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The Future of Social Science

The DONDENA 20th Anniversary Conference

12-13 NOVEMBER 2026

Bocconi University
Leonardo del Vecchio Building
Room N01
Piazza Sraffa 13
Milano

Registration required
REGISTRATION FORM

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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 ICREA at the Barcelona Supercomputing Center

Automating Inequality? Gender Bias in AI-mediated Labor Markets
Germain Gauthier Bocconi University
joint with **K. Elass**, **D. Nozza** and **P. Profeta**

Automation and Gender: Implications for Occupational Segregation and the Gender Skill Gap
Feng Jing Monash University
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 if 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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