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Rome, 24–25 November 2025

About

The Tor Vergata Ph.D. Conference in Economics, organized by Ph.D. students in Economics and Finance at the University of Rome Tor Vergata, is a **two-day** event aimed at facilitating networking among Ph.D. students across diverse institutions. *The conference will take place at Via Columbia 2, Building B–Research, 2nd Floor, Sala del Consiglio.*

The agenda features a **keynote lecture** by **Mara P. Squicciarini** (Avv. Giovanni Agnelli Associate Professor at Bocconi University) and a **social dinner** on the first day, with lunches and coffee breaks provided throughout the conference.

We encourage the submission of **complete papers** in any field of economics from Ph.D. students and recently graduated researchers. These fields include Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Economic Theory, Econometrics, Political Science, Development Economics, and Behavioural and Experimental Economics, among others.

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General Information on the Sessions

Each plenary session includes three presentations. Each presentation (30 minutes) is followed by a 10-minute discussion by a faculty member, postdoctoral fellow, or senior Ph.D. student at Tor Vergata who has carefully read the paper in advance.

We require presenters to contact their discussants as soon as possible to agree on a deadline to submit their papers. You will find the e-mail addresses of the discussants in the table below. Please use these contacts to send your paper.

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Sessions and Presenters

Applied Microeconomics

Joel Lamb (University of Exeter) will present:

"Strategy of the Commons: Evidence from a Lottery in UK Parliament"

Marlene Thomas (European University Institute) will present:

"Mafia in Public Tenders: The Effects on Firms' Competition"

Lorenzo Maria Casale (University of Zurich) will present:

"Family Ties and Electoral Accountability in Italian Municipalities"

Economic History

Charles de Pierpont de Burnot (Université Catholique de Louvain) will present:

"The Roman roots of the Western European Economic Linkages"

Lorenzo Vicari (London School of Economics and Political Science) will present:

"Feather-Handed Fascists: Surveillance as a Signal of Bureaucratic Loyalty"

Pablo Zarate (University of Mannheim) will present:

"Migration, Diffusion of Ideas and the Rise of the American Labor Movement: Evidence from the American Civil War"

Labour and Education

Lorenzo Germinetti (Queen Mary University of London) will present:

"Addressing Inequalities in Higher Education: Evidence from the Widening Participation Policy in England"

Andrew Funck (HEC Paris) will present:

"Cognitive Uncertainty in Venture Selection: the Roles of Experience and Complexity"

Lucie Giorgi (Aix Marseille Université) will present:

"Learning Together: The End of Sex-Segregation in French Elementary Schools"

Macroeconomics

Matteo Samarani (Bocconi University) will present:

"License to Ease: Competition and Monetary Policy Interaction"

Sergio Infrerra (Queen Mary University of London) will present:

"Firms Sorting and Spatial Wage Inequality"

Veronica Veggente (Imperial College London) will present:

"Uneven Shocks to Common Convenience: Evidence from the Euro Area"

Behavioral and Experimental Economics

Benedicta Hermanns (University of Hamburg) will present:

"Risk and Prosociality: Can Experimental Decisions Predict Health Behavior?"

Aleix Garcia-Galocha (University of the Basque Country) will present:

"Approximate Common Beliefs in Rationality in Dynamic Games"

Lina Rinaldi (IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca) will present:

"Nudges in Sustainable Food Choices: Evidence from a Truth-Telling Incentivized Online Experiment"

Timetable

Monday, 24th November 2025

9:30-10:00	Registration and Beverages		
10:00-10:10	Welcome Greetings		
10:10-11:00	Keynote Lecture Mara P. Squicciarini <i>Religion, Education, and Economic Development in a Historical Perspective</i>		
11:00-13:00	Session I Applied Microeconomics		
	Joel Lamb University of Exeter	Strategy of the Commons: Evidence from a Lottery in UK Parliament	Discussant: Giorgio Gulino
	Marlene Thomas European University Institute	Mafia in Public Tenders: The Effects on Firms' Competition	Discussant: Massimo Pulejo
	Lorenzo Maria Casale University of Zurich	Family Ties and Electoral Accountability in Italian Municipalities	Discussant: Raffaele Fiorentino
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-16:00	Session II Economic History		
	Charles de Pierpont de Burnot Université Catholique de Louvain	The Roman roots of the Western European Economic Linkages	Discussant: Carlo Ciccarelli
	Lorenzo Vicari London School of Economics	Feather-Handed Fascists: Surveillance as a Signal of Bureaucratic Loyalty	Discussant: Gianluigi Conzo
	Pablo Zarate University of Mannheim	Migration, Diffusion of Ideas and the Rise of the American Labor Movement: Evidence from the American Civil War	Discussant: Giacomo Caserta
16:00-17:30	Coffee and Beverages		
20:30-23:00	Social Dinner		

