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International Workshop on

“Skills and demographic transitions: Labour markets, productivity and welfare”

September 19 and 20, 2025
Auditorium Chiesa San Girolamo
Via San Girolamo,
Urbino (Italy)



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PROGRAMME

Friday 19th SEPTEMBER

10:00 - 10:30 REGISTRATION

10:30 - 10:50 WELCOME ADDRESS: Giorgio Calcagnini (Rector, University of Urbino), Mary O'Mahony (King's College London), Michela Vecchi (Kingston University)

11:00 - 12:30 Session: WELLBEING AND PERFORMANCE

- Simone Schnall (University of Cambridge)
["Workplace Wellbeing, Motivation, and Productivity: Exploring Generational Differences"](#)
- Michela Vecchi (Kingston University London)
["Work is Better when you Dance"](#)
- Lavinia Kinne (DIW Berlin)
["Age and Cognitive Skills: Use It or Lose It"](#)

12:30 - 13:30 LUNCH

13:30 - 14:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE

- Klaus Prettnner (Vienna University of Economics and Business)
["Fertility, Longevity and Economic Growth"](#)

14:30 - 16:00 Session: AGING AND WORKING CONDITIONS

- Thomas Zwick (University of Würzburg)
["Age and Productivity - Lessons from the Recent Literature"](#)
- Daniele Patiti (Kings's College London)
["Could Ageing Help to Explain Regional Productivity Patterns?"](#)
- Ana Abeliantsky (Austrian National Bank)
["Infection Risk at Work, Automatability, and Employment"](#)

16:00 - 16:30 COFFEE BREAK

16:30 - 17:30 Session: HEALTH POLICY

- Francesco Moscone (Brunei University & University of Venice)
["Hospital Productivity and Health Care Spending: Evidence from Italy"](#)
- Asako Ohinata (University of Leicester)
["Does It Matter Who Cares for you? The Effect of Substituting Informal with Formal Personal Care on the Care Recipients"](#)

20.00-22.30 SOCIAL DINNER

Saturday 20th SEPTEMBER

9:30 - 11:00 Session: SKILLS AND UK LABOUR MARKET

- Larissa Marioni (NIESR)
["Using New Sources of Data to Understand Skill Demand and Supply: A Regional Analysis"](#)
- Golo Henseke (University College London)
["How Exposed are UK Jobs to ChatGPT? A Task-Level Assessment Using LLMs"](#)
- Francesca Foliano (University College London)
["Time Use vs Migration Premium"](#)

11:00 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 Session: AI, AUTOMATION AND FIRM PERFORMANCE

- Germana Giombini, Ludovica Segneri, Francesco Venturini (University of Urbino)
["AI and Firm Financial Conditions"](#)
- Kate Robinson (University of Brighton)
["Technology Adoption and Skills in UK firms: A Panacea for Productivity"](#)
- Tomohiko Inui (Gakushuin University)
["The Impact of Robot Adoption on Firm-Level Outcomes and Trade: Empirical Evidence from China"](#)

13:00 BUFFET LUNCH AND CLOSING OF THE WORKSHOP

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Urbino is a city in central Italy, located about 200 km northeast of Rome. It can be reached by car or public transportation.

- **By car:**

A14 Highway:

- From the North: Exit at Pesaro-Urbino > SS. 746 (~35 km)
- From the South: Exit at Fano > SS. 73bis (~45 km)

Below are some suggested parking options, their prices, and distances from the University. The complete list (and related information) is available on the Urbino Municipality website <https://www.urbinoservizi.it/servizio/parcheggi-a-urbino/>. Parking can be managed through the EasyPark app.

- **If You Are Traveling by Public Transportation:**

- **By Train:**

You can reach Urbino by taking a train to Pesaro railway station, then continuing by bus (recommended) or taxi. The public bus service is operated by Adriabus, with departures every 30 minutes (on the hour and at half past).

- To travel from Pesaro to Urbino, take the [Green Line](#).
- To travel from Urbino to Pesaro, take the [Red Line](#).

The journey from Pesaro (Pesaro Station) to Urbino (Urbino S. Lucia Park) takes about 55 minutes, and the ticket costs €3.90. Alternatively, the same route can be covered by taxi (pre-booking recommended) in approximately 45 minutes.

Train Tickets: <http://www.trenitalia.com/>

Bus Tickets: <https://www.adriabus.eu/>

How to Purchase Tickets:

- Use the [Adriabus](#) or [MOONEYGO](#) apps.
- On the bus (with coins only, no change provided).
- At Pesaro railway station.
- On the Trenitalia website.

- **Taxi Services:**

- Pesaro: <https://www.comune.pesaro.pu.it/viabilitaemobilita/auto-camper-moto/taxi/>
- Urbino: <https://www.comune.urbino.pu.it/amministrazione/settori/polizia-municipale-e-amministrativa-servizi-demografici/servizio-taxi>

- **By Air:**

Urbino is accessible from the airports of Ancona, Rimini, Bologna, and Rome. The closest airport is [Ancona](#) (~87 km). The nearest international airport is [Bologna](#) (~178 km).

From [Bologna Airport](#), take the People Mover to Bologna Central Station (10 minutes), then a train to Pesaro (1 hour 40 minutes).
From [Ancona Airport](#) or [Rimini Airport](#), take a shuttle bus to the railway station (quick connections every 15 minutes in both cases) and then a train to Pesaro.

From [Rome Airport \(Fiumicino\)](#), take a train to Roma Termini station (frequent and fast connections) and then a train from Roma Termini to Ancona and Pesaro.

In all cases, the journey from Pesaro to Urbino must be completed by bus or taxi.

Additional Information:

You can purchase an integrated train and bus ticket for Urbino via [Freccialink](#) directly on the Trenitalia website_ <https://www.trenitalia.com/it>. Simply enter your departure city and Urbino as your final destination to buy the ticket.

How to reach Auditorium Convento San Girolamo:

If arriving from Pesaro station by bus, the closest stop is [Urbino S. Lucia](#). Once you arrive at the bus terminal, take the elevator to the historic center (up to the 6th floor) and then another elevator to the 10th floor. Exit the shopping center, and you will find yourself at [Porta Santa Lucia](#), just a 15-minute walk <https://shorturl.at/zj2St>