



# RENAISSANCE IN: ECONOMICS

MANIFESTO FOR THE NEW ECONOMY

International conference  
3rd edition  
Roma, 14-15 may 2026

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## Renaissance in Economics 2026

The international conference *Renaissance in Economics* represents an ambitious scientific and cultural meeting point aimed at promoting critical reflection and a profound regeneration of contemporary economic thought, transcending traditional paradigms to arrive at a vision intrinsically linked to the principles of Civil Economy.

Fitting seamlessly into the *National Festival of Civil Economy*, this event aims to place the dignity of the person, the value of human relationships, and integral sus-

tainability back at the center of economic research and analysis, understood not as accessory variables but as the founding pillars of a new development model.

Through dialogue between internationally renowned academics and new generations of researchers, and the sharing of research avenues and results achieved, the event aims to outline theoretical and operational trajectories capable of translating the "Well-Living" concept into concrete solutions for global challenges, in a constructive and fruitful dialogue between universities and the economic system, for truly generative development oriented towards the common good.

The third edition of *Renaissance in Economics* is coming to Roma: after Perugia and Firenze, the Universities of Roma Tor Vergata and Roma Tre University will host plenary sessions, keynote speeches, and working sessions.

Over 250 papers will be presented, organized around the five pillars of the new economic paradigm, moving beyond GDP as the sole indicator of well-being, redefining the concept of profit maximization, and promoting civic engagement. In addition to the *Manifesto for the New Economy*, the conference will address the themes of intergenerational equity, the economics of relationships, and the integration of the market, research, and civil society, fostering ongoing dialogue between international experts, young researchers, and third-sector organizations.

*Renaissance in Economics* looks ahead: the 2027 edition of the conference will be held in Napoli, 2028 in Catania, and 2029 in Pavia.

# Morning Session

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE,  
UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TOR VERGATA  
Via Columbia 2 | Aula Magna

## Parallel (or invited) sessions

8.30 – 09.45 | University of Roma Tor Vergata  
Presentation of the selected scientific papers  
Discover Parallel Sessions



## Coffee break

09.45 – 10.15 | University of Roma Tor Vergata - Classroom  
Aeroporto

## Institutional greetings

10.15 – 10.30 | University of Roma Tor Vergata  
Nathan Levaldi Ghiron, Rector at the University of Roma Tor Vergata  
Monica Lucarelli, Councilor for Productive Activities, Equal Opportunities and Investment Attraction, Municipality of Rome

## Plenary session - Discussion of Manifesto

10.30 – 11.30 | University of Roma Tor Vergata  
Presidents' Roundtable: Reframing Economics for a Renaissance  
*Chair:* Michele Cagiano, Vice Director in Skytg24  
*Introduction:*

Leonardo Becchetti, Professor of Economic Policy at University of Roma Tor Vergata and Co-founder of NeXt Economia

### Keynote speakers:

Raul Caruso, Director at CESPIC, Director of Italian chapter at Economists for Peace and Security (EPS) and University Cattolica of Milano

Roberto Cellini, President of SIE and University of Catania  
Enrica Chiappero, President of HDCA and University of Pavia  
Marcella Corsi, President of IAFFE and Sapienza University of Roma  
Federico Perali, President of SITES and University of Verona

## Experimental findings and frontiers from behavioural economics

11.30 – 12.10 | University of Roma Tor Vergata  
*Introduction:*  
Giuseppe Attanasi, Professor of Economics at Sapienza University of Roma

### Lectio:

Uri Gneezy, Epstein/Atkinson Endowed Chair in Behavioral Economics in University of California in Rady School of Management di San Diego

## Semi Plenary session

12.10 – 13.10 | University of Roma Tor Vergata

### Semi plenary session n.1 - From the manifesto to a new strategy for social and political economy (B-Plan).

#### Round Table:

Carla Collicelli, Sociologist and senior expert Cnr Ethics and ASviS  
Marco Bentivogli, National coordinator of BASE Italia  
Stefano Bartolini, Professor of Political Economics at University of Siena

### Semi plenary session n.2 - Economics and Management in Dialogue: Building a Common Agenda for Societal Impact and Sustainable Competitiveness

#### Round Table:

Andrea Piccaluga, Member of SIMA - Italian Society of Management  
Francesco Ciampi, Member of SIMA - Italian Society of Management  
Beatrice Luceri, President of SIMA - Italian Society of Management  
Marina Albanese, Professor of Economic Policy at University of Napoli Federico II  
Leonardo Becchetti, Professor of Economic Policy at University of Roma Tor Vergata and Co-founder of NeXt Economia

## Lunch

13.30 – 14.30 | University of Roma Tor Vergata - Classroom Aeroporto



# Afternoon Session

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE,  
UNIVERSITY OF ROMA TOR VERGATA  
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## Keynote & Plenary session - Is There A Development Economics Anymore?

