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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 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"

Lorenzo Maria Casale (University of Zurich) will present:
"Family Ties and Electoral Accountability in Italian Municipalities"

Marlene Thomas (European University Institute) will present:
"Mafia in Public Tenders: The Effects on Firms' Competition"

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 Inferrera (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

Aleix Garcia-Galocha (University of the Basque Country) will present:
"Approximate Common Beliefs in Rationality in Dynamic Games"

Benedicta Hermanns (University of Hamburg) will present:
"Risk and Prosociality: Can Experimental Decisions Predict Health Behavior?"

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 *Religion, Education, and Economic Development in a Historical Perspective*		
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
	Lorenzo Maria Casale University of Zurich	Family Ties and Electoral Accountability in Italian Municipalities	Discussant: Massimo Pulejo
	Marlene Thomas European University Institute	Mafia in Public Tenders: The Effects on Firms' Competition	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

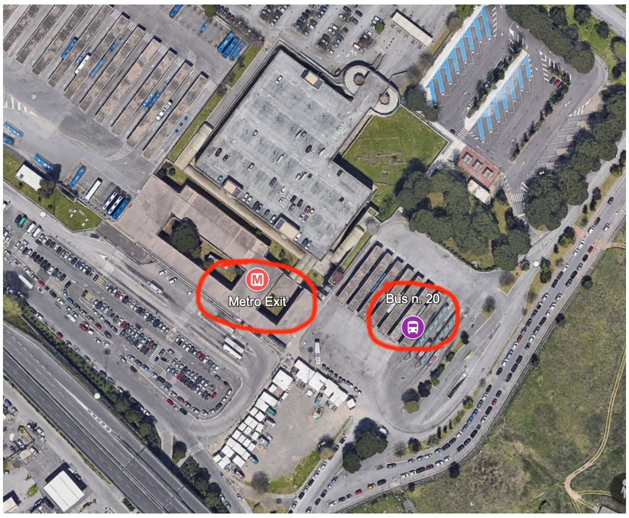
9:00-11:00		**Session III** **Labour and Education**	
	Lorenzo Germinetti Queen Mary University of London	Addressing Inequalities in Higher Education: Evidence from the Widening Participation Policy in England	Discussant: Lorenzo Neri
	Andrew Funck HEC Paris	Cognitive Uncertainty in Venture Selection: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

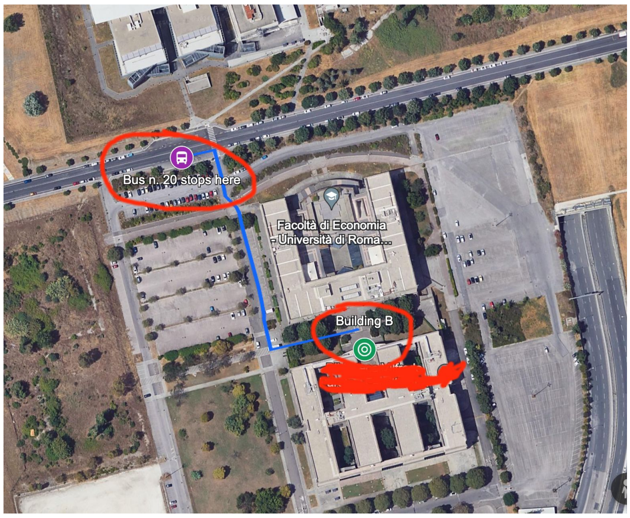
How to Reach Us

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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