



**UNU-MERIT INTERNAL CONFERENCE
28-29 SEPTEMBER 2023
PROGRAM**

THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER		
8:30am - 8:45am	Top floor	REGISTRATION
8:45am - 9am	Top floor	WELCOME

Household economics and human capital (1.30h)						
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
9:00am - 10:30am	Room 12	Tatenda Zinyemba	The Impact of Digital Technology in Early Learning in Asia and the Pacific	N/A	Full	Eleonora Nillesen
		Julieta Marotta	Childhood and legal capacity. The case of institutionalised children in the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina	Access to justice; progressive autonomy; children; legal systems	Pitch	Tatenda Zinyemba
		Elizabeth Hassan	Findings of Qualitative Study on Educational Resilience of Unity Schools in Nigeria	N/A	Full	Julieta Marotta
		Eleonora Nillesen (Chair)	Randomised trial of a psychological intervention in Madagascar	RCT, psychological intervention, developing countries	Pitch	Elizabeth Hassan
Innovation, R&D and technology (1.30h)						
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Room 5	René Belderbos	Cross-border Organizational Strategies for Knowledge Appropriation of Codified and Complex Technologies	R&D investments, location, Intellectual Property Rights, technology	Full	Nanditha Mathew
		Rodrigo Ito	Do mobile scientists drive the performance of non-mobile scientists? A Colombian tale.	Performance. Spillovers. International Scientific Mobility. Colombia.	Full	René Belderbos
		Nanditha Mathew (Chair)	The innovation toll of contract labour: Does weaker jobs stifle innovation	Innovation, Employment, Contract Labour.	Full	Rodrigo Ito

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Social cohesion, preferences, and political economy (1.30h)						
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
10:45am - 12:15pm	Room 5	Stefanie Roost	The political economy of targeting: evidence from Poland	social protection, targeting, preferences, universalism	Full	Bruno Martorano
		Tobias Hillenbrand	Rather unsafe or sorry? How humanitarian concern and threat perceptions shape solidarity with refugees	refugees, solidarity, humanitarian concern, threat	Full	Stefanie Roost
		Bruno Martorano (Chair)	Social movements, preferences for redistribution and political participation	Political economics, Inequality, Online Experiment	Full	Gulzhan Asylbek kyzy
Fim behavior (1.30 h)						
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
10:45am - 12:15pm	Room 12	Emanuele Pugliese	Positioning firms along the capabilities ladder	Capabilities, Competences, Complexity, Balance sheet data, Resources	Full	René Wintjes
		George Paily	Is small always beautiful? Heterogeneous effects of small scale de-reservation on product scope and performance	Size-dependent policies, Small scale industries, product scope, Firm performance, Manufacturing, India	Full	Emanuele Pugliese
		René Wintjes (Chair)	Digital Innovation Hubs: European Experience in Supporting Business Digitalization	N/A	Full	George Paily

		Education systems (1.30h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
10:45am - 12:15pm	Room 4	Ahmed Hussain	The virtuous loop of quality of government (QoG) and institutional trust in OECD countries, 2006-2021 and culture	Quality of Government, Institutions, Trust, Culture, Diversity, Inequality, Economic stability	Full	Mindel van de Laar
		Ulkar Sattarova	An analysis of problem-based learning vs the traditional teaching among students in Azerbaijan	PBL, Higher Education, Modern Education Approaches, SCL	Full	Ahmed Hussain
		Mindel van de Laar (Chair)	E-Resilience in Public Policy Education: Drivers and Challenges	Education, research, wellbeing, mental health, labour market	Full	Ulkar Sattarova

12:15pm - 1:30pm	Top floor	LUNCH (1.15 h). Location: Belvedere top floor
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		Climate, environment and socio economic dynamics (1.15 h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
1:30pm - 3:00 pm	Room 12	Conrad Nunnenmacher	The impact of social asset transfers on local deforestation rates in Bangladesh	Social cash transfers, geospatial analysis, side-effects of development interventions	Pitch	Sonja Fransen
		Teresa Janz	Can social assistance programmes protect against weather shocks? Evidence from Paraguay	poverty, climate change, weather shocks	Full	Conrad Nunnenmacher
		Sonja Fransen/Alex Hunns (Chair)	Intersecting vulnerabilities: Conceptualizing the climate vulnerabilities of refugees	Climate change, forced migration, vulnerability	Full	Teresa Janz

