

2nd “Economics of the Public Sector and Institutions” conference

September 29, 2025

Palazzo Koch, Bank of Italy, via Nazionale 91, Rome

10:00-10:15	Roberto Torrini - Welcome address
10:15-11:15	Fiona Scott Morton (Yale University) - Keynote lecture Can Europe have both Industrial Policy and Competition Policy?
11:15-11:45	Coffee break
Session I:	Industrial policy, regulation and competition (Audinga Baltrunaite)
11:45-12:30	Hanming Fang (University of Pennsylvania), Ming Li (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen), Guangli Lu (Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen) Decoding China's Industrial Policies
12:30-13:15	Christos Genakos (University of Cambridge), Mario Pagliero (University of Turin), Lorien Sabatino (Polytechnic University of Turin), Tommaso Valletti (Imperial College London) Cultural exception? The impact of price regulation on prices and variety in the market for books
13:15-14:30	Lunch break
Session II:	Corporate organization and governance (Irene Di Marzio)
14:30-15:15	Barbara Biasi (Yale School of Management), Minseon Park (University of Michigan), John Singleton (University of Rochester), Seth Zimmerman (Yale School of Management) Identity and Ideology in the Boardroom
15:15-16:00	Ben Weidmann (Harvard Kennedy School), Joseph Vecci (Department of Economics), Farah Said (Lahore University of Management Sciences), David Deming (Harvard Kennedy School), Sonia Bhalotra (University of Warwick) How Do You Identify a Good Manager?
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
Session III:	Institutions (Giacomo Rodano)
16:30-17:15	Nicola Mastrorocco (University of Bologna), Edoardo Teso (Northwestern Kellogg) State Capacity as an Organizational Problem. Evidence from the Growth of the U.S. State Over 100 Years
17:15-18:00	Shan Aman-Rana (University of Virginia), Clement Minaudier (City University of London) Spillovers in State Capacity Building: Evidence from the Digitization of Land Records in Pakistan
20:00	Conference dinner (upon invitation only)

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- 9.30-10.30** **Guo Xu** (University of Berkeley) - **Keynote lecture**
Political Control vs. Insulation? The Economics of Bureaucracy
- 10.30-11.00** **Coffee break**
- Session IV: Public Employment** (Lucia Rizzica)
- 11.00-11.45** **Alessandra Fenizia** (The George Washington University), Tom Kirchmaier (London School of Economics) – *Remote presentation via Webex*
Not Incentivized Yet Efficient: Working From Home in the Public Sector
- 11.45-12.30** **Enrico Miglino** (Bank of Italy), Andrea Smurra (Institute for Fiscal Studies)
Which Managers Matter? Leadership Structure and Performance in Public Emergency Services
- 12.30-13.15** Matteo Bobba (Toulouse School of Economics), Tim Ederer (Carnegie Mellon University), **Gianmarco Leon-Ciliotta** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Christopher A. Neilson (Yale University), Marco Nieddu (University of Cagliari)
Discretionary Hiring and Inequality: Evidence from School Principals
- 13.15-14.30** **Lunch break**
- Session V: Law Enforcement** (Enrico Miglino)
- 14.30-15.15** Carlo Medici (Brown University), **Massimo Pulejo** (Roma Tre University)
Political Appointments, Careers, and Performance in the Civil Service: Evidence from U.S. Federal Judges
- 15.15-16.00** **Elisa Facchetti** (University of Rome Tor Vergata), Arianna Ornaghi (Hertie School), Eddy Zou (London School of Economics)
Police organization and police performance

EPSI Scientific Committee:

Audinga Baltrunaite, Irene Di Marzio, Enrico Miglino, Lucia Rizzica and Giacomo Rodano

Local Organizers:

Manuele Nucci, Cristina Petrassi and Marco Romani

The event will be held in a hybrid mode

To register please send an email to epsiconference@bancaditalia.it and indicate whether you will be attending in presence or online