

## XXIV AISSEC Scientific Conference

Marche Polytechnic University, Ancona, Italy, 8-9 June 2026

### Economic Development in the Era of Geopolitical Fragmentation

#### Draft programme

**Monday, 8 June**

**8:30 – 9:30 Arrival and Registration**

**9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and Introduction**

**[Room T3]**

**Antonio Di Stasi** (Marche Polytechnic University), Dean of the Faculty of Economics, **Dario Sciulli** (D'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara), President of AISSEC, **Stefano Staffolani** (Marche Polytechnic University)

**9:45 – 11:00 Parallel Sessions A1, A2**

**A1 Geopolitical risks and conflicts**

**[Room T3]**

**Chair: Sara Caria** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia)

**Alessia Lo Turco** (Marche Polytechnic University) *'Direct and indirect effects of conflict on firms: Evidence from Turkish transaction data'* (with M. Di Maio, M. Imbruno, S. Köymen Özer, and D. Maggioni)

**Roberto Ricciuti** (University of Verona) *'The Impact of Climate Change on Conflicts: a Meta-Regression Analysis'* (with G. Bonanno, L. Errico, and N. Fiorino)

**Raffaele Boffardi** (University of Naples l'Orientale) *'Does geopolitical risk impact public policy effectiveness? Measurement and explanations for the European regions'* (with Paolo Di Caro)

**A2 Artificial intelligence (I)**

**[Room T4]**

**Chair: Germana Giombini** (University of Urbino Carlo Bo)

**Alessandro Sterlacchini** (Marche Polytechnic University) *'Making AI work'* (with A. Lo Turco)

**Francesco Venturini** (University of Urbino Carlo Bo) *'Looking at AI through the lens of IP data'* (with C. Castaldi, A. Fronzetti Colladon, F. Castellacci, and L. Segneri)

**Martina Orci** (Marche Polytechnic University) *'Mapping the Diffusion of Artificial Intelligence in Italian Firms: Evidence from Public Funding Data'*

**11:00 – 11:20 Coffee Break**

## 11:20 – 13:00 Parallel Sessions B1, B2

### B1 Economic development

Chair: **Tania Masi** (D'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara)

[Room T3]

**Vittorio Valli** (University of Turin) *'Reflections on the structural economic weaknesses of Italy'*

**Sara Caria** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) *'A fragmented monolith? A network analysis of Chinese development finance actors'* (with S. Ghinoi and S. Romita)

**Tania Masi** (D'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara) *'Intertemporal Happiness Choice and Development'* (with R. Ricciuti)

**Rishika Arya** (Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, India) *'Drivers of Material Footprint in India: Towards a Sustainable and Circular Economy'* (with M. Krishna)

### B2 Labour market

[Room T4]

Chair: **Stefano Staffolani** (Marche Polytechnic University)

**Antonella Rocca** (Parthenope University of Naples) *'Place Matters: Rural–Urban Disparities in Youth Labour Market Outcomes in Italy'* (with G. De Luca)

**Dario Sciulli** (D'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara) *'Childbirth and the Wage Ladder: Dynamic Reallocation and the Motherhood Penalty in Europe'* (with C. Mussida)

**Enzo Valentini** (University of Macerata) *'Earnings inequality patterns: A comparative analysis of France, Italy, Portugal and Spain'* (with F. Clementi and M. Fabiani)

**Giacomo Lupi** (University of Ferrara) *'Entrepreneurial intentions and employment choices among University of Ghana students: a discrete choice experiment'* (with C.A. João, L.S. Hodey, B. Senadza, and U. Rizzo)

## 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

## 14:00 – 15:15 Parallel Sessions C1, C2

### C1 Technological innovation

[Room T3]

Chair: **Marco Tedeschi** (Marche Polytechnic University)

**Del Gatto Massimo** (D'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara) *'Technology adoption, emission intensity and (increasing/decreasing) competitive pressure'* (with M. Piccari)

**Paolo Palladino** (University of Urbino Carlo Bo) *'Technological Innovation and Regional Resilience: a Composite Index approach to assess Regional Vulnerability'*