Tuesday, 25th November 2025

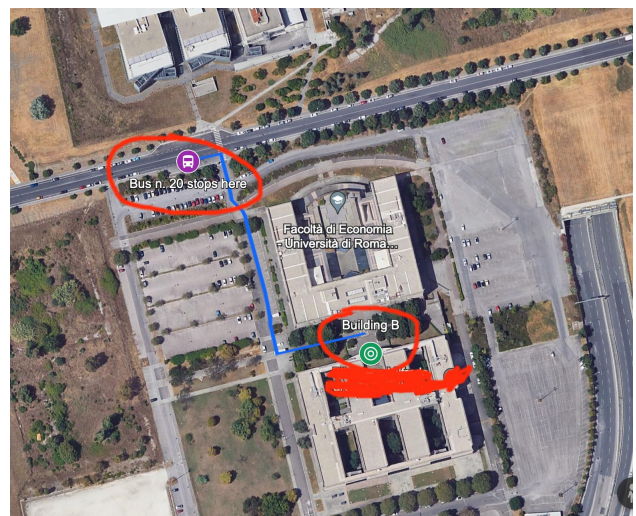
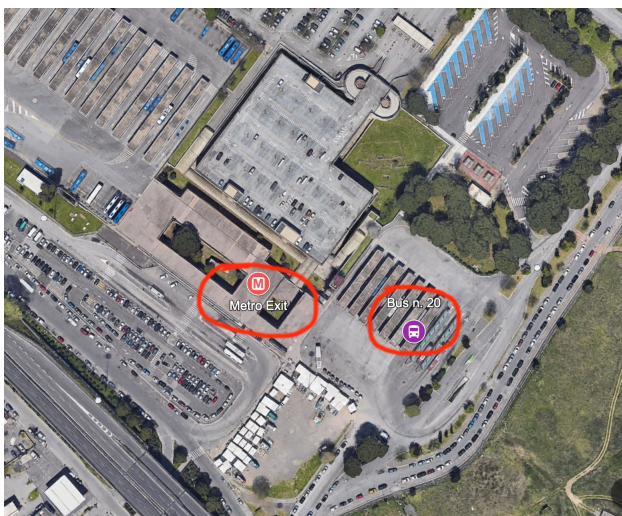
9:00-11:00	<p>Session III Labour and Education</p> <p>Lorenzo Germinetti Queen Mary University of London Addressing Inequalities in Higher Education: Evidence from the Widening Participation Policy in England Discussant: Lorenzo Neri</p> <p>Andrew Funck HEC Paris Cognitive Uncertainty in Venture Selection: the Roles of Experience and Complexity Discussant: Juha Tolvanen</p> <p>Lucie Giorgi Aix Marseille Université Learning Together: The End of Sex-Segregation in French Elementary Schools Discussant: Elisa Facchetti</p>		
11:00-11:30	<p>Coffee and Beverages</p>		
11:30-13:30	<p>Session IV Macroeconomics</p> <p>Matteo Samarani Bocconi University License to Ease: Competition and Monetary Policy Interaction Discussant: Andrey Alexandrov</p> <p>Sergio Infrerra Queen Mary University of London Firms Sorting and Spatial Wage Inequality Discussant: Paolo Varraso</p> <p>Veronica Veggente Imperial College London Uneven Shocks to Common Convenience: Evidence from the Euro Area Discussant: Davide Erminio Pirino</p>		
13:30-14:30	<p>Lunch</p>		
14:30-16:30	<p>Session V Behavioral and Experimental Economics</p> <p>Benedicta Hermanns University of Hamburg Risk and Prosociality: Can Experimental Decisions Predict Health Behavior? Discussant: Francesca Marazzi</p> <p>Aleix Garcia-Galocha University of the Basque Country Approximate Common Beliefs in Rationality in Dynamic Games Discussant: Enrico Mattia Salonia</p> <p>Lina Rinaldi IMT Lucca Nudges in Sustainable Food Choices: Evidence from a Truth-Telling Incentivized Online Experiment Discussant: Lena Uzelac</p>		
16:30-16:45	<p>Concluding Remarks from the Ph.D. Coordinator, Professor Gaetano Bloise</p>		

How to Reach Us

Public Transport

The Tor Vergata University of Rome can be easily accessed by taking the A-line underground to **Anagina station**, then transferring to **bus number 20** (refer to the left figure below). Disembark at the **Cambridge stop**, from where the entrance to building B is just a one-minute walk through the campus (right figure below).

Bus and metro tickets are available for purchase at all underground stations, and payment can be made either by cash or debit card. We recommend acquiring **single tickets**, which grant you access to the underground and allow 100 minutes of bus travel from the time of initial use. If you intend to explore the city extensively, a **48-hour ticket** might be a more suitable option.



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If you opt to travel by taxi, provide the driver with our address, **Via Columbia 2**, and they will transport you to our destination. Ensure that you only utilize **official white taxis** for your journey. Additionally, please note that you may encounter difficulty finding a taxi for your return journey.