

**12-13
NOVEMBER
2026**

Bocconi University
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Piazza Sraffa 13
Milano

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DONDENA

CENTRE FOR RESEARCH
ON SOCIAL DYNAMICS
AND PUBLIC POLICY

The Future of Social Science **The DONDENA 20th Anniversary Conference**

12 NOVEMBER | 2:00 – 6:00 pm

2:00 – 2:30 pm

Welcome Addresses

Francesco Billari Rector, Bocconi University
Guido Alfani Director, DONDENA Centre,
Bocconi University

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Round Table: Twenty Years of DONDENA

Chair Paloma Lopez-Garcia IEP, Bocconi
University

Guido Alfani Director, DONDENA Centre,
Bocconi University
Francesco Billari Rector, Bocconi University
Marco Bonetti Bocconi University
Vincenzo Galasso Bocconi University
Ross MacMillan University of Limerick

3:30 – 5:30 pm

Session 1: Politics & Inequality

Chair Alexandros Kentikelenis Bocconi
University

Post-Neoliberal Publics? Evidence from Cross-National Survey Data

Adam Goldstein Princeton University

Beyond Weberian Growth: Protestantism, Welfare, and Inequality in the Long Run

Felix Schaff Bocconi University

The Politics of the Emerging AI backlash: Inequality, Perceptions of Power, and Voter Preferences over AI

Jane Gingrich University of Oxford

What You Earn - or What It Creates? How Occupation Shapes Tax Preferences

Mariadolores Schiavone Bocconi University

5:30 pm

Alberto Dondena and the Founding of the Dondena Centre: A Remembrance

Giorgio Arlati and **Gianpiero Molinari**
Representatives of the Dondena Family

13 NOVEMBER | 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

8.30 – 10:00 pm

Session 2: Artificial Intelligence, Technological Change and Gender Inequality

Chair Paola Profeta Bocconi University

The Impact of Formative Assessment on Behavior-Based Socioemotional Skills on Students' Outcomes

Caterina Calsamiglia Barcelona
Supercomputing Center

Automating Inequality? Gender Bias in AI-mediated Labor Markets

Germain Gauthier Bocconi University
joint with K. Ellass, D. Nozza and P. Profeta

Automation and Gender: Implications for Occupational Segregation and the Gender Skill Gap

Feng Jing National University Singapore
with P. Cortés, N. Guida-Johnson, J. Pan

10:00 – 10:30 pm

Coffee Break

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10:30 – 12:30 pm

Session 3: The Global Fertility Decline

Chair **Nicoletta Balbo** Bocconi University

Preferences or Preconditions? Making Sense of Low Fertility across Countries

Letizia Mencarini Bocconi University

Low Fertility Goes Global: Trends, Drivers, and Uncertain Futures

Tomas Sobotka Vienna Institute of Demography

The rise of ART: What it Means for Fertility – and for Whom

Alice Goisis University College London

Too Early to Abandon Hope? Fertility Decline in the Nordic Countries

Peter Fallesen Rockwool Foundation

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Session 4: Archaeology and Social Science

Chair **Guido Alfani** Bocconi University

The Past as Social Science: Archaeological Perspectives on Governance, Urbanisation, and Inequality

Dan Lawrence Durham University

Archaeological Data, Social Science, and Economic Inequality in the Ancient Past

Mattia Fochesato Bocconi University

Collective Governance in Global History

Federica Carugati King's College London

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Session 5: The Great Transfer of Wealth, Income and Power

Chair **Pablo Beramendi** Duke University

The great global reallocation of personal income positions and power

Branko Milanovic Stone Center, CUNY

The demography of the Great Wealth Transfer

Arnstein Aassve Bocconi University

Adapting in a fair way: what Europe's demographic transformation demands of policy – and of science

Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak Warsaw School of Economics

4:30 – 6:00 pm

Session 6: Pandemic Threats and Society

Chair **Simone Ghislandi** Bocconi University

Modeling as Public Health Service: From Outbreak Forecasting to the Design of Surveillance Systems

Alessandro Vespignani Northeastern University

Beyond the Curve: How Demography, Social Structure, and Human Behavior Shape Epidemics

Alessia Melegaro Bocconi University

Assembling the Puzzle: Multimodal Data for More Representative and Equitable Epidemic Modelling

Lorenzo Lucchini Fondazione Bruno Kessler

6:00 pm

Final Aperitivo

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