

# EEBL STUDENT MAGAZINE

## ONLINE TEACHING ACTIVITIES

As a necessary measure of containment and management of the Covid-19 epidemiological emergency Tor Vergata University of Rome developed all the useful operational tools in order to allow activities to be held

remotely beginning in April 2020.

All classes, exams and graduation sessions are held online through the software Microsoft Teams.

Together with the institutional teaching activities, seminars and events are also held on the platform.



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## NEWS FROM THE COORDINATOR

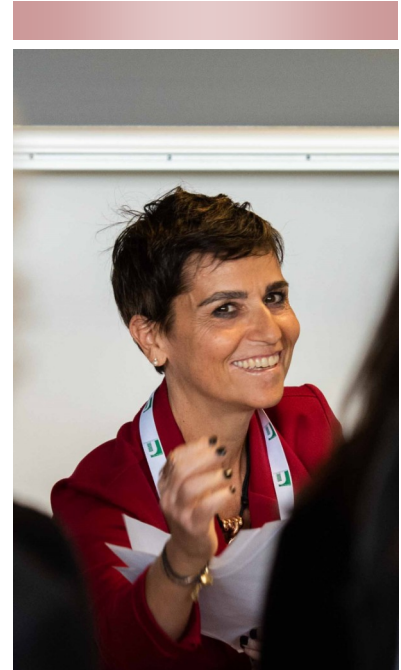
Dear Students,

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, for the first time, we are experiencing our activities online and I am proud and happy that the University of Tor Vergata reacted very quickly and efficiently by moving lectures, events and meetings online.

The ongoing health emergency, has changed most of your habits and behaviors in a short period of time. However, I'm sure these efforts will contribute to your personal and educational growth.

I appreciate your sense of responsibility in carefully following the indications provided.

Stay safe!



### What you will find in this issue

The second issue of the magazine contains a focus on online activities carried out by EEBL in the last few months. In April we organized an **EEBL Open Day** for upcoming candidates.

We also carried on the call for applications to award best performing students. In particular, two EEBL students were granted scholarships for “**Further Training and Educational Activities**”. Prizes were assigned on the basis of the students’ GPA and CFU acquired during their two years as EEBL students.

We had an interesting **Soft Skills Seminar** focused on negotiation techniques with Grammenos Mastrojeni; you will be able to find additional details on page 3. We also held the second **EEBL Alumni Day** on 18 May, hosting EEBL Alumni who shared their successful stories. In case you missed the event, you can watch the video recording here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OE9oYpKjfw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OE9oYpKjfw)

You will also be able to have additional information on internship opportunities, professor evaluation, upcoming initiatives and much more.

Enjoy the reading!

## PRIZES

### Student Performance Prizes

EEBL has recently announced the winners of the prizes for educational and training activities, aimed to encourage students participate in further activities, to reward excellence, and to motivate academic commitment. Candidates submitted very interesting and challenging projects and we wish them all the best for a successful career.

Congratulations to our students Flavio Fornari and Paolo Funari, enrolled in the second year at EEBL, 2019/20 academic year. They have been awarded €500,00 each to enroll in an educational activity.

The evaluation of the candidates was carried out through the assessment of the academic curriculum, that is, by calculating the number of credits earned compared to those due and evaluating the weighted average of the marks achieved by 14 February 2020.

Flavio Fornari has a GPA of 29/30 and 90 CFU obtained by 14 February 2020. He will enroll in a course of the "Scuola di Calcolo Scientifico MATLAB", starting 20 July 2020.

Paolo Funari has a GPA of 29.6/30 and 60 CFU obtained by 14 February 2020. He has been accepted to the Maastricht Summer School for a course in Economics of European Integration, starting 20 July 2020.



### IFAD Interns

IFAD - Procurement Division has initiated the procedure for recruiting three EEBL students/graduates.

Congratulations to two EEBL students Tiziana De Carolis and Mujgan Ismayilova, and Caterina Biondi, EEBL graduate, who will start their internship at IFAD - Procurement Division.

Caterina will begin next week, Mujgan in early June and Tiziana around October, after the discussion of her thesis.