		Sustainable and inclusive transformations (1.30 h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
1:30pm - 3:00 pm	Room 5	Job Zomerplagg	Catching the Green Wave: Mapping the Transformative Capacities of Local Sustainability Initiatives	Sustainability transitions, Governance, Theory & concept building,	Full	Maximilian Bruder
		Maria Tomai	Accelerating circular economy transitions in Accra: A system dynamics model analysis	System dynamics, circular economy, transitions, solid waste, sustainability	Full	Job Zomerplagg
		Maximilian Bruder (Chair)	Tradeoffs Between Sustainability and Financial Performance: New Insights from BCorps	Triple bottom line, sustainable business models, inclusive innovation, base of the pyramid	Full	Maria Tomai

		Household economics (1.30 h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
1:30pm - 3:00 pm	Room 4	Paloma de Melo Assuncao	The Economic Determinants of Gender Gaps in Child Health and Education Outcomes in South-East Asia: A Systematic Literature Review	child, health, education, gender, parental investments	Full	Ari Perdana
		Karol Rodriguez	Family events and children's housework: a longitudinal study in Colombia	N/A	Full	Paloma de Melo Assuncao
		Ari Perdana (Chair)	Labor Supply and Migration as Household Coping Strategies: A Meta-Analysis	N/A	Full	Karol Rodriguez

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Top floor	COFFEE BREAK (15m)
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Sustainable transitions in low and middle income countries (1.30h)						
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
3:15pm - 4:45pm	Room 12	Mercedes Menéndez	Is going digital going green? Empirical evidence from the adoption of advanced digital production technologies (In co-authorship with Alejandro Lavopa)	advanced digital technologies; firm's technology adoption; sustainability;	Full	Jorge Valverde Carbonell
		Fabianna Ferreira	Industrial policy for the green hydrogen economy: The cases of Brazil, Chile, China and South Africa	Green technologies, developing countries, industrial policy, sectoral systems	Full	Mercedes Menéndez
		Jorge Valverde Carbonell (Chair)	Energy Transition and Critical Minerals: An opportunity window for Latin-American Countries?	Window of Opportunity, Economic Complexity, Critical Minerals	Full	Fabianna Ferreira
Gender norms (1 h)						
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
3:15pm - 4:45pm	Room 5	Manisha Mukherjee	Scorching Heat and Shrinking Horizons: The Impact of Rising Temperatures on Marriages and Migration in Rural India	Climate change, Migration, Marriages, India	Full	Ortrun Merkle
		Karthika Baby Sujatha	Corporate Board Quota and Women - Sharing space without sharing power?	gender equality, quota, corporate boards, board diversity	Full	Manisha Mukherjee

4:45pm - 5pm	Top floor	BREAK (15 m)
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5pm - 5:15pm	Top floor	INTRODUCTION OF 1ST YEAR PHD FELLOWS BY MICHELINE GOEDHUYTS
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5:15pm - 6:45 pm	Top floor	KEYNOTE LECTURE: PROF. KOEN FRENKEN TITLE: TOWARDS A NEW VIEW ON RADICAL INNOVATION? CHAIR : DR. RENÉ WINTJES
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FRIDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER

08:45am - 9:00am	Top floor	COFFEE RECEPTION (15m)
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AI and digital technologies (1 h)						
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
09:00am - 10:00 am	Room 5	Joyce Treptow	Exploring the hype, promise and challenge of Artificial Intelligence in Social Purpose Organisations in Developing Countries	N/A	Full	Michal Natorski
		Michal Natorski (Chair)	The epistemic influence of Artificial Intelligence on United Nations crisis interventions	Artificial Intelligence, practices, crisis, United Nations	Full	Joyce Treptow
R&D and technology (1 h)						
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
09:00am - 10:00 am	Room 4	Thomas Ziesemer	The role of public R&D in a dynamic panel VECM data analysis of R&D driven growth for 14 OECD countries	Growth, labour-augmenting productivity, oecd, panel cointegration, panel vecm	Full	Fabiana Visentin
		Fabiana Visentin (Chair)	Technologies fly on the wings of science: Exploring the role of science in technologies' spatial evolution	technology spatial evolution, patents, science	Full	Thomas Ziesemer

