10th International PhD Meeting in Economics 2026

Conference Program

University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Friday, 10th July 2026

08:00 - 08:50	Registration
08:50 - 09:00	Welcome Speech
09:00 - 11:00	Session A (Parallel Sessions - Rooms A, B, C, D)
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee Break
11:20 - 13:20	Session B (Parallel Sessions - Rooms A, B, C, D)
13:20 - 14:30	Lunch (University Restaurant)
14:30 - 15:30	Keynote Speech: Mette Asmild | Chair: Theodore Panagiotidis
15:30 - 17:30	Session C (Parallel Sessions - Rooms A, B, C, D)
20:30	Dinner (Massalia Restaurant)

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08:30 - 09:00	Registration
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13:20 - 14:30	Lunch (University Restaurant)
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15:30 - 17:30	Session F (Parallel Sessions - Rooms A, B, C)

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Session A 09:00 - 11:00	ROOM A
Chair: George Voucharas	*Climate Risks & Housing Dynamics*

1. The Impact of Flood Disasters on Housing Markets: Evidence from the 2013 Floods in Germany
   Wust Jullian (Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, Germany)

2. Drought Shocks and Corporate Dynamics: Evidence from European Firms
   Leonardo Ciotti (LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy)

3. The Evolving Role of the Housing Market in Europe: From Crisis to Recovery
   Kosmas Kosmidis (University of Western Macedonia, Greece)

4. Mapping the Greek Housing Market Uncertainty
   George Voucharas (Liverpool Hope University, UK)

Session A 09:00 - 11:00	ROOM B
Chair: Ilias Aretos	*Firms, SMEs & Institutional Quality*

1. Managerial Human Capital and SME Performance in Developing Economies: A Multidimensional and Contextual Analysis.
   Philisilar Kwamboka Kefa (John Von Neumann University, Hungary)

2. Determinants of Electricity Constraints by Manufacturing Firms in Kenya
   Elizabeth Njiru (University of Szeged, Hungary)

3. Political Regimes and Microfinance Regulations
   Collins Ngwa (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

4. Firm Growth and Public Corruption: An Empirical Investigation
   Ilias Aretos (Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece)

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Session A 09:00 - 11:00	**ROOM C**
Chair: Rodrigo Morales Mendoza	*Monetary Policy & Macro-Finance*

1. A Structural Theory of Monetary Circulation
   Konstantinos Beltsios (Independent Researcher, Greece)

2. Average Inflation Targeting and the Optimal Inflation Averaging Horizon
   Jan Ježek (Prague University of Economics and Business, Czech Republic)

3. Central Bank Solvency, Global Risk Transmission and Stock Market Returns
   Tobias Geisler (TU Dresden, Germany)

4. Monetary Policy: Effectiveness and Trust
   Rodrigo Morales Mendoza (Ave Maria University, USA)

Session A 09:00 - 11:00	**ROOM D**
Chair: Napat Ouicharoen	*Energy & Climate Policy*

1. Methodological Challenges in the Cost-Benefit Analysis of EU ETS2 in Urban Public Transport: A Critical Realist Perspective
   Mikołaj Ksieniewicz (Poznań University of Economics and Business, Poland)

2. Income, Incentives, and Residential Solar Adoption
   Clemens Oberhuemer (Universitat Pompeu Fabra & Barcelona School of Economics, Spain)

3. Assessing the Impact of the EU Emissions Trading System on Airline Efficiency and Emissions: Conceptual Research Framework
   Efrossini Chelmi (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece)

4. Economic Analysis of Energy Policy: Contracts for Differences
   Napat Ouicharoen (University of York, UK)

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Session B 11:20 - 13:20	**ROOM A**
Chair: Sarah Vella	*Banking & Financial Regulation*

1. Quantifying Financial Repression in Emerging Markets
   Mert Onen (University College London, UK)

2. Regional variations in the use of online banking in selected EU countries between 2015 and 2025
   Wiktor Rak (Kielce University of Technology, Poland)

3. Sovereign Risk or Monetary Policy? The Two Channels of Yield Curve Steepening and Euro Area Bank Lending
   Adlung Darius (University of Basel, Switzerland)