14.45 - 15.45 | University of Roma Tor Vergata

*Introduction to:*

**Carlo Pietrobelli**, Professor of Economics at Roma Tre University, Italy UNESCO Chair (in ST&I Policies for Sustainable Development in Latin America) at United Nations University UNU-MERIT Maastricht

*Keynote speaker:*

**Ravi Kanbur**, Professor of Economics at Cornell University

*Discussant:*

**Phoebe Koundouri**, Professor at the School of Economics, Department of International and European Economic Studies in University of Athens

*Chair:*

**Giulio Guarini**, Professor of Economic Policy at University of Tuscia

## Semi Plenary session

16.00 - 17.00 | University of Roma Tor Vergata

### Semi plenary session n.1- The Macroeconomics of the Manifesto of Economic Renaissance and Civil Economy: A Proposal

*Introduction:*

**Pasquale Lucio Scandizzo**, Professor of Economic Policy, Director Emeritus and Fellow of the Center for Economic and International Studies, Senior Fellow and member of the Advisory Board of the Foundation University of Roma Tor Vergata

*Discussant:*

**Leonardo Becchetti**, Professor of Economic Policy at University of Roma Tor Vergata and Co-founder of NeXt Economia

**Alessio Biondo**, Professor of Economic Policy at University of Catania

**Marcello Signorelli**, Professor of Economic Policy at University of Perugia

### Semi plenary session n. 2 - Beyond GDP: new measures and narratives

Supported by MERGE, an Horizon Project and in partnership with the ASviS Sustainable Development Festival.

*Discussant:*

**Sandrine Dixson-Declève**, Honorary President & Global Ambassador in The Club of Roma and Executive Chair in Earth4All

**Robert Costanza**, Professor of Ecological Economics at the Institute for Global Prosperity - University College London (UCL) Ambassador, Wellbeing Economy Alliance (WEAll)

**Enrico Giovannini**, Professor of Economic Statistics and Sustainable Development at the University of Roma Tor Vergata and Scientific Director, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS)

**Mario Biggeri**, Professor of Applied Economics at the University of Florence

*Chair:*

**Giulia Greco**, Associate Professor of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and co-Director of the Global Health Economics

### Semi plenary session n. 3 - Trust, Financial Relationships and Firms' Resilience in an Age of Polycrisis (Session organized by Guglielmo Tagliacarne Research Center of the Chambers of Commerce)

*Chair:* **Giovanni Ferri**, Professor of Economics at LUMSA University

**Anton Giulio Bottoni**, Guglielmo Tagliacarne Chamber of Commerce Study Center

**Marco Pini**, Guglielmo Tagliacarne Chamber of Commerce Study Center

**Beatrice Di Marco**, PhD at LUMSA University

**Giuseppe Terzo**, Research fellow at LUMSA University

### Parallel (or invited) sessions

17.00 - 18.15 | University of Roma Tor Vergata

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### Transfer to Villa Mondragone

18.30 | Departure from Roma Tor Vergata

The transfer will be provided exclusively for participants in the conference social dinner.

### Conference dinner and musical concert

20.00 | Roma Villa Mondragone

### Transfer to Rome

22.30 | Roma

The destination will be the San Paolo neighborhood, where hotels affiliated with the University of Roma Tre (the venue for the event on May 15th) are available.

