

Call for papers

5th Bank of Italy Human Capital Workshop

Rome, March 20th, 2026

The Bank of Italy is pleased to announce the fifth edition of the workshop on “**Human Capital**” that will take place on **March 20th, 2026**. The workshop aims at bringing together junior and senior economists to present and discuss their ongoing research on human capital. We particularly encourage submissions that investigate the role of education systems and the accumulation of knowledge, skills, and abilities in shaping labor market outcomes, productivity, and economic growth. Both theoretical and empirical contributions are welcome.

The workshop will take place at the Bank of Italy’s headquarter **in central Rome**. The program will include 8 papers: there will be 45 minutes slots for presentation and open discussion.

The keynote lecture will be given by **Kevin Lang** (Boston University).

There is no participation fee. Lunch, coffee breaks, and a social dinner on March 19th are provided by the organizers. Participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. However, limited funding is available to cover part of the travel and accommodation cost, if needed.

How to Apply: Papers should be submitted by **January 9th, 2026**, to human_capital@bancaditalia.it. Acceptance will be notified by early February 2026. Presenters are expected to attend the whole workshop.

Please share this call with your colleagues and your contacts. Looking forward to receiving your submission and to meeting you at the Bank of Italy!

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