**Di Marcoberardino Davide** (University of Macerata) *'A Digital Boost in Disguise? The Effects of the 2016 Central Italy Earthquake on Household Connectivity'* (with L. Compagnucci and F. Spigarelli)

### C2 Food system dynamics, global value chains and environmental challenges

[Room T4]

Chair: **Elena Vallino** (University of Turin)

**Sara Balestri** (University of Perugia) *'Gendered Vulnerabilities in Food Security Dynamics: Evidence from a Latent Variable Approach in Sub-Saharan Africa'* (with A. Crippa and L. Pieroni)

**Steven Knauss** (University of Technology of Compiègne (UTC) / Alliance Sorbonne Université (ASU), France) *'The lowest environmental bidder, key factor in offshoring? Environmental arbitrage in the spatial reconfiguration of global value chains in the era of geoeconomics'* (with P. Jollivet-Courtois)

**Donatella Saccone** (University of Gastronomic Sciences, Polenzo) and **Elena Vallino** (University of Turin) *'Agri-food market concentration: measurement, archetypes, causal patterns and implications'* (with J. Dell'Angelo)

**15:15 – 16:15 Keynote Lecture I**

**[Room B2]**

**Mariapia Mendola** (University of Milano-Bicocca) *'Hacking Anti-Immigration Attitudes and Stereotypes: a Field Experiment in Italian High-Schools'*

Introduction and discussion: **Alessia Lo Turco** (Marche Polytechnic University)

**16:15 – 16:30 Coffee Break**

**16:30 – 18:00 Parallel Sessions D1, D2**

**D1 Migration policy**

**[Room T3]**

**Chair: Giulia Bettin** (Marche Polytechnic University)

**Michele Ubaldi** (University of Turin) *'Does internal migration affect political change? Evidence from Italy'* (with M. Bratti and A. Lo Turco)

**Bianca Balsimelli Ghelli** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) *'The impact of citizenship on intermarriage: evidence from Italy'* (with G. Gallo)

**Dina Moawad** (University of Gastronomic Sciences, Pollenzo) *'Climate Change Without Mobility? Evidence from Rural Southern Italy'*

**Alina Verashchagina** (D'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara) *'Media Exposure, Public Attitudes Toward Immigration, and Policy Support'* (with D. Di Gioacchino)

**D2 Industrial policy**

**[Room T4]**

**Chair: Massimo Del Gatto** (D'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara)

**Lorenzo Compagnucci** (University of Macerata) *'Industrial Policy and Integrated Circuits: A U.S.-China Comparative Study'* (with F. Spigarelli, G. Sampaolo, V. Calogero, and M. Tassinari)

**Daniele Biancardi** (University of Milan) *'The effect of foreign direct investments screening policies on investments'*

**Ornina El Hajjar** (University of Macerata) *'BCT and AI in the Made in Italy Sector: Enhancing Traceability and Sustainability Amid Geopolitical Fragmentation—Evidence from Micro and Small Enterprises'* (with F. Spigarelli and L. Compagnucci)

**18:00 – 19:00 AISSEC Members' meeting**

**[Room T3]**

**20:00 – 23:00 Social dinner** at the restaurant "Giardino", Via Fabio Filzi, 2

8:30 – 9:45 Parallel Sessions E1, E2

**E1 Inequality and poverty**

**[Room T3]**

**Chair: Antonella Rocca** (Parthenope University of Naples)

**Chiara Mussida** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore) *'The dynamic interrelation among subjective poverty, material deprivation, and income poverty'* (with D. Sciulli)

**Francesco Nicolli** (University of Ferrara and SEEDS) *'Livestock, livelihoods, and rural welfare: causal evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa'* (with G. Lupi and N. Barbieri)

**Giuseppe Caruso** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) *'Making visible LGBTQI+ inequalities in working conditions and access to employment'* (with T. Addabbo and C. Mussida)

**E2 Institutions**

**[Room T4]**

**Chair: Roberto Ricciuti** (University of Verona)

**Roberto Roson** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice) *'Freight margins as European internal duties'* (with P. Costa and M. Sartori)

**Marcella Nicolini** (University of Pavia) *'Foreign Aid and Trust in Institutions'* (with A. Fazio and F. Sabatini)

**Pompeo Della Posta** (Beijing Normal University, China) *'Barking Up the Wrong Tree? Inequality, Institutions, and the Case for Enlightened Globalization'* (with Kunling Zhang)

