

INEQUALITY AND EDUCATION: MEASUREMENT EVIDENCE AND POLICY



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Inequality and Education: Measurement, Evidence and Policy

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2025

8:30 **Registration**

10:00 – 11:30 **Parallel Session A** I. Preferences and Political Economy, II. Poverty 1, III. Performance in Education

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Keynote lecture

Francis Kramarz (Bocconi University, Collège de France and Uppsala University)

Bundling on the Labor Market: From Workers-to-Firms Sorting and Wage Markdowns to Students-to-Firms Sorting

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Contributed **Parallel Session B** I. School and Preschool, II. Field choice, III. Inequality and Labor Market 1

16:30 – 16:45 45 Coffee break

16:45 – 18:15 Contributed **Parallel Session C** I. Evaluating Institutional Designs, I. Investigating social mobility, II. Poverty, IV. Dynamics and features of Inequalities

20:00 **Social dinner** at [Trattoria Aldina](#)

FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2025

9:00 – 10:30 Contributed **Parallel Session D** I. Saving and Welfare, II. Theoretical aspects on inequalities, III. Inequality of Opportunity in World Economies

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 Keynote lecture – **Giulia Bovini** (Bank of Italy)

Unequal Paths: How Background and Gender Shape Students Outcomes in Italy

11:45-13:45 Contributed **Parallel Session E** I. School and Preschool 1 .II Inequality and Labour Market 2 III. The effect of Shocks

13:45 – 14:45 Lunch

14:45 – 16:45 Contributed **Parallel Session F** I. Social Mobility in World Economies, II. Spatial Aspects, III. Teachers

SATURDAY, 7 JUNE 2025

09:00 – 10:00 INTEDU Steering Committee

10:00 – 13:30 **Social Activities:** visit to Modena Center, taste of local food and beverage products at [Mercato Albinelli](#)

PARALLEL SESSIONS

THURSDAY, 5 JUNE 2025

10:00 – 11:30 CONTRIBUTED PARALLEL SESSION A

Session I: Preferences and political economy aspects

Fairness and Redistribution: Experimental Insights on Inequality Awareness from a Large-Scale Study, Giuseppe Pignataro

Investing in youth or securing old age? How perceived and actual social mobility affect generational conflicts in welfare state priorities, Debora di Giocchino

Voting Matters: Exploring the Consequences of Early Electoral Participation, Silvia Granato

Session II: Poverty

Poor social network and wellbeing: a new pillar of multidimensional poverty, Maria Laura Parisi

Rethinking Poverty Measurement in Italy: A Comparative Analysis of Relative and Absolute Poverty Indicators, Lorenzo Mori

Beyond Income Poverty: How Disadvantaged Background Shapes Broader Poverty Relations, Stefano Filaurò

Session III: Performance in education

Math Exposure and University Performance: Causal Evidence from Twins, Luca Bonacini

Exploring Educational Gain as a Metric to Tackle Attainment Gaps and Promote Inclusion in Higher Education in England, Fabio Arico

Entrepreneurial Education and Graduate Outcomes: Does It Make a Difference?, Piero Esposito

14:30 – 16:30 CONTRIBUTED PARALLEL SESSION B

Session I: School and Preschool

Examining the Unequal Impact of Accountability Pressures on School Performance: Insights from a Natural Experiment in Italy, Francesco Balzaretto

Socio-Economic Conditions and Educational Inequalities in Italian Schools: A Spatial Analysis, Michele Marsili

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Bridging or Widening the Gap? The Role of School-Level Resources for Migrant and Native Student Achievement in Italy, Elisa Sbalchiero

Expanding Benefits: The Impact of a Universal Free School Meal Policy on Non-Cognitive Skills", Xhiselda Demaj

Session II: Field choice

Explaining socioeconomic gaps in STEM subject choices and attainment in Scotland, Amalia Marifatul

Social Origins and Field of Study, Laura Volponi

Educational decisions in higher education: an agent-based model of comparison between Italy and Germany, Andrea Gentili

Intergenerational Mobility in Germany: Evidence from Secondary Track Choices, Michaela Paffenholz

Session III: Inequality and labor market

Unintended Consequences of a Pension Reform: Labor Supply Changes Among Daughters of Extended-Career Mothers, Bianca Balsimelli Ghelli

Genetics and Employee Sorting, Nurfatima Jandarova

Socio-Emotional Skills and the Careers of Low-Educated Workers, Paul Garcia

Dominant Parental Gender and the Intergenerational Transmission of Labour Market Advantage, Seraphim Demsey

16:45 – 18:15 CONTRIBUTED PARALLEL SESSION C

Session I: Evaluating Institutional designs

(De)Efficiency of Italian Universities: a comparative analysis of Public, Private, and Online Institutions, Gaetano Francesco Coppetta

