

ASC – Institutions and Regional Development Conference

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

September 25th-26th, 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)

Annamaria Nifo (*University of Sannio*)

Cultural norms and litigation rates: the case of Italy
(with Vincenzo Alfano, Salvatore Ercolano and Gaetano Vecchione)

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 Berardino, 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

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