

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 **TBD - Welcome address**

10:15-11:15 **Fiona Scott Morton** (Yale University) - **Keynote lecture**
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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), **Guangli Lu** (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
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: Justice (Giacomo Rodano)

16:30-17:15 **Nicola Mastroiocco** (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**
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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)

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: Institutions (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:

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