Telematic University Expansion: Bridging the Gap for Vocational Students, Carmen Aina

The Challenge of School Efficiency: A Comparative Analysis of Public and Private schools in Italy with a focus on Socio-emotional skills, Giovanni Antonini

Session II: Investigating social mobility

The Long Shadow of Economic Disadvantage, Oliver Anderson

Decomposing Changes in Aggregate Mobility, Francisco Libano Monteiro

The (Changing) Role of Parental Education in the Income Distribution for 18 European Countries, Michele Bavaro

Session III: Poverty

City Expansion and Slum Dynamics, Alessia Matano

Poor work, poor health: The curse of in-work poverty for women, Raffaella Patimo

The dynamic interrelation among subjective poverty, material deprivation, and income poverty, Chiara Mussida

Session IV: Dynamics and features of inequalities

Determinants of Overlapping Income Distributions in the European Union, Giuliano Resce

Inequalities in earnings and working conditions for higher educated youth: a cross-countries analysis in a gender perspective, Tindara Addabbo

AI occupational exposure and wage distribution: the case of Italy, Irene Brunetti

FRIDAY, 6 JUNE 2025

9:00 – 10:30 CONTRIBUTED PARALLEL SESSION A

Session I: Saving and welfare

Saving attitudes across the Great Recession: Evidence for the UK, Dario Sciulli

Long-term working career dynamics and contribution accumulation in the Italian NDC pension system: empirical evidence and policy implications, Michele Raitano

College attendance and the business cycle. Is the future of young adults related to the welfare regime?, Claudia Zola

Session II: Theoretical aspects on inequalities

Inequality of Opportunity: what about effort, Federico Segato

A Theory of Equality and Growth, Bastien Bemon

Unfair educational inequality worldwide: a theory-driven machine learning approach, Paolo Brunori

Session III: Inequality of Opportunity in World Economies

Inequality in Education Opportunity and Attainment in India: A Social Opportunity and Human Opportunity Perspective, Shail Verna

Economic development and inequality of opportunity: Kuznets meets the Great Gatsby? in Enhancing Social Mobility in Italy, Vito Peragine

Two Decades of Inequality of Opportunity in Colombia: Insights from 1997-2023, Matthew Shaikh

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11:45 – 13:45 CONTRIBUTED PARALLEL SESSION B

Session I: School and Preschool

Nursery School Attendance and Early Skills Development: Trends Across Time and Space in the Italian Context, Gianluca Argentin

The long-term returns to universal preschool access: Evidence from Scuola Materna in Italy, Francesco Andreoli

Re-evaluating the effect of the Finnish comprehensive school reform on intergenerational mobility, Vesa-Matti Heikkuri

Citizenship and Nursery enrollment, Andrea Barigazzi

Session II: Inequality and Labour Market

Youth employment incentives in Italy: evidence from regional administrative data, Maria Cristina Maurizio

The Transition is in the Details: Evidence on Firm Greenness and Wage Inequality from Portuguese Administrative Data, Marta Fana

Side effects of the Italian brain return: profiles of equity and inequality, Giovanni Gallo

Is There a Devaluation of Degrees? Unobserved Heterogeneity in Returns to Education and Early Experience, Damiano Argan

Session III: The effect of Shocks

A great depression? Students' educational aspirations and choices in the aftermath of the Great Recession, Marco Tonello

The Impact of COVID-19 on Major Selection: Gendered Shifts in STEM and Life Sciences, Marina Murat

Shaken but not Trembled: Assessing Academic Performance in the aftermath of the Emilia-Romagna Earthquake, Giulia Santangelo

"Stay Away from Me:" Femicides and College Choices, Enrico Lippo

14:45 – 16:45 - CONTRIBUTED PARALLEL SESSION C

Session I: Social Mobility in World Economies

Intergenerational Mobility in Sierra Leone, Giorgia Zotti

Sibling correlation in Italy: new evidence from an administrative survey linked dataset, Massimo Aprea

Education Pathways and Social Mobility in France: The Impact of Horizontal Choices Within and Between Generations, Guglielmo Pizzoli

Session II: Spatial aspects

Regional disparities in tertiary education policy in Italy: the impact of political tendencies on the rate of allocation of university scholarships, Francesco Ottaviani

Local Drivers of Academic Outcomes: New Evidence from Students of a Large University, Francesco D'Angelo

Labor Market Concentration, Remuneration Variables, and Inequality: A Dynamic Approach, Francesco Bloise

Session III: Teachers

Investigating teachers' attitudes through Social Network Analysis, Giulietta Zanga

When Geography Shapes Preferences: Redesigning Teacher Assignment in Italy, Maria Grazia Cavallo

Identifying familism in Academia, Barbara Luppi

