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1 October 2026, Thursday

Session – I – Online/Virtual
09:00 – 13.00 (Rome Local Time)
Chair: Konrad Gunesch

Rome and the Vatican in World-Bestselling Novels and Hollywood Adaptations by American and Australian Authors: Harvard Professors and Hyperpolyglot Presbyters Educating us on Science and Spirituality, but also on Life, Love, and Literature, from Dan Brown over Colleen McCollough to Morris Langlo West
Prof. Dr. Konrad Gunesch – Keynote Speaker
Henry Giroux Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, Woxsen University, Hyderabad, Telangana, India, and LCIR Head of Research

Artificial Intelligence and Chinese firms' R&D Intensity
Xiaotian Zhang- University of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China

Bezos's Wealth as Capitalized Future Consumer Surplus – Evidence from a Cross-platform CCP Panel
Shihao Zhao- WLSA Shanghai Academy, China

ESG Disclosure Practices and Firm Valuation in Transition Economies
Haseeb Anwar- University of Ulster, United Kingdom

Entry Mode Choice by Emerging Market Multinationals: A Review of Theory, Evidence, and Unresolved Debates
Raja Muneeb Anwar- University of Ulster, United Kingdom

Remote Work Policies and Employee Productivity: A Post-Pandemic Assessment of HR Practices
Syeda Fatima Hussain- University of Ulster, United Kingdom

Crisis, Climate, and Tourism: Mitigating the Effects of Natural Disasters on Tourism Infrastructure by Polish Local Government Units (2008–2025)
Zbigniew Norbert Piepiora, Justyna Bagińska, Paweł Adam Piepiora - Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences, University of Wrocław, Wroclaw University of Health and Sport Sciences

From Negative to Positive: Drivers and Risks of Stock–Bond Correlation After COVID-19
Lasha Arevadze- Business School, Caucasus University, Tbilisi, Georgia

Explaining the Persistent Appreciation of the Albanian Lek: Recorded and Unrecorded Foreign-Currency Inflows and Central Bank Intervention
Florenca Gjorduni **-** Luarasi University- Albania

Status Seeking and Sustainability: The Moderating Role of Income Inequality in the Status Values-Environmental Values and Behavior Nexus and the Green Gap
Johanna Bluebaum - University of Siegen, Germany

Digital Financial Inclusion and Green Growth: A Panel Smooth Transition Regression Analysis of Governance Threshold Effects
Besma Teffahi & Sana Ayachi - University of Manouba, Tunisia

From Exclusion to Empowerment: Gendered Economic Challenges and Policy Pathways in the Philippines
Kem Christian Andus - Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology, Philippines

Achieving Carbon Neutrality Target in the OECD Selected Countries: Role of Renewable Energy and Electric Vehicle
Habib Ouni- Higher College of Technology, United Arab Emirates

Regulatory Frameworks for Consumer Protection in Islamic Banking: A Comparative Study of Pakistan and Malaysia
Sohail Amjad- Sohail Amjad Law Firm, Pakistan

Socioeconomic Gradient in Co-occurring Hypertension and Depression among Middle-aged and Elderly in India: Is There a Cause of Concern?
Ankit Gupta- International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai, India

The Impact of Govenrance on Bank Risk : Case of Tunisia
Mohamed Aymen Ben Moussa **-** Afif Shaqra University, Saudi Arabia

Economic Governance of North–South and East–West Transport Corridors: Iran's Strategic Role in Regional Trade Integration and Geo-economic Connectivity
Mohammad Hosein Saljoghian Moghadam- Shahid Beheshti Supreme School of Governance, Iran

From Disruption to Transformation: Energy Transition, Digitalization and Economic Resilience in MENA
Sufian Abdel-Gadir - Sultan Qaboos University, Oman

Behavioural Implications of Social Media on Individual Investment Decisions: Examining the Influence of Financial Influencers, Sentiment Dynamics, Herding, and Social Validation
Christina Nelson- Shiv Nadar University Chennai, India

Does Social Responsibility Create Economic Value? Evidence from the Nigerian Banking Sector using a Hybrid Panel ARDL and Machine Learning Approach
Adedoyin Isola Lawal- UBA Professorial Chair of Finance, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Alternative general method of moment estimators in dynamic panel data models
Tegodie Hibstu- Ethiopian Public Service University, Ethiopia

The Role of Small and Medium Size enterprises in Youths and Employment and Sustainable Economic Growth: Evidence From Cameroon
Ndembekeh Lensley Kefenoh- Independent Researcher, Cameroon

Effect of Social Capital on Tax Revenue Mobilization in African
Kevin Konwoma Sidoine- Thomas SANKARA University, Burkina Faso

Measuring the Size of the Informal Economy
David Smalling- Tax Administration Jamaica, Jamaica

Economic Impact of India's Ethanol Blending Programme (E20)
Afifa Khan- St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Kolkata, India

From Price Competition to Customer Experience: Data-Driven Customer Retention Strategies in Pakistan's CNG Sector
Jawad Ahmad- Multi Media University Malaysia, Malaysia

From Annual Appraisals to Continuous Performance Management: Rethinking Teacher Performance Evaluation in the Age of AI
Aamir Khan- Multi Media University Malaysia, Malaysia

Beyond Traditional Publishing: Innovative Digital Marketing Strategies for Expanding the Reach and Impact of Academic and Non-Academic Publications
Maqbool Ahmad- Multi Media University Malaysia, Malaysia