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		Innovation, automation, and future of work (1.30h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
10:15am - 11:45am	Room 12	Trang Nguyen	Automation Adoption and Export Performance: Evidence from French firms	automation; trade; export; firms; upgrading	Full	Tommaso Ciarli
		Florencia Jaccoud	Technological cycles and labor markets: Evidence from European regions	automation, employment, wages, productivity	Full	Trang Nguyen
		Tommaso Ciarli (Chair)	Revealing Semantics: Exposure of Industries and Occupations to Emerging STI Areas	Future of automation; Future of work; Computational methods	Full	Florencia Jaccoud
		(Quasi)-experimental approaches and impact evaluation in development economics (1.30 h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
10:15am - 11:45am	Room 5	Yannick Markhof	Conflict, crises, and Covid: Evaluating the effect of violent conflict using panel survey data across Sub-Saharan Africa	conflict; impact evaluation; survey data; agriculture; food security	Full	Micheline Goedhuys
		Trang Pham-Thi	Mobile internet and educational outcomes: the case of Vietnam	internet; education attainment; learning; education system; smartphone	Full	Yannick Markhof
		Micheline Goedhuys (Chair)	Measuring social norms towards women and work in Tunisia – An assessment of the ‘opinion-matching’ method	survey experiment, social norms, female labor force participation, measurement, Tunisia	Full	Trang Pham-Thi

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12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Top floor	KEYNOTE LECTURE: PROF. PEDRO VICENTE TITLE: CONFLICT-PREVENTION, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND RADICALIZATION CHAIR: PROF. ELEONORA NILLESEN
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		Innovation, socio-economic outcomes, and inequality (1.30 h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
2:00 pm - 3:30pm	Room 5	Rafael de la Vega	A meta-analysis on sectoral transformation and income inequality	structural change; income inequality; systematic literature review	Full	Bernardo Caldarola
		Praachi Kumar	Twitter Narratives and their Impact on Gender Equality: A Sentiment Analysis	NLP, ICTs, social media, non-labour discrimination, gender & demography	Pitch	Mario Alberto Macchioni
		Mario Alberto Macchioni	The How do different types of inequalities influence individuals’ motivation and creativity? An empirical study on the correlation between inequality and patenting activity at U.S. County Level	innovation inequality patent U.S. county	Pitch	Praachi Kumar
		Bernardo Caldarola (Chair)	Structural Change, Employment, and Inequality in Europe: an Economic Complexity Approach	Structural change decompositions, employment growth, wage inequality, economic complexity	Full	Rafael de la Vega
		Social protection (1.30h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
2:00 pm - 3:30pm	Room 12	Zina Nimeh	Social insurance from a regional perspective: Egypt, Jordan, and Tunisia	Social Protection, Social Dialogue, Workers	Full	Franziska Gassmann
		Alexander Hunns	In the shadows on the plains: Identifying determinants of herder inclusion in formal social and health insurance	Social insurance; shadow economy;	Full	Zina Nimeh
		Franziska Gassmann (Chair)	The relevance of framing and design parameters for the acceptability of a basic income grant – the case of South Africa	preferences for redistribution, basic income, social protection, South Africa	Full	Alexander Hunns

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		Migration: governance and development (1.30h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
3:45pm - 5:30pm	Room 5	Lalaine Siruno	Human Development Trajectories of Regularised Filipino Migrant Domestic Workers in the Netherlands	(irregular) migration, human development, labour market integration, remittances, migration governance	Full	Katrin Marchand
		Talitha Dubow	Migration decision-making in the context of expanding pathways: the case of Albania	migration; governance; Germany; Western Balkans; qualitative methods	Full	Lalaine Siruno
		Katrin Marchand (Chair)	The Impacts of Migration on Development - An analysis across 25 research areas	migration, development, multi-dimensional well-being, Global South	Full	Talitha Dubow
		Science & Technology (1.30 h)				
		Presenter	Title	Keywords	Format	Discussant
3:45pm - 5:30pm	Room 12	Yagmur Yildiz	The impact of Horizon 2020 grants on the changes in research agenda: An evaluation study	science funding, research direction, research trajectories, research career, scientific impact	Full	Cecilia Seri
		Sneha Marydas	Essays on technology adoption, employment and firm dynamics	Technology adoption, employment, trade	Pitch	Yagmur Yildiz
		Serdar Turkeli	Fusio-n: Science-centered value chain collaboration ePlatform	Science of science, collaborations, value chain, interdisciplinarity	Pitch	Sneha Pemalapunhen Marydas
		Cecilia Seri (Chair)	Mapping a frontier of General Purpose Technologies and its evolution over the long run	General Purpose Technologies (GPT), Innovation, Frontier	Full	Serdar Turkeli
5:30 pm - 5:50 pm	Top floor	FINAL REMARKS AND CLOSING				