Friday 15 May 2026

# Morning Session

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCES, ROMA TRE UNIVERSITY  
Via Chiabrera 199 | Aula Magna Renata Fonte

## Welcome Coffee

8.30-9.30 | Roma Tre University - Classroom Lettura

## Institutional greetings

9.30 - 9.45 | Roma Tre University

Giorgio de Marchis, Pro-Rector at Roma Tre University

Emilia Fiandra, Director of Department of Political Sciences at Roma Tre University

Enrico Sergio Levrero, Vice Director of Department of Economy at Roma Tre University

## Development as Equality: The Challenge of Gender

9.45 - 10.45 | Roma Tre University

*Keynote speaker:*

Bina Agarwal, Professor of Development Economics and Environment at the University of Manchester

*Chair:*

Marusca De Castris, Professor of Economic Statistics and Methods for Policy Evaluation at Roma Tre University

## Rethinking the economy starting from intergenerational equity

10.45 - 11.15 | Roma Tre University

*Discussant:*

Alessio Guandalini, SIEDS Secretary General and ISTAT

Lauretta Rubini, Member of SIEPI and University of Ferrara

*Chair:*

Francesco Salustri, Associate Professor of Economics at Roma Tre University

At the end of the round table the Young Paper Award 2026 will be given

## Market Externalities, Structural Instability and War

11.15 - 12.15 | Roma Tre University

*Keynote speakers:*

Kenneth Amaeshi, Professor of Sustainable Finance and Governance at the School of Transnational Governance in University of Edinburgh and European University Institute



Manal Totry-Jubran, Visiting Professor Global Centre of Democratic Constitutionalism, UCL School of Laws (2024-2025), visiting professor Luiss Law School, Rome (2024-2025) and visiting professor Bicocca Law School, Milano (2023, 2025)

*Discussant:*

Costanza Consolandi, Professor of Corporate Finance at the University of Siena

Giovanni Ferri, Professor of Economics at LUMSA University

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## Social & Civil Economy. The Grammar of Cooperation: Trust, Social Norms, and Economic Motivations

14.45 - 16.00 | Roma Tre University

*Lectio Civilis*

*Introduction:*

Stefano Papa, Professor of Political Economy at the University of Roma Tor Vergata

*Lectio:*

Martin Dufwenberg, Professor of Economics at Purdue University

*Chair:*

Marzia Roncacci, Journalist and presenter Tg2 Italia Europa

*Round table:*

Sarah de Heusch, Director of Social Economy Europe (SEE)

Sergio Gatti, Director of Federcasse-BCC

Marco Marocchi, National Vice President of Confcooperative with responsibility for Welfare

## Local development, participation & Social (Civil) Economy

16.00 - 17.00 | Roma Tre University

*Chair:*

Salvatore Monni, Professor of Political Economics at Roma Tre University

*Round table:*

Emiliano Manfredonia, President of ACLI

Walter Massa, President of ARCI

Casto di Bonaventura, Consigliere CSVnet

Giancarlo Moretti, Spokesperson of the Third Sector Forum

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## Farewell Aperitif

18.00-18.45 | Department of Economics, Roma Tre University



# Global Manifesto

The Manifesto for a Global Economic Renaissance is a programmatic call for a radical transformation of global economic theory and practice. The starting point is the recognition that the 20th-century Neoclassical Synthesis—based on the primacy of markets and the psychological concept of homo oeconomicus—is no longer adequate to manage the complexities and multidimensional crises of the contemporary world. We must move beyond the State-Market dichotomy, toward a new social and economic order based on the coexistence of State-Market-Community.

Four major global trends require this change:



First, multipolarity, which has generated new geopolitical balances, still fragile in this epochal change.



Second, the environmental crisis, which contributes to accelerating the multidirectional dynamics of the GAIA matrix (climate change-economic development-peace and stability-human rights), making the adoption of equitable and sustainable development urgent.



Third, inequalities in accessibility to technological advances, particularly in AI systems, which exacerbates the concentration of power, giving rise to dangerous systems of inequity and standardization (alienation) of thought.



Fourth, the need for a global ethic, for a new pact between communities that removes the logic of conflict (competition), making room for the logic of cooperation based on relational intelligence and the three principles of equity, freedom, and fraternity.

The reference paradigm for the New Global Economy is that of the Italian Civil Economy. In this direction, the Manifesto proposes a holistic, interdisciplinary, and profoundly human discipline. The ultimate goal is to reorient public policies: no longer simply GDP growth, but the advancement of human well-being and the common good, environmental sustainability, and participatory global governance. The document is intended to be the beginning of a collective journey that will involve research, teaching, and new generations of students to co-create, together with civil society, a more just and sustainable future, inclusive for each and every one.

