## PROGRAMME

### Counterfactual Methods for Policy Impact Evaluation, COMPIE

**Rome 27-28 November 2014**

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Session 1: Plenary Session 1
November 27, 2014, 9:00 to 10:45, Room A

Session Chair: Santiago Loranca-Garcia, European Commission DG EMPL

- Welcome by a representative of the Italian Government
- Introductory notes by Santiago Loranca-Garcia (EC DG EMPL) and Andrea Saltelli (EC DG JRC)
- Lessons from Randomized Control Trials and other Evaluations of ALMPs: Jochen Kluve, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Session 2: S01 Employment and social inclusion policies
November 27, 2014, 11:15 to 13:00, Room A

Session Chair: Santiago Loranca Garcia, European Commission, DG EMPL

- Post-secondary vocational training course: are they effective for Italian unemployed youth with a high school diploma? By Paolo Severati; ISFOL
- Reemployment and substitution effects from increased activation: Evidence from times of crisis; By Pedro Martins; Queen Mary, University of London
- Knowledge gaps in evaluating labour market and social inclusion policies. Use of counterfactual impact evaluations; By Cristina Bratu and Stefano Lombardi; Uppsala University, Margarida Rodrigues, Giulia Santangelo and Anna Shaleva European Commission, DG JRC

Session 3: S02 Immigration policies
November 27, 2014, 11:15 to 13:00, Room B

Session Chair: Peter Benczur, EC JRC Ispra

- Mr. Rossi, Mr. Hu and politics. The role of immigration in shaping natives’ political preferences; By Paolo Naticchioni; University of Roma Tre
• Clicking on Heaven's Door: The Effect of Immigrant Legalization on Crime; By Paolo Pinotti; Università Bocconi
• Does access to free health insurance crowd-out remittances? Evidence from Mexico's Seguro Popular; By Pedro Paulo Orraca Romano; University of Sussex
• Directing remittances to education through soft and hard commitments: Evidence from a lab-in-the-field experiment and new product take-up among Filipino migrants in Rome; By Giuseppe De Arcangelis; Sapienza University of Rome, Majlinda Joxhe; IPA, David McKenzie and Erwin Tiongson; The World Bank; Dean Yang; University of Michigan

Session 4: SP1 Poster Session 1
November 27, 2014, 13:00 to 14:30, Ground floor

• Shall I Follow my Brother? Peer Effects in Living Arrangements; By Ainhoa Aparicio Fenoll and Veruska Oppedisano; Collegio Carlo Alberto.
• Impact Evaluation of Cereal Banking on Food and Livelihood Security of Rural Households in The Gambia; By Raymond Jatta; University of Cheikh Anta Diop
• The Impact of the “Free Choice” Work/Family Reforms of France and Belgium. A Synthetic Control Analysis; By Federico Podestà; Bruno Kessler Foundation
• Synthesizing Cash for Clunkers - Effects on the New Car Market; By Gregor Pfeifer and Stefan Kloessner; Saarland University
• Counterfactual impact evaluation of EU funded enterprise support in Portugal; By Ricardo Mamede; ISCTE- IUL and Dinâmia'CET
• Use of Genetic and Coarsened Exact matching to evaluate the effect of university scholarships; By Grazia Graziosi; University of Trieste

Session 5: S03 Active Labour Market policies 1
November 27, 2014, 14:30 to 16:15, Room A

Session Chair: Marco Caliendo, University of Potsdam
• The impacts of training-intensive labour market policies on NEET’s labour and educational prospects: evidence from Catalonia (Spain); By Miquel Àngel Alegre; Federico A. Todeschini; David Casado;
Jordi Sanz; Catalan Institute of Public Policy Evaluation – Ivalua

- Evaluating a Danish welfare-to-work experiment: Long-term outcomes; By Sofie Brodersen; Aarhus University
- Competing Policies? The Effectiveness of Early Vacancy Information and its Effects on ALMP Use; By Ricarda Schmidl; University of Mannheim, IZA
- Why do tougher caseworkers increase employment? The role of programme assignment as a causal mechanism; By Martin Huber; Michael Lechner; University of St Gallen; Giovanni Mellace; University of Southern Denmark

Session 6: S04 Gender issues
November 27, 2014, 14:30 to 16:15, Room B

Session Chair: Beatrice d'Hombres, European Commission DG JRC

- Parental Benefits and Mothers’ Labor Market Outcomes in the Medium Run; By Jochen Kluve; Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin; Sebastian Schmitz; Freie Universität Berlin
- Effects of Early Childhood Intervention on Maternal Employment, Fertility and Well-Being. Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial; By Malte Sandner; Lower Saxony Institute for Economic Research
- The evolution of the gender wage gap: 1968-2008; By Blaise Melly; University of Bern; Giulia Santangelo; European Commission, DG JRC
- Do partial disability pensions close the earnings gap? By Miguel Malo; University of Salamanca; Begoña Cueