

14-15 September, 2026

Banca d'Italia, via Nazionale 91, Rome

MONDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

10:00-10:15 **Welcome address**
Andrea Brandolini (Director General for Economics, Statistics and Research, Banca d'Italia)

10:15-11:15 **Keynote lecture**
Chiara Farronato (Harvard Business School) - *"Evidence by Design: Using Online Experiments to Inform Digital-Platform Policy"*

11:15-11:45 **Coffee break**

Session I: Competition and industrial policy

11:45-12:30 **Riccardo Camboni** (University of Padova), **Gegam Shagbazian** (Higher School of Economics), **Giancarlo Spagnolo** (University of Rome Tor Vergata) **Paola Valbonesi** (University of Padova) - *"Public Procurement, Domestic Preferences and Innovation: evidence from Russian pharmaceuticals"*

12:30-13:15 **Hye Young You** (Princeton University), **Soohyun Cho** (Bowdoin College) **Kyuwon Lee** (University of Southern California) - *"Who Gets Protection from Protectionism? Evidence from the Buy American Act"* *Remote presentation via Webex*

13:15-14:30 **Lunch break**

Session II: Regulation and Competition

14:30-15:15 **Muxin Li** (Fudan University), **Ksenia Shakhgildyan** (Bocconi University) - *"Frenemy" of Two Giants: Amazon and Apple Competitive Effects of the 2018 Brand Gating Agreement"*

15:15-16:00 **Marleen Marra** (KU Leuven), **Florian Oswald** (Collegio Carlo Alberto) - *"The Geography of Market Power: Firm Location, Spatial Rents, and Their Social Costs"*

16:00-16:30 **Coffee break**

Session III: Public Procurement

16:30-17:15 **Qianmiao Chen** (World Bank), **Wei Lin** (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) - *"Public Procurement, Firm Networks, and the Propagation of Government Demand"*

17:15-18:00 **Saad Gulzar** (Princeton University), **Juan Felipe Ladino** (University of Stockholm), **Juan Felipe Riano** (Georgetown University) - *"Pay-to-play: Political Contributions and Long-term Distortions in Public Procurement"*

20:00 **Conference dinner (upon invitation only)**

TUESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

9.30-10.30 **Keynote lecture**
Michael Carlos Best (Columbia University) - **"State Capacity: Concepts and Measurement"**

10.30-11.00 **Coffee break**

Session IV: Managing public sector workers

11.00-11.45 **Erika Deserranno** (Bocconi University), **Maria De Paola** (INPS and UniCal), **Silvia Vannutelli** (Northwestern and NBER) - **"Managers, Remote Work and Productivity in the Public Sector"**

11.45-12.30 **Enrico Miglino** (Banca d'Italia) - **"Remote Work Incentives and State Capacity"**

12.30-13.15 **Morten Bennedsen** (University of Copenhagen) - **"Public Sector Management Practice and Employee Wellbeing"**

13.15-14.30 **Lunch break and poster session***

Session V: Public policy implementation

14.30-15.15 **Philipp Barteska** (The University of Hong Kong), **Jay Euijung Lee** (Stockholm University) - **"The Implementers of Industrial Policy: Bureaucrats and the Korean Export Miracle"**

15.15-16.00 **Patrick Agte** (Stockholm School of Economics), **Daniel Morales** (Barna Business School), **Christopher Neilson** (Yale University), **Sebastián Otero** (Columbia University), **Gautam Rao** (UC Berkeley) - **"Incentives, Information, and Reminders for Bureaucrats: Overcoming Barriers to the Scale Up of an Effective Policy"**

POSTER SESSION

Berkeren Buyukeren (UPF) - **"Remaking the State from Below: Local Government Formation in Ukraine"**

Costanza Giannantoni (Sapienza Università di Roma) - **"Going Local: Decentralization, Bureaucratic Capacity and Public Spending Efficiency"**

Costanza Cincotta (CUNEF Universidad) - **"Competitive externalities of US government subsidies"**

Andrea Tulli (University of Tübingen) - **"Public Demand Allocation and Productivity of the Private Sector"**

Isabella Di Filippo (Columbia University) - **"Public-Sector Pay, Worker Selection, and Government Performance: Evidence from Locality Pay Areas in the United States"**

Oskari Ijäs (Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority) - **"When Can We Increase Competition in Public Procurement? Potential Bidders and a Framework for Procurement Performance"**

Conference website



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