

5th Development Economists Meeting - *DevEconMeet* University of Florence 16-17 October 2025

PROGRAMME

Department of Economics and Management, University of Florence

Via delle Pandette 32, Florence:

Regular sessions take place in building D4, room 003

The peer-to-peer session takes place in building D6, room Ceccherelli (1st floor)

Every participant, including speakers and discussants, is kindly requested to fill in the registration form by **25 September 2025**: <https://forms.office.com/e/PFgtrGDhYG>

Thursday 16th October 2025

10.00—11.30 Thesis proposal session (Chair: Donato Romano / Pierluigi Montalbano)

PhD Candidate Project Proposal Presentations

- **Cecilia D'Agostini**, University of Florence
- **Livia Romani**, Sapienza University
- **Marco Costantini**, University of Florence
- **Irene Quaglia**, Sapienza University
- **José David Solorzano Lopez**, Roma Tre University
- **Simone Tarantino**, Sapienza University

11.30—12.00 Break

12.00—13.00 Paper Session #1 (Chair: Anzelika Zaiceva-Razzolini)

12.00—12.30 **Jessica Mancuso, Collegio Carlo-Alberto & Unito**
Sons of War: the Effect of Conflict on Son Preference
Junior Discussant: Margherita Bove (Sapienza University)
Senior Discussant: Mariapia Mendola (University Milano Bicocca)

12.30—13.00 **Chiara Livorno, University of Florence**
Drought, Kinship, and Conflict in West Africa
Junior Discussant: Alessandro Giacardi (Sapienza University)
Senior Discussant: Bruno Martorano (UNU-MERIT)

13.00—14.00 Lunch

14.00—15.30 Paper Session #2 (Chair: Mauro Lanati)

- 14.00—14.30 **Ghislaine Megha-Bongnkar, ETH Zurich**
Building State Capacity for Evidence Use: Experimental Evidence from the Democratic Republic of Congo
Junior Discussant: Tatiana Perez Martinez (University of Florence)
Senior Discussant: Pierluigi Montalbano (Sapienza University)
- 14.30—15.00 **Federico Roscioli, University of Roma-Tor Vergata**
Measuring sustainable development progress in Peru using multivariate latent Markov models
Junior Discussant: Karthika Sujatha (UNU-MERIT)
Senior Discussant: Carlo Pietrobelli (Roma Tre University)
- 15.00—15.30 **Daniel Prosi, EUI**
FDI, Forward Linkages and Services Inputs
Junior Discussant: Tobias Hillenbrand (UNU-MERIT)
Senior Discussant: Giorgia Giovannetti (University of Florence)

15.30—16.00 Break

16.00—17.30 Paper Session #3 (Chair: Gianna Giannelli)

- 16.00—16.30 **Karthika Sujatha, UNU-MERIT**
Reducing IPV prevalence by focusing on men: experimental evidence from India
Junior Discussant: Jessica Mancuso (Collegio Carlo-Alberto & Unito)
Senior Discussant: Rama Dasi Mariani (Roma Tre University)
- 16.30—17.00 **Tobias Hillenbrand, UNU-MERIT**
Reforms Welcome? Investigating Public Attitudes Towards Regularizing Refugee Protection
Junior Discussant: Giovanni Generale (University of Florence)
Senior Discussant: Francesco Salustri (Roma Tre University)
- 17.00—17.30 **Tatiana Perez Martinez, University of Florence**
Off the record: exploring informal labor market and policy impact in Uruguay
Junior Discussant: Daniel Prosi (EUI)
Senior Discussant: Marco Missaglia (University of Pavia)
- 20.00—22.00 Social Dinner

Friday 17th October 2025

9.00—10.30 Paper Session #4 (Chair: Luca Tiberti)

- 9.00—9.30 **Conrad Nunnenmacher, UNU-MERIT**
Road infrastructure, economic development and forest loss in the Republic of the Congo
Junior Discussant: Jeanne Pinay (Collegio Carlo Alberto & Unito)
Senior Discussant: Mauro Lanati (University of Florence)

9.30—10.00

Giovanni Generale, University of Florence

The Impact of Rice Price Surges on Rice-Producer Food Security in Sri Lanka: An IV Approach Using Local Market Price Transmission Shifts

Junior Discussant: Lizeth Molina Alvarez (UNU-MERIT)

Senior Discussant: Marco Letta (Sapienza University)

10.00—10.30

Margherita Bove, Sapienza University

The Legacy of Coercive Cotton Cultivation in Colonial Mozambique

Junior Discussant: Chiara Livorno (University of Florence)

Senior Discussant: Marco Sanfilippo (Unito)

10.30—11.00

Break

11.00—12.30

Paper Session #5 (Chair: Donato Romano)

11.00—11.30

Jeanne Pinay, Collegio Carlo Alberto & Unito

Oil, Gas and Fishing Communities: Evidence from the First Offshore Discoveries in Senegal

Junior Discussant: Ghislaine Megha-Bongnkar (ETH Zurich)

Senior Discussant: Furio Rosati (University of Roma-Tor Vergata)

11.30—12.00

Lizeth Molina Alvarez, UNU-MERIT

Power Plays in the Jungle: Political Alignment and Environmental Degradation in Colombia

Junior Discussant: Federico Roscioli (University of Roma-Tor Vergata)

Senior Discussant: Sara Savastano (University of Roma-Tor Vergata)

12.00—12.30

Alessandro Giacardi, Sapienza University

How Natural Disasters Shape Innovation in China: A Firm-level Staggered DiD Analysis

Junior Discussant: Conrad Nunnenmacher (UNU-MERIT)

Senior Discussant: Giuseppe Maggio (University of Palermo)

12.30—13.30

Lunch

13.30—15.00

Session #6 - Peer-to-peer discussion

13.30—14.00

Jessica Mancuso (Collegio Carlo-Alberto & Unito), Ghislaine Megha-Bongnkar (ETH Zurich), Tobias Hillenbrand (UNU-MERIT), Alessandro Giacardi (Sapienza University)

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Closing remarks