9:45 – 11:25 Parallel Sessions F1, F2

**F1 Artificial intelligence (II)**

**[Room T3]**

**Chair: Francesco Venturini** (University of Urbino Carlo Bo)

**Federico Favaretto** (University of Urbino Carlo Bo) *'The impact of Artificial Intelligence on banks'* (with A. Fronzetti Colladon, G. Giombini, and F. Venturini)

**Andrea Bacchiocchi** (University of Urbino Carlo Bo) *'Financial risk and technology shifting: Firm-level evidence from the rise of AI'* (with G. Giombini, L. Segneri, and F. Venturini)

**Stefano Staffolani** (Marche Polytechnic University) *'Strategic AI Underuse: Worker Incentives and Firm Responses'*

**Mattia Filomena** (University of Bergamo) *'Data, Power and Emissions: The Environmental Cost of AI'* (with A. Bonfiglioli, R. Crinò, and G. Gancia)

**F2 GVC Resilience and the cereal supply chain in the MENA region**

**[Room T4]**

**Chair: Marta Marson** (Polytechnic University of Milan)

**Iacopo-Maria Taddei** (Collegio Carlo Alberto) *'Global agri-food value chains for cereals in the MENA region: players, trade flows, and products'* (with A. Amighini, G. Giovannetti, F. Karam, A. Khafagy, and C. Zaki)

**Marson Marta** (Polytechnic University of Milan) *'Caught between limited production and unreliable import: an integrated early warning tool for cereals supply for Southern Mediterranean countries'* (with S. Cesari De Maria)

**Serena Berisio** (Polytechnic University of Milan) *'State vs market: securing grains stocks for food security in Egypt and Morocco'*

**Marta Vignali** (Polytechnic University of Milan) *'From shock to recovery: firm-level resilience in cereal GVCs in Egypt and Morocco'* (with L. Piscitello)

**Chahir Zaki** (ERF) *'Why does trade policy matter for cereals supply chain?'* (with F. Karam and A. Khafagy)

#### 11:25 – 11:45 Coffee break

#### 11:45 – 12:45 Keynote Lecture II

[Room B2]

**Klaus Prettner** (Vienna University of Economics and Business) *'The Economic Impacts of AI: Growth, Inequality, and Potential Risks'*

Introduction and discussion: **Francesco Venturini** (University of Urbino Carlo Bo)

#### 12:45 – 13:00 Francesco Pastore Young Economist Award

#### 13:00 – 14:15 Parallel Sessions G1, G2

##### G1 Environment

[Room T3]

**Chair: Donatella Saccone** (University of Gastronomic Sciences, Pollenzo)

**Anić Aleksandra** (University of Belgrad, Serbia) *'Work in urban, but breath and hear in rural areas. Socioeconomic determinants of environmental exposure across European countries'* (with Natalija Mirić)

**Marco Tedeschi** (Marche Polytechnic University) *'Carbon Pricing and Renewable Electricity: A Stage-Dependent Analysis of the EU ETS'*

**Tamar Taralashvili** (Marche Polytechnic University) *'Bilateral trade and voluntary environmental standards: Insights from ISO 14001 certification'* (with D. Lena)

##### G2 Education

[Room T4]

**Chair: Chiara Mussida** (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)

**Giuseppe Caruso** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia) *'Beyond Predictive Accuracy: Standardised Tests, School Grades, and University Admission'*

**Andrea Gentili** (Università Mercatorum) *'Gentrification, salaries and housing: no more teachers in Italian public education system'*

**Germana Giombini** (University of Urbino Carlo Bo) *'Entrepreneur Financial Education and Bank Credit Supply: An Evolutionary Game of SME Lending'* (with A. Bacchiocchi, A. Bellocchi, and G. Travaglini)

#### 14:15 – 15:00 Light lunch and Farewell

### **Scientific and Organizing Committee**

Giulia Bettin, Sara Caria, Germana Giombini, Alessia Lo Turco, Roberto Ricciuti, Donatella Saccone, Dario Sciulli, Stefano Staffolani, Marco Tedeschi, Alina Verashchagina

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