

CALL FOR PAPERS

Italy in the Global Economy: Academia–Policy Dialogue on FDI, Trade, and Value Chains

November 13th-14th, 2025 – VUH University of Verona (Vicenza)

The Department of Economics of the University of Verona will host the Workshop on “Italy in the Global Economy: Academia–Policy Dialogue on FDI, Trade, and Value Chains” on November 13–14, 2025. The event is organized within the project “Internationalization and Firm Competitiveness”, funded by the Vicenza Univ Hub.

This workshop brings together scholars, policymakers, and institutional actors to explore Italy’s role in foreign direct investment (FDI), international trade, and global value chains (GVCs). The aim is to foster dialogue between academia and institutions, combining empirical evidence with policy insights. In a context of rising uncertainty, tariffs, and deglobalization pressures, along with the emergence of new technologies, understanding how Italy is navigating international markets is essential for informed policy and resilient strategies.

Contributions will address Italy’s position in the global economy, highlight key challenges and opportunities, and explore strategies to enhance competitiveness, innovation, and sustainable integration into international networks. Scholars are invited to present contributions that address these themes and offer evidence-based insights for policy design and institutional practice.

The program intends to have the scientific papers presented and discussed on Thursday 13/11 afternoon and Friday 14/11 morning. A round table with stakeholders is planned for Friday afternoon.

Keynote Speaker: Prof. Rosario Crinò (University of Bergamo) on “AI and countries’ comparative advantage”.

Submission Details. Both full papers and extended abstracts are considered. Submissions should be addressed to loreta.calzaretta@univr.it and/or angelo.zago@univr.it by October 15, 2025.

Paper acceptance will be notified no later than October 20, 2025. **No fee is required.**

Important Dates

Submission deadline: October 15, 2025

Notification of acceptance: October 20, 2025

Workshop Venue. Vicenza Univ Hub, Vicenza.

Detailed logistical information will be shared with participants in due course.

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