

Spring School "Political economy of production and labour"

Monday, 16 March 2026 - Friday, 20 March 2026

Firenze

Scientific Programme

Monday 16 March

10-11 | Welcome and presentation of the School and of the participants

Political economy today

11-13 | Political economy beyond economics

Mario Pianta, Scuola Normale Superiore

14-16 | Political economy and social blocs

Bruno Amable, University of Geneva

16.30-17.30 | Mechanisms of income inequality

Michele Raitano, Sapienza Università di Roma

17.30-18.30 | Wealth inequality and policies

Salvatore Morelli, Università Roma Tre

Discussants

Gabriele Beretta, Scuola Normale Superiore

Gemma Gasseau, Scuola Normale Superiore

Tuesday 17 March

The world economy and labour

10-11.30 | Economics from a South perspective

Jayati Ghosh, University of Massachusetts Amherst (online)

11.45-13 | Technology, demand and employment

Marco Vivarelli, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

13-14 | Labour markets and wages

Lia Pacelli, Università di Torino

Discussants

Donato Romano, Università di Firenze

Michele Bavaro, Scuola Normale Superiore

Industrial policy and politics

15-17 | Industrial policy, sustainability and politics

Antonio Andreoni, School of Oriental and African Studies, London

Discussants

Francesco Crespi, Università Roma Tre

Marco Stamegna, Scuola Normale Superiore

17.15-18.30 | Data and methodologies

Speakers present information on databases, methodologies

Wednesday 18 March

Global production, global labour

9.30-11.30 | Labour relations in the global economy

Sarosh Kuruvilla, Cornell University

11.45-13.30 | Labour and comparative political economy

Vincenzo Maccarrone, Scuola Normale Superiore

Discussant

Arianna Tassinari, Università di Bologna

Frontline research: Labour and unions in global production systems

15-16 | Doing research in the interest of workers: challenges and limitations

Maurizio Atzeni, Queen Mary University of London

16-18

Dario Di Conzo, Scuola Normale Superiore
Nicolò Deiana, Scuola Normale Superiore
Clelia Li Vigni, Scuola Normale Superiore
Lorenzo Lodi, Scuola Normale Superiore
Thursday 19 March

Labour studies today

10-12 | Understanding power resources in labour relations

Guglielmo Meardi, Scuola Normale Superiore
Discussants
Iraklis Dimitriadis, Scuola Normale Superiore
Lucia Amorosi, Università di Trento

13.15-15.30 | Presentations by participants, thematic discussion groups, meetings with speakers

Gender and labour

16-18.30 | The purple economy: gender, care and labour

İpek Ilkkaracan, Istanbul Technical University (online)
Discussants
Emanuela Lombardo, Scuola Normale Superiore
Giulia Giraud, Scuola Normale Superiore
Friday 20 March

10-12 | Labour in the digital age

Armanda Cetrulo, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa
Valeria Cirillo, Università di Bari
Dario Guarascio, Sapienza Università di Roma
Sarra Kasseem, Scuola Normale Superiore

12.15-14 | Labour activism

Donatella Della Porta, Scuola Normale Superiore
Discussants
Lorenzo Cini, Università Federico II, Napoli
Alba Arenales Lopez, Scuola Normale Superiore

Policy challenges

15-16 | The macro level: macroeconomic and labour policies

Francesco Saraceno, Sciences Po, Paris

16:30-18:30 | The local level: economic and labour policies in the (small) global city of Florence

with local policy makers and civil society