## Soft Skills Seminar - Grammenos Mastrojeni

On 7,8 and 9 May, Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean, presented a useful series of lectures on how to be more professional and prepared to enter today's workforce. The workshop lectures took into consideration an array of skills that are essential for finding a keeping a job. Students were encouraged to read the material regarding public speaking as well as negotiation techniques.

The lectures were structured as follows:

- Intercultural Relations Prejudices, comparison of scales of values, personal "filters", levels of language (verbal, somatic, space management).
- Techniques for Negotiation Techniques and tactics; interests and rationalization of negotiations; interest analysis techniques; the "BATNA" (Best Alternative to A Negotiated Agreement); typical negotiating dynamics; training and cohesion of the delegation; management of non-verbal spaces and dimensions; exercises.
- Public Speaking and Relations with the Media Public speaking;
- Careers in Development Cooperation a) Introduction, "life choices rather than professional choices"; b) The NGO world; c) The European Union; d) The United Nations universe; e) How to write an application.





## IFAD and the MSc in EEBL

In the past years, the collaboration between IFAD and the MSc in EEBL has granted enrolled students with many opportunities: internship programs, research programs and workshops.

UNGM is seeking partnerships to widen its horizons in new procurement areas and new procurement topics, and UNGM would like to promote these topics by opening its content creation to individuals and entities within and outside the UN systems.

The EEBL office is available for details on current vacancies at their offices.

## INTERNSHIPS

LORENZO POLLI, intern at IFAD



My internship in the procurement section of IFAD began in October 2019, just a couple of days after my graduation, and finished a few weeks ago. Looking back, my internship soon proved a valuable opportunity to see procurement in action in an international organization. With time, I understood how important it is to strike a balance between compliance with procurement principles and guidelines, critical to ensure the integrity and transparency of the process, as well as best value for money, and the concrete, urgent needs of an organization, which at times require flexibility. From this standpoint I learned a lot from my colleagues and found very interesting the discussions on the best way to carry out the procurement activities, which brought up different perspectives on how to address the same issues. Also, I appreciated the position of the procurement function, between internal and external clients and therefore tasked with accommodating different needs.

The second half of my internship was sadly marked by the coronavirus outbreak: this called for the procurement team to design contingency plans for the emergency (particularly regarding teleworking arrangements) and then to continue supporting the organization from home. This gave me insights into how procurement can and should continue to carry out its duties remotely, which I believe will prove very useful in the foreseeable future.

Indeed, a key to my internship was the presence of other interns within the same division, which made the transfer of knowledge easier and allowed me to make the most out of my 6-month experience. Besides work-related considerations, I would like to conclude on a personal note by saying that I was blessed to find a great workplace with so many people from around the world whom I had the privilege to meet and who made my time at IFAD all the more enriching and fun.



Laura Di Natale, procurement intern at the ECB in Frankfurt

## Laura Di Natale

My experience working at the ECB has been great so far. I recall with pleasure the first day at work: the ECB really knows how to warmly welcome newcomers, making the start as smooth and natural as possible.

The ECB building is also worth a mention, such an impressive space, comfortable to work in and with a magnificent view over Frankfurt.

The on-boarding procedure in my working team was really smooth, every colleague contributed in giving me training and I was given tasks quite soon. What I really appreciate is that, even though I am still a trainee, every colleague truly values me as an important staff member and let me significantly contribute to the team work. I am learning a lot from experienced colleagues and in the meantime I have access to interesting seminars and a lot more.

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic situation, I have experienced the office-life for barely a week, as I had to adapt to the new smart working modality. Nevertheless, as a trainee I still receive the support needed by managers to continue my professional growth. I am truly happy I decided to apply and I would encourage everybody looking for a meaningful experience to do so.

## European Central Bank (ECB)

The ECB is the central bank of the 19 European Union countries which have adopted the euro.

Its main task is to maintain price stability in the euro area and to preserve the purchasing power of the single currency.

The ECB is an official EU institution at the heart of the Eurosystem as well as the Single Supervisory Mechanism for banking supervision.

It defines and implements monetary policy for the euro area and carries out a number of other tasks, including banking supervision.



