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Workshop Programme

Pathways to Future Regional Development

11-12 June 2026, Bolzano/Bozen (Italy)

To attend in **person**, please register [here](#).

To attend **online**, please use the following login credentials:

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Webinar-ID: 857 9488 3949

Kenncode:457653

Day 1 – Academic Sessions & Keynotes

Workshop location: [Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen](#)

09:00 – 09:30 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 09:45 | Opening Remarks

- Welcome from the organisers
- Overview of the workshop objectives and structure
- Introduction of participants and the day's agenda



09:45 – 10:45 | Keynote Lecture 1

Title: "Rethinking human capital"

Speaker: Frank Neffke (Complexity Science Hub)

10:45 – 11:45 | Session 1:

Who Benefits from Technology? Inequality, Adoption, and Growth

- Isaac K. Ofori: Frontier Technology Readiness, Democracy, and Income Inequality in Africa
- Jayati Chatterjee: Internet Adoption, Gender and Productivity in Informal Firms in India

11:45 – 12:00 | Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00 | Session 2:

Unpacking Labour Market Inequality: Skills, Gender, and Structure

- Federico Colozza: Evolving Pathways in the EU: How Industrial and Skill Capabilities Shape Regional Income Inequality
- Adeniran Adeboye: Structural or Compositional? Recent Employee-Level Evidence on the Gender Pay Gap in Italy

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch



14:00 – 15:00 | Keynote Lecture 2

Title: “Where Bytes Meet Watts: Mapping the geography of Twin Transition technologies”

Speaker: Sandro Montresor (University of Trento)

15:00- 16:00 | Session 3:

Navigating the Green Transition: Resilience, Complexity, and Labour

- Giuseppe Simone: Economic Complexity and environmental patterns across Italian Territories
- Arjay Dineros: Investigating the simultaneity of transport decarbonization, social impact institutions, and inclusive governance: Insights from Italy

16:00 – 16:15 | Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:45 | Session 4:

Regional Development, Attractiveness, and Economic Outcomes

- Simon Delage: Measuring attractiveness with FLAIR
- Matthias Fuchs: Tourism’s contribution to regional sustainable development: An occupation-based modelling and circular economic perspective
- Chandan Sharma: Who Cuts Travel First? Income Shocks and Heterogeneity in Tourism Spending

18:15 | **Workshop Dinner** (only for presenters and organising committee)

Dinner location: [Eurac Research](#)

Day 2 – Policy Engagement & Field Visit

Location: [NOI Techpark South Tyrol](#)

08:30 – 09:00 | Arrival at NOI Techpark



09:00 – 11:00 | Policymakers Panel

Title: “Bridging Worlds: Connecting Research, Policy, and Innovation Ecosystems”

Speakers: Carlo Menon (Spatial Productivity Lab, OECD, Trento) and Vincent Mauroit (NOI Techpark)

11:00 – 12:00 | Visit to NOI Techpark South Tyrol

- Guided tour of the innovation hub
- Introduction to its role in regional innovation and technology transfer

12:30 End of Workshop