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Sardinian Early-career
Economics Dialogue

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DiSea, University of Sassari

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Objectives

Sardinia Early-career in Economics Dialogue (SEED) is a collaborative forum designed to bring together early-career researchers from the Departments of Economics and Business of the Universities of Cagliari and Sassari. The SEED Workshop provides a structured yet informal space where participants can present their work, learn about one another's research agendas, exchange feedback, and identify opportunities for cooperation. By fostering dialogue across fields and institutions, SEED aims to cultivate a growing network of young scholars, encourage cross-fertilization of ideas, and support the development of joint projects and long-term collaborations. Participation is open to all members of the Departments of Economics and Business of the Universities of Cagliari and Sassari, and to CRENoS members.

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Organizers

Local organizing committee

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Program

Monday, December 1

15:00 – 15:30	Opening and welcome. Marco Delogu (UNISS) - Welcome Francesca Ghinami (UNICA) - Network visualizations
15:30 – 16:30	Session I: Behaviour, Responsibility, and the Environment Chair: Mariachiara Tedde Gabriele Ballicu – Bridging the Intention–Action Gap in Prosocial Behaviour Alessandro Salis – Individual Responsibility and Social Expectations: An Experiment on Exploiting and Restoring the Environment Mariachiara Tedde - Every Cloud has a Silver Lining: the Good Side of Over-confidence
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee Break
17:00 – 18:15	Session II: Firms, Technology, and Environmental Adaptation Chair: Andrea Belmartino Faisal Rasool - Building Circular Economies with Open Innovation: Methods and Projects Nicola Pischedda - The Drivers of Firm-Level Climate Adaptation: An Empirical Analysis of Innovation and Environmental Impacts Andrea Belmartino - Social Capital and ecological practices: the role of bonding, bridging and linking in farming
18:15 – 18:45	Round tables: Exploring Research Synergies
18:45 – 19:15	Discussion and Closing of the day
20.00	Social Dinner

Tuesday, December 2

09:30 – 10:45	<p>Session III: Innovation, Development and Structural Change</p> <p>Chair: Francesca Ghinami</p> <p>Alberto Tidu – Measuring Local Variety: A Distance-Based Approach to Spatial Concentration and Structural Change</p> <p>Virginia Angius - Cognitive Infrastructures of the Digital State: Institutional Sensemaking under Technological Disruption</p> <p>Federico Aresu – EU Cohesion Policy and Regional Development: A Regression Discontinuity Analysis</p> <p>Francesca Ghinami – Mapping the Twin Transition: Automated Identification of Green and Digital Patents</p>
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:15	<p>Session IV: Education, Social Capital, and Labour Market Dynamics</p> <p>Chair: Fernanda Gutiérrez</p> <p>Andrea Carta – Prediction of STEM Student Wage in Italy</p> <p>Ilenia Bertacche – Why Researchers Move: Professors' Mobility Trends in Italian Universities</p> <p>Fernanda Gutiérrez – Mass-layoffs and Education</p>
12:15 – 12:30	Short Break
12:30 – 13:30	<p>Session V: Institutions, History, and Governance</p> <p>Chair: Andrea Caria Fabio Angei – Text as Data: An Analysis of Italian News on Workplace Accidents</p> <p>Sonia Cocco – Defining the Concept of Political Will and a Model for Its Assessment in the Italian Regional Governments</p> <p>Andrea Caria – The Shadow of Rome: Fascism, Nation Building and Modern Politics</p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch Break

14:30 – 15:45	<p>Session VI: Learning and Mobility in Higher Education</p> <p>Chair: Simone Nobili</p> <p>Elisa Melis - Non-Cognitive Skills and Gender Differences in Academic Achievement: a cohort analysis</p> <p>Alessio Garau – Risk Aversion and Strategic Decision-Making: Evidence from University Housing Allocation</p> <p>Boris K. Bilao – The Airbnb’s effect on the International students’ choice of University</p> <p>Simone Nobili – AI and Students’ Performance in (Online) Higher Education</p>
15:45 – 16:15	Final Discussion & Concluding Remarks