# EEBL Alumni Day

On Monday 18 May the second EEBL Alumni Day took place live on Microsoft Teams.

This year the EEBL Alumni meeting hosted Mr. Alfredo Macchiati Riccardo Madrigali, Rita De Santis Bruno, Lorenzo Migliaccio and Gabriele Silvestri.

Alfredo Macchiati is Director of Oxera's Rome office. He is an expert on regulation and competition in the infrastructure, energy and transport sectors and during the event he presented all the activities and available positions at Oxera.

Riccardo Madrigali, Alumni 2019, is Founder & CEO of VGen LAB, an Italian startup that has developed an open innovation platform which helps companies to innovate through new generations of startups, communities, universities and freelancers.

Rita De Santis Bruno, 2010 EEBL graduate, is currently head of Financial Regulation Compliance for Enel where she works as a regulatory professional.

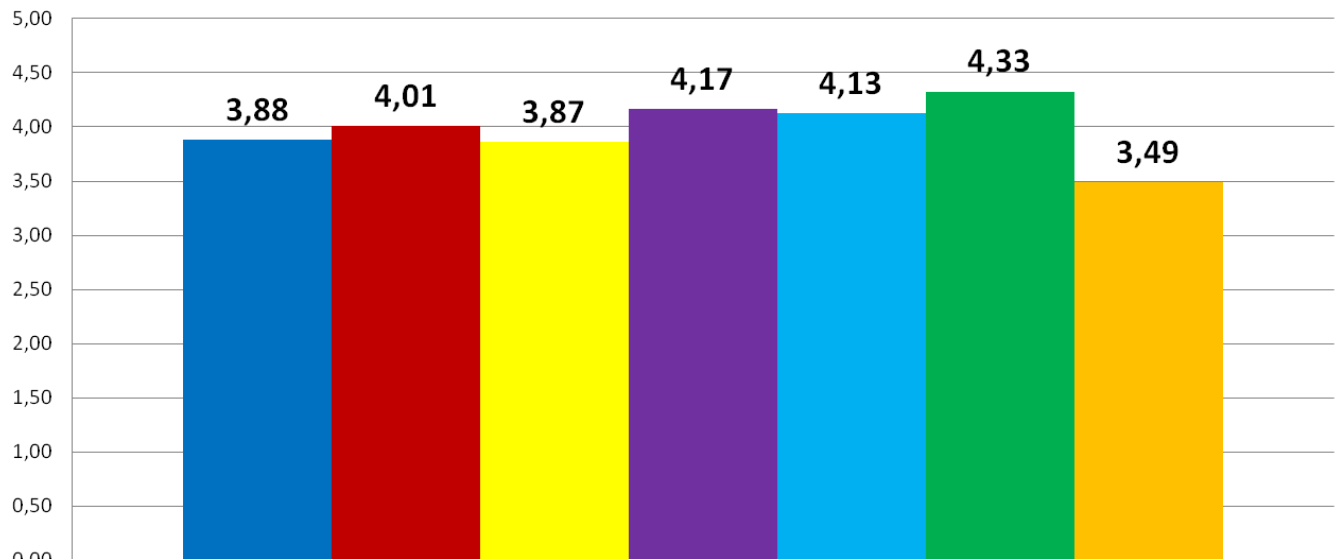
Lorenzo Migliaccio is a Senior Associate Economist in the Competition and Economics Division of the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in London. He graduated in EEBL in 2012.

Gabriele Silvestri graduated with honors in EEBL in November 2014 and he is now business analyst at INVITALIA. Gabriele is also attending an Executive MBA at ESCP.

## Evaluation of core courses - II semester (I year)

The graph below shows the overall evaluation of courses and professors of the second semester at EEBL. All have obtained excellent results, in terms of overall quality, accuracy and availability of the professor, reading material and examination methods. Scores range on a scale 1-5 (where 1 is the minimum and 5 is the maximum). Data were collected through student questionnaires.

### Evaluation core courses - II semester Per Questions



■ Q1: How would you rate the overall quality of the class?

■ Q2: The lectures helped me understand the subject of the course and the different topics covered

■ Q3: The assigned reading material helped me understand the subject and was appropriate for the level of the course (e.g. lecture slides, books, papers, etc.)