**Manifesto**

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# Renaissance's Approach to Universities

500 students involved

Within the third edition of *Renaissance in Economics*, a series of structured discussions were held with students from several Italian universities (Pavia, Catania, Napoli Federico II, Firenze, Roma Tor Vergata, and Perugia) to explore themes of knowledge valorization and intergenerational equity. The initiative aimed to gather student perspectives and proposals, which will contribute to a forthcoming policy paper.

March 18  
University of  
Pavia

March 20  
University of  
Catania

April 13  
University of  
Napoli

April 15  
University of  
Firenze

April 27  
University of  
Roma

April 29  
University of  
Perugia

Through guided questions administered via Padlet, participants reflected on how universities can enhance social impact, foster active student participation, improve communication, and promote equity. The analysis identifies five key strategic directions for transforming the university system.

First, there is a need to shift from purely theoretical teaching to transformative, experiential learning, integrating real-world projects and partnerships. Second, students should be recognized as active co-producers of knowledge, involved in research, governance, and co-design processes. Third, universities should evolve into open, territorial platforms, collaborating with local stakeholders to generate social impact. Fourth, communication must become more effective and engaging, moving from information delivery to activation through accessible and multichannel strategies. Finally, equity should be treated as a foundational infrastructure, ensuring equal access to opportunities, resources, and participation.

Overall, these insights point to a broader paradigm shift: from a traditional, self-referential university model to an inclusive, impact-oriented system grounded in applied knowledge and societal engagement.



# Intergenerational Equity

The Report offers an innovative analysis to overcome the purely economic view of the generation gap in Italy. It was created to address the issue by moving beyond the purely macroeconomic or "non-compromise" view of future resources, promoting a generative approach based on "community personalism," where equity is not a zero-sum game, but a process of flourishing opportunities for all current generations. The ultimate goal is to transform equity into an active process that values the civic contribution of every age group to common development.

The main element of analysis, based on data from the annual survey on generativity—representative of the Italian population, coordinated by NeXt Economia, Federcasse BCC and Fondosviluppo for the National Festival of Civil Economy—is the Adjusted Index of Intergenerational Social and Civil Equity (IAEISC). The index, which compares those under 35 and over 55 with those aged 35-54, is composed of 100 elementary indicators divided into four forms of capital: 1) Practical Social (external resilience factor consisting of relationships and actions); 2) Practical Psychological (internal resilience factor consisting of emotions, virtues, thoughts, and activation); 3) Human (internal resilience factor consisting of knowledge, awareness, and resources); 4)

Ecosystemic Symbolic (perceived (self-legitimized) factor of prestige/reputation, both of the territorial value, in terms of well-being, and of one's own value, in terms of common human development).

The evidence shows that GDP, compared to equity, has a decreasing marginal effect, while equity itself has a positive impact on hedonic and eudaimonic happiness.

The geography of social and civil intergenerational equity reveals that there are four macro-classes of territories (regions or large areas): leading territories (such as the Metropolitan City of Turin, where capital levels are above the national average and equity is high), territories with exclusionary development (such as the Metropolitan City of Milano, where capital levels are high but equity is low), "paradoxical" territories (such as Basilicata, where equity is high but capital is low), and territories with critical marginalization (such as the Metropolitan City of Napoli, where equity and capital are low). North-South differences exist, but not to such a marked extent. Large, widespread areas perform better on average than metropolitan areas.

Finally, the report suggests some policy trajectories to improve levels of social and civil intergenerational equity, following a "us" rationality approach: all social and economic actors must play their part in building a fair and sustainable system of intergenerational inclusion. For this reason, the proposals are aimed at three different stakeholders: citizens (and the educational community); organizations (and representative associations); and administrations (local, regional, and national).



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# National Festival of Civil Economy

October 1 - 4, 2026

[www.festivalnazionaleeconomiecivile.it](http://www.festivalnazionaleeconomiecivile.it)



The *Renaissance in Economics* conference is part of the broader program of National Festival of Civil Economy, representing one of the most significant events for the development of academic research and the future of the economy.