4. Beyond Borders: The Impact of Mandatory Reciprocity in Capital Regulation on Cross-border Lending
   Sarah Vella (University of Barcelona, Spain)

Session B 11:20 - 13:20	**ROOM B**
Chair: Camilla Bianchi	*Gender, Family & Labour*

1. Hours, Wages, and the Structure of Gender Earnings Inequality in the US, 1980–2023
   Nour Chamseddine (University of Barcelona, Spain)

2. Sorting into Family-Friendly Firms and the Parenthood Pay Gap
   Karin Zimmerman (Umeå University, Sweden)

3. Why Wanting a Child Is Not Enough: Marriage-Time Future Constraints and Fertility Realization in Japan.
   Zhijie Wang (KU Leuven, Belgium)

4. When Caregiving Compounds: Risky or Not? Evidence from Parental Health Shocks
   Camilla Bianchi (LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy)

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Session B 11:20 - 13:20	ROOM C
Chair: Haonan Su	*Technology, Digital Economy & Labour*

1. Organizational Dynamics of Workforce Diversity: The Role of Human Resource Management Practices
   Iustin-Madalin Chihaia (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

2. The Effect of the GDPR on Children's Online Behaviour
   Moe Murakami (University of Essex, UK)

3. The Digital Solopreneur: Navigating the Frontier of the Gig Economy and Autonomous Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets
   Diana Motelica (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași, Romania)

4. Income inequality, robot adoption and informality in the developing countries
   Haonan Su (University of Bath, UK)

Session B 11:20 - 13:20	ROOM D
Chair: Cristina Aranzana Moreno	*Crime, Place-Based Policy & Political Legacies*

1. Anti-Narcotics Police Raids and Crime: Evidence from Buenos Aires Informal Settlements
   Santiago Cesteros (University of Barcelona, Spain)

2. My sheep hear my voice: The effect of papal speech on anti-immigration hate crimes in Italy
   Vincent Korletey Apetorgbor (University of Padova, Italy)

3. Art of Deterrence: The Unintended Effects of Public Art
   Elia Acciai (University of Turin and Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy)

4. The Political Legacy of Displacement: Evidence from the Spanish Republican Exile
   Cristina Aranzana Moreno (University of Barcelona, Spain)

14:30 - 15:30	**Keynote Speech: Mette Asmild** Title: Not all cases are created equal (or why weight restrictions are essential in court efficiency studies) Chair: Theodore Panagiotidis

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Session C 15:30 - 17:30	ROOM A
Chair: Senterre Thomas	*Labour, Migration & Wage Inequality*

1. Institutional Mediation of Human and Social Capital in the Labour-Market Integration of Ukrainian Refugee Mothers in the Czech Republic
   Alisa Lapyhina (European Research University, Czech Republic)

2. Banned from Working: Female Labour Exclusion and Welfare Loss in Afghanistan
   Lena Uzelac (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy)

3. The interplay between formal and informal institutions and their impact on the integration of migrants in the labor market
   Emna Zouari (University of Foggia, Italy)

4. Does Field of Study Shape the Gender Wage Gap? The Role of Migration Background
   Senterre Thomas (Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium)

Session C 15:30 - 17:30	ROOM B
Chair: Juan Pascual Torres	*Inequality, Public Policy & Social Outcomes*

1. Wealth, Diversification and Return Heterogeneity in Brussels and Antwerp
   Nicolas Brenninkmeijer (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

2. Public Expenditure on Education and the Quality of Educational Services in Poland and Selected EU Countries, 2015–2025
   Jacub Barucha (Kielce University of Technology, Poland)

3. Does Risk Shape Economies? Income Volatility and Structural Change
   Andrea Motolla (University of Cagliari, Italy)

4. From Detention to Prevention: Using Education to Foster Safer Neighborhoods
   Juan Pascual Torres (University of Barcelona, Spain)

Session C 15:30 - 17:30	ROOM C
Chair: Ottavia Capozzi	*Health Economics & Public Health*

1. Provider Behaviour and Quality of Care: Causal Evidence from Deviations in Intended Surgical Management
   Santiago Palacio Ciro (University of York, UK)