■ Q4: The teacher was clear and accurate in class and available for further clarifications

■ Q5: The teacher was punctual in uploading the material online and provided clear information about the examination methods

■ Q6: Did the teacher fully respect the provided timetable?

■ Q7: The assignments/cases/presentations were useful and added value to the course



# VGEN

## The New Generation of Innovators

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### VGen Challenges for EEBL Students

Get involved and practice with the most innovative companies. To the best proposals are awarded cash prizes, job interviews, access to events and much more!

VGen was founded in October 2018 among the desks of the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" by a group of students from the Faculty of Economics close to the startup ecosystem. In January 2019 VGen opened its first club in Milan thanks to a team of students from the University "Luigi Bocconi", with the support of several players in the world of innovation. Today, the community is present in seven universities and four cities (Rome, Milan, Bologna and Singapore) and has over 200 members.

Select a challenge and submit your idea or solution.

[Reimagine the Future of Transportation Challenge](#) - in collaboration with NEXT

[Outdoor Experience Marketing Challenge](#) - in collaboration with Sharewood

[Restart Lombardia](#) - in collaboration with Regione Lombardia

Click on the links to learn more about the requirements, the procedures and the deadlines.

### Online YERUN Summer School

Management Consulting in the Digital Age intensive training programme supports master level students to be better prepared for a future career in management consulting.

The programme lasts two weeks (July 6th - July 17th 2020) with the engagement of 6-8 different consulting companies.

It is promoted by a network of 17 young European universities and hosts students from more than 12 different universities. The programme is supported by Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership.

Contact: digitalconsulting.yerun@mscba.uniroma2.it



## News

This section includes news, initiatives and job opportunities at companies and institutions where former EEBL students are employed.

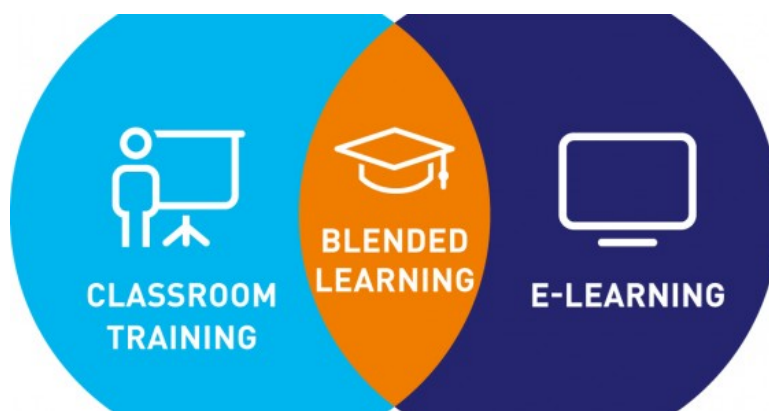
### Blended Learning from September 2020

Blended learning will be the official teaching method for the upcoming academic year 2020/2021. It will be a combination of online classes and classroom training. Additional info will follow in the upcoming weeks.

### STATA LICENCE

The EEBL Council Meeting held in May 2020 has approved to buy an exclusive Stata Licence for EEBL Students.

The licence has already been provided to all students attending the optional course in Econometrics and it will be provided next year to all students attending the course in Statistical Learning.



### EEBL Open Day - 2 April 2020

On Tuesday 2 April 2020, we held our first EEBL Open Day in streaming on Microsoft Teams. This experiment was a great success, as it was seen almost by 100 participants connected online.

Applications for the 2020/21 academic year are already open and we have already received almost 130 applications from students all over the world. Deadlines to apply vary according to the country of origin of the candidates. Below are the details:

NON-EU Applicants: 30 June 2020

EU Applicants without a background in Economics: 28 August 2020

EU Applicants with a background in Economics: 10 September 2020



# VIRGILIO PROJECT

TOR VERGATA UNIVERSITY OF ROME

## VIRGILIO Project

### New Experiment at the School of Economics

Tor Vergata's Virgilio Project was born from a proposal made by a group of talented students of Tor Vergata School of Economics, aiming to support newly enrolled students arriving each September.