Optimizing Public Order and Security Budgets to Reduce Crime across Indonesian Provinces: A Stochastic Frontier Analysis
Raisa Mukaroma, S.E. and Rimawan Pradiptyo, S.E.- Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

The Risk of the Middle Income Trapin the Uzbekistan Economy and Strategies to Eliminate It
Sindor Safarov- Tashkent State University of Economics, Uzbekistan

Operational Resilience and Technology Risk Management in Regulated Financial Institutions
Jayanth Mallur Prasanna- Lloyds Bank consultant through Navansoft Technologies, USA

Female Longevity and Career Interruptions as Parameters of Integrated Household Financial Stability Audit
Angelina Shyltsyna - Bachelor of science in economics, Independent researcher, New York, USA

2 October 2026, Friday

Registration: 08.30 – 13.30

Session – II – In-person
09:00 – 11.00
Chair: Patrycja Chodnicka Jaworska

09:00-09:20
Fiscal Sustainability under Global Instability: Public Debt Dynamics, Fiscal Adjustments and the New EU Fiscal Framework
Olgica Glavaški- University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Economics in Subotica, Republic of Serbia

09:20-09:40
Estimating the Social Cost of Space Pollution: Derelict Satellites, Rocket Bodies, and Debris Fragments
José L. Torres- University of Malaga, Spain

09:40-10:00
When Markets and States Fail: A New Theory of Social Value – Economics/Public
Nino Zarnadze- Caucasus International University, Georgia

10:00-10:20
Shadows in the Sunlight: Do Solar Power's Benefits Shine Equally on Everyone?
Huiqi Zhuang - Nankai University, China

10:20-10:40
Performance of EU Countries in the Context of the Selected Aspects of Sustainability
Elena Sira & Beata Sofrankova - Faculty of Management and Business Univesity of Presov, Slovakia

10:40-11:00
Digital Skills Profiles in the European Union: A Comparative and Cluster Analysis Based on the Digital Skills Indicator 2.0
Beata Sofrankova & Elena Sira- Faculty of Management and Business Univesity of Presov, Slovakia

COFFEE BREAK 11:00-11:20

Session – III – Keynote- In-person
11:20 – 11.40
Chair: M. Veysel Kaya

11:20-11:40
ESG Risk in Portfolio Management: The Impact of Regulatory Changes
Patrycja Chodnicka Jaworska- University of Warsaw, Poland

Session – IV– In-person
11:40 – 13.40
Chair: Piotr Jaworska

11:40-12:00
Sectoral Bank Credit Distribution and Long-Term Economic Development in the Era of Digitalisation Since the 1980s: Evidence from the United Kingdom
Ali Abou-Zeinab - AUL, Arts, Sciences and Technology University, Lebanon

12:00-12:20
Sustainability Reporting and Financial Performance of WSE Listed Companies
Justyna Godawska & Bartosz Rymkiewicz- AGH University, Poland

12:20-12:40
Factors Influencing the Level of Preparation for Reporting in Accordance with CSRD on the Example of Companies listed on the WSE
Justyna Godawska, Bartosz Rymkiewicz - AGH University of Krakow, Poland

12:40-13:00
Financing Health, Utilizing Care: Panel Data Evidence from Selected European Countries
Muhammad Mehran Latif, Claudia Zagaria, Martina Prisco - University of Campania, Luigi Vanvitelli, Italy

13:00-13:20
Social Investment and Inclusive Growth: Lessons from the European Union for Central Asia
Firuz Kholikov- University of Pecs, Hungary

13:20-13:40
Greenium on European Market – Financial Markets
Piotr Jaworska- University of Warsaw, Poland

13:40-14:00
Governance through Financial Regulation: Administrative Regulations, Compliance Mechanisms, and De Facto Implementation Dynamics in the Kazakhstani Banking Sector
Aigerim Taitiyeva, Muhammed Veysel Kaya – Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Türkiye

LUNCH 14:00-15:00

Session – V- In-person
15:00 – 17.00
Chair: Bijan Vasigh

15:00-15:20
From Classroom to Boardroom: Why AI Adoption Fails without the Trinity- Ordered Probit Evidence from Students, Faculty and Professionals
Kaikho Hriizhiinio- University of Hyderabad, India

15:20-15:40
The Economic Exclusion of Women in Afghanistan and Its Impact on Household Poverty
Benazir Azizi- Manisa Celal Bayar University, Türkiye

15:40-16:00
An Insight into the Nexus of Digitalization, Institutional Quality, and Trade Development: Evidence from BRICS Countries
Afees Oluwashina Noah- North-West University, South Africa

16:00-16:20
Trade War Spillovers and Manufacturing Value Added in Low-Income Countries: Evidence from the U.S.-China Tariff Conflict
Ajinkya Pande- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Tirupati, India

16:20-16:40
Risk Assessment of AI-as-a-Service (AIaaS) Platform Stocks: A Multi-Metric Analysis of Oracle, Microsoft, Amazon, and Alphabet (2022 – 2026)
Aman Yadav- Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

16:40-17:00
Sustainability in Air Transport Industry: A Conceptual Perspective
Bijan Vasigh & Evangelia Pantelaki- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, United States - United Arab Emirates University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Listeners

Federico De Angelis Scorsone- Sapienza University of Rome, Italy
Shlomo Duek – TSO Investment Ltd, Israel
Bhagwat Sandu Pande - Tata Elxsi Ltd. , India

Conference Venue

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The conference hall is located on the first floor of the building.

ZOOM CONNECT DETAILS – October 1st, 2026/Thursday

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Password: 563300
Start Time: 9.00 am (Rome Local Time)

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