2. Pandemics, Inclusive Growth, and the Role of Public Health Expenditure: Evidence from Local Projections
   Selin Ozdamar (University of Lisbon, Portugal)

3. From Treatment to Safety: The Role of Substance Use Treatment in Preventing Intimate Partner Violence
   Catarina Meneses (Northeastern University, USA)

4. Of Mice and Women The Health Returns to Sex-Inclusive Biomedical Research in the US
   Ottavia Capozzi (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain)

Session C 15:30 - 17:30	ROOM D
Chair: Francesca Macchia	*Asset Pricing & Financial Markets*

1. Fund Portfolio Regularization and the Low-Volatility Anomaly
   Myftar Mema (Catholic University, Milan, Italy)

2. Market Stress, Energy-Transition Shocks, and the ESG-Conventional Equity Spread: Quantile Evidence from European Equity Indices
   Gabriel Robert Saiu (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)

3. Macro-Financial Transmission and Tail Risk in Central and Eastern European Equity Markets
   Ionescu Iulian-Gabriel (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)

4. Quantile-based Asset Pricing and Physical Climate Risk
   Francesca Macchia (LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy)

Saturday, 11th July 2026

Session D 09:00 - 11:00	ROOM A
Chair: Gabriele Maugeri	*Monetary Policy & Inflation*

1. Is monetary policy affecting inequality? A cross-country analysis
   Pietro Zanetti (LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy)

2. Sectoral Structure and the Real Effects of Monetary Policy: Evidence from US States-Sectors Responses
   Dalya Bakry (University of Milan & University of Pavia, Italy)

3. Inflation Dynamics Beyond the Mean: A Time-Varying Multiple-Quantile Phillips Curve with Quantile-Heterogenous Slopes
   Tibor Pal (University of Salerno, Italy)

4. Subjective Monetary Policy Rule
   Gabriele Maugeri (Bocconi University, Italy)

Session D 09:00 - 11:00	ROOM B
Chair: Eva Maria Perez Martel	*Firm Dynamics, Markets & Managerial Outcomes*

1. Do well, sell well: Pricing ESG rating divergence in M&A deals
   Joel Sarkisyan (Zeppelin University, Germany)

2. Passive Ownership and Market Selection: Evidence from U.S. Zombie Companies
   Gennaro Brosco (University of Naples Federico II, Italy)

3. Unequal Pay for Equal Luck: The Pay of Managers versus Workers
   Angelina Odintsova (Aarhus University, Denmark)

4. Peer-Effects in the Private Market
   Eva Maria Perez Martel (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)

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Session D 09:00 - 11:00	**ROOM C**
Chair: Alessandro Ciferri	*Energy, Water & Environmental Regulation*

1. Credit Access, Financial Stress, and Participation in Residential Energy Retrofit: Evidence from Owner-Occupied Multifamily Buildings.
   Aniko Dobi-Rozsa (University of Pannonia, Hungary)

2. Oil Demand under Structural Adjustment: Cointegration Evidence from Greece (2002–2024)
   Ioannis Iliadis (University of Macedonia, Greece)

3. Revenue Cap Regulation, Demand uncertainty, Incentives in Electricity Networks
   Evelina Jansson (Umeå University, Sweden)

4. The Effects of Regulation on Investments in Water Markets: the Italian Case
   Alessandro Ciferri (LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy)

Session D 09:00 - 11:00	**ROOM D**
Chair: Anastasiia Lisovaia	*Behavioural, Data Sharing & Applied Methods*

1. Experiment-based approaches to risk aversion
   Laura Vasile (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)

2. Bayesian hierarchical model for TV attribution: an e-commerce case study
   Mihai Bizovi (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)

3. A Design-Based Approach to Network Interference under Egocentric Sampling
   Faranak Alikhah (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy)

4. Maximising Data Sharing: Individual or Intermediary-mediated Choice?
   Anastasiia Lisovaia (LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy)

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Session E 11:20 - 13:20	ROOM A
Chair: Takondwa Chauma	*International Macro, Trade & Structural Transformation*

1. The evolution of China's labor market institutions: as a source of comparative advantage and social inequality
   Yanrong Guo (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland)

