emanuele Ciani and Claudio Deiana)

**Session 3B – Development II** – Room: LIBRARY Ex-ISEF Building [floor -1]

**Chair: Alberto Zazzaro** (*University of Naples Federico II*)

**Alessandro De Iudicibus** (*University of Campania*)

Cohesion Funds and the Cost Pass-Through of Waste Services: The Effect on Local Waste Taxation in Italy  
(with Anna L. Baraldi, Claudia Cantabene, Giovanni Fosco and Iacopo Grassi)

**Antonio Accetturo** (*Bank of Italy*)

Prospects for the Development of Italian Mezzogiorno  
(with Emanuele Ciani, Andrea Petrella, Sauro Mocetti)

**Silvia Mattiozzi** (*Marche Polytechnic University*)

Labour Mobility as a Response to Manufacturing Decline: an Empirical Analysis for Italy  
(with Giulia Bettin)

**13:00-14:00**

**Lunch**