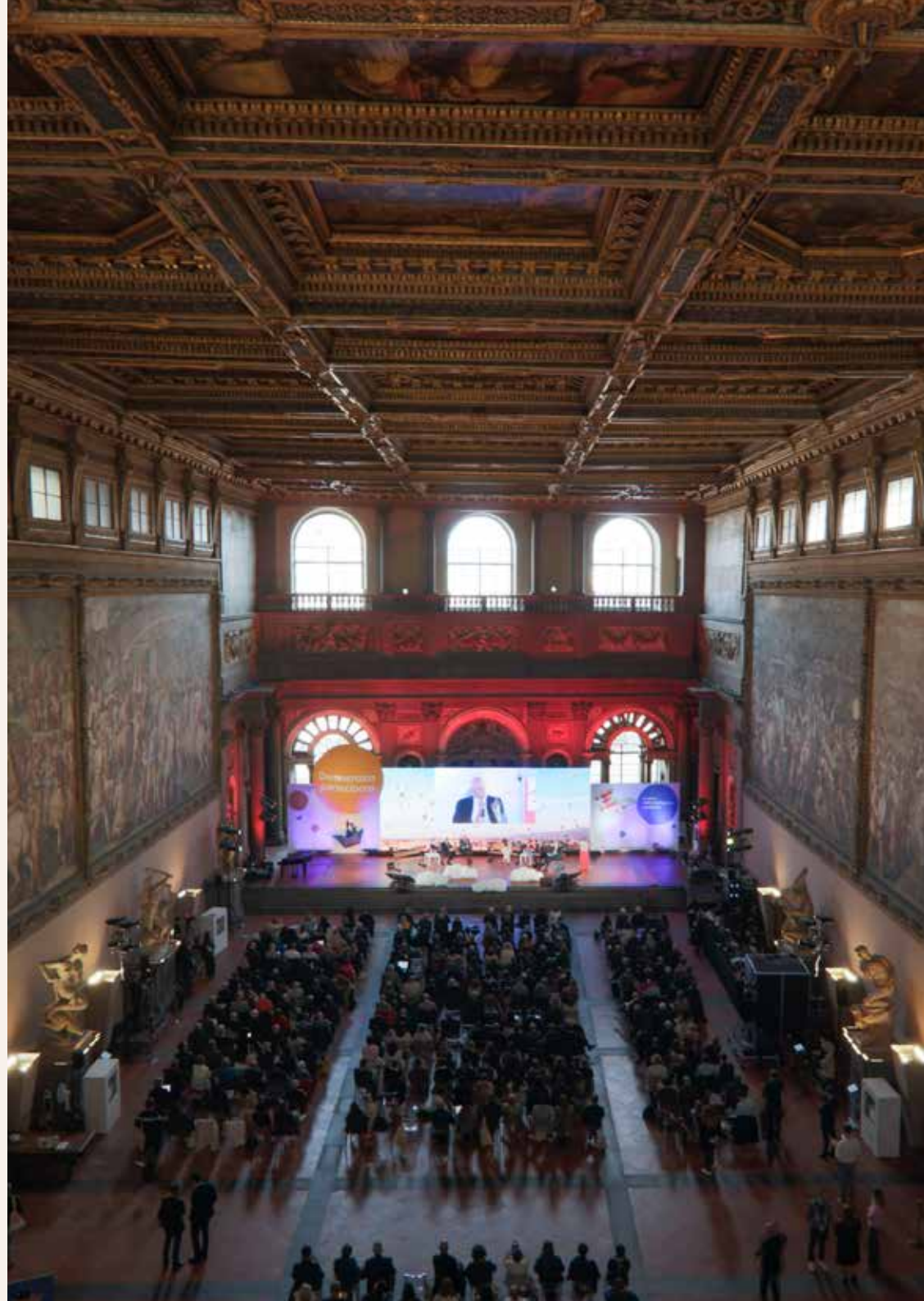
The National Festival of Civil Economy is the main event in Italy that deals with the themes of Civil Economy and integral sustainability; *EUconomia L'economia che fa bene. Il rumore della foresta che cresce* is the title of this seventh edition that will be held in Firenze from 1 to 4 October 2026, between the Novoli headquarters of the University of Florence and the Salone dei 500 in Palazzo Vecchio.

Born to enhance the positive experiences of businesses, territories and citizens, the Festival promotes an inclusive and regenerative economic model, it is the meeting place for representatives of civil society, economists, businesses, students and institutions who meet to imagine new trajectories for a more human and inclusive economy.

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