Dante Alighieri chose the poet Virgilio to guide him through his journey to Paradise in his Divina Commedia. We chose this name for the project since it aims to guide our students during their journey to Tor Vergata University.

Incoming students will find different webinars to attend and they can also chat with our senior students on specific topics (pre-enrollment procedures for non EU students; admissions; online classes; etc.) or free chats about personal issues, worries or curiosities.

For each session there will be two international students and one officer from Tor Vergata University staff. Each session lasts for one hour and a half.

Meetings will be held on Microsoft Teams, which is the online platform we are all using at Tor Vergata University for lectures, exams and meetings. In this way you will start to be confident with the software. We suggest that interested students download the program before the meeting and watch the online tutorial available online.

### Book your meeting

At the following page you can see the calendar of the meetings:

[www.economia.uniroma2.it/en/virgilio-project/](http://www.economia.uniroma2.it/en/virgilio-project/)

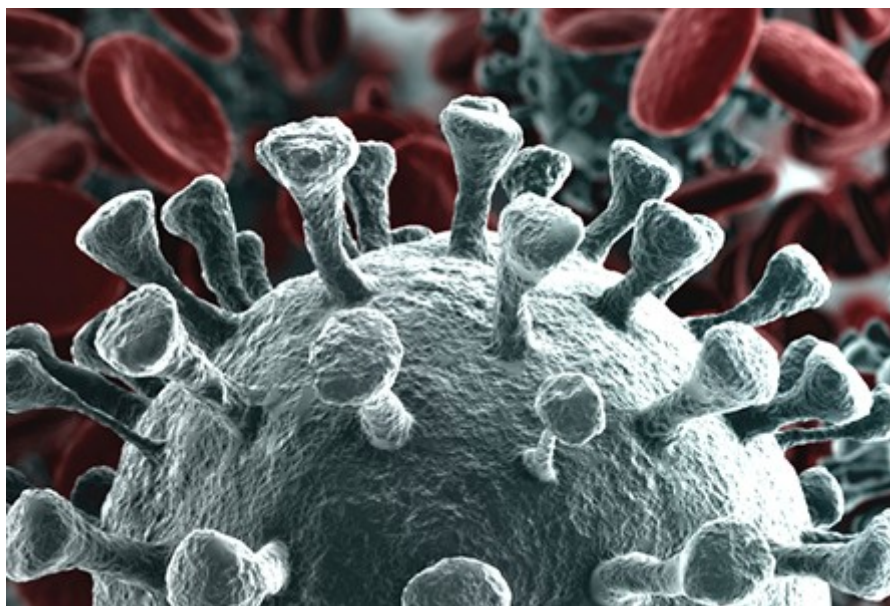
Please be aware that each meeting will last 90 minutes:

The first 45 minutes will be useful for giving general information and a Q&A session, whilst the remaining 45 minutes will cover the specific topic of the webinar.

We accept only 10 students for each meeting, so hurry up with the registration!

Write an email to reserve your seat to:

[virgilioUTV@gmail.com](mailto:virgilioUTV@gmail.com)



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Covid-19 Pandemic

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The Presidential Decree of 9 March 2020 (DPCM 9 Marzo 2020) introduced restrictive measures regarding the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19.

These measures demanded all of us to radically change our lifestyle and ways of working embracing the imposed rules with common sense.

Classes and all teaching activities were suspended until 3 April 2020. Since 5 April, lessons, exams, graduations, seminars and other events have been carried out online, in a way that the educational path of all students was no further affected.

What we have been doing so far is facing an emergency with discipline and sense of duty, in order to be able to return to our normal life as soon as possible.

All indications imposed by the Government have been respected by the University, thus guaranteeing our activities continue.

### Policlinico Tor Vergata Hospital

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Thoughts of deep respect and gratitude go to our doctors, nurses and trainees in the medical area who, like all their colleagues throughout Italy, are daily committed to save lives of our beloved.

In these weeks of great concern and uncertainty we are extremely proud and happy for the incredible response in solidarity and altruism of the community of Tor Vergata University.

Remember to:

- wash your hands frequently;
- pay attention to surface hygiene;
- avoid close and contacts with people.