



CALL FOR PAPERS

Institutions and Regional Development Conference

9th Edition:

“Cultural Transformation and Regional Development in the Era of Artificial Intelligence”

September 24-25, 2026 – Palermo (Italy)

VENUE: Department of Economics, Business and Statistics - University of Palermo

Submission deadline: June 30, 2026

The American Studies Center of Naples, the University of Palermo and the Department of Economics and Statistics of the University of Naples Federico II are delighted to announce the **9th Edition of the Institutions and Regional Development Conference**, which will take place in Palermo on **September 24-25, 2026**.

This year's conference aims at providing academics and policymakers with a valuable forum for discussing Cultural Transformation and Regional Development in the Era of Artificial Intelligence.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Geopolitical risks
- EU policies and local Institutions
- Place-based policies
- Health policy
- Resilience, climate change, and natural disasters
- Productivity policies and AI in the productivity divide
- Economics of innovation
- Digital technologies and regulation
- Regional development, inequalities and AI
- AI, cultural diversity, and globalization
- Conflicts and migration
- Culture and Tourism: investments and policies
- AI and environment
- AI, cities, jobs, and mobility
- Culture and tourism in the era of AI
- Circular economy

Keynote Speakers

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Dominique Foray (*Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne*)

Simona Iammarino (*GSSI - Gran Sasso Science Institute*)

Gianmarco Ottaviano (*Bocconi University*)

Submission procedure

Full papers or extended abstracts should be sent to info@asc-conference.com no later than **June 30, 2026**. Complete papers have priority in the selection process. Authors will be notified of acceptance by **July 15, 2026**. Thanks to sponsorship from the American Studies Center of Naples, the conference is free of charge, including meals and social events. For more information about the conference and logistics, please visit the conference website: <https://asc-conference.com/>

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