2. Beyond borders in reverse: Do multinational deinternationalize or reorganize in the age of sino-US hegemonic rivarly
   Niko Ippendorf (Technische Universität Berlin, Germany)

3. Demand-side Effects of Income Inequality on Structural Transformation
   Santiago Gamba-Santamaria (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain)

4. Macroeconomic dynamics of foreign aid in small open sub-Saharan African economies
   Takondwa Chauma (University of Sheffield, UK)

Session E 11:20 - 13:20	ROOM B
Chair: Katharina Koeppl	*Education, Gender & Human Capital*

1. Schooling the Status Quo: How Policy-Induced Education Reduces Traditional Gender Norms in Nigeria
   Desmond Mbe-Nyire Mpuure (University of Alicante, Spain)

2. Who's in the Exam Room? Gender Composition and Student Performance
   Yushao Ye (NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Norway)

3. When Cash Comes Late: Impact of a Conditional Cash Transfer on Female Education in India.
   Milind Milind (Bocconi University, Italy)

4. Apprenticeship Training and Establishment-Level Worker Churn: Evidence from Germany
   Katharina Koeppl (Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany)

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Session E 11:20 - 13:20	ROOM C
Chair: Nurlan Pashazade	*Political Economy, Institutions & Historical Development*

1. Proximity to public institutions and economic development. Lessons from the capital relocation in Kazakhstan
   Zhaniya Idrissova (Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium)

2. Sick of Waiting: Historical Disease and the Demographic Transition Dynamics
   Evi Antonopoulou (Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece)

3. Domestic Ownership of Reforms in Times of Crisis: Evidence from Five Eurozone Bailout Cases.
   Ioanna Litsiou (University of Macedonia, Greece)

4. Decomposing Institutional Frictions: How Formal and Informal Distances Shape Trade Across Economic Complexity Levels
   Nurlan Pashazade (University of Latvia, Latvia)

14:30 - 15:30	**Keynote Speech: Judit Vall Castello** Title: Inequality in women's health Chair: Theologos Pantelidis

Session F 15:30 - 17:30	ROOM A
Chair: Iginio Marchesini Reggiani	*Financial Markets, Sovereign Risk & Portfolio Allocation*

1. Non-Gaussian Dependence and Long-Memory Effects in Thematic Energy Portfolio Allocation: A DCC-GARCH and Fractional HRP Framework
   Bogdan Liviu Mihai (Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania)

2. Counterfactual SVAR: The case of BTP-Bund Spreads
   Antonio Piacetino (LUISS Guido Carli University, Italy)

3. BigTech Credit-Market Competition and Financial Stability
Gustavo Noguera (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)

4. An Optimal Policy Perspective On Volcker Disinflation
Iginio Marchesini Reggiani (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain)

Session F 15:30 - 17:30	**ROOM B**
Chair: Yi Tang	*Education, Family & Human Capital*

1. Social Interactions and the Dynamics of Parental Leave Take-Up in a Discrete Choice Model
Emma Fantappiè (Tuscan University, Italy)

2. Shaping Social Norms: The Effects of Sex Education on Gender Gaps in Labor Market Outcomes
Maddalena Grignani (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain)

3. Parental Belief, Parental Investment and Children's Outcomes
Yi Tang (University of Surrey, UK)

4. Do Teachers Favour Girls in Grading? A Difference-in-Differences Study Based on England Cohort and Administrative Data
Yi Tang (University of Surrey, UK)

Session F 15:30 - 17:30	**ROOM C**
Chair: Sharif Sonaina	*Public Governance & Organisational Innovation*

1. Community-Based Social Innovation in the Care Economy: Cross-Cultural Adaptation of the Parents' House Model
Judit Regos (Széchenyi István University, Hungary)

2. The Paradox of Efficiency: Reactive Ambidexterity and Resource Allocation in Public University IT Departments
Nora Noceir (University of Mons, Belgium)

3. Governance Friction and the Fragmented Implementation of Data-Driven Innovation in Healthcare
Aiga Balode (Riga Stradins University, Latvia)

4. Resilience and Innovation in a UK Health Charity: A Case Study of the British Heart Foundation during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
Sharif Sonaina (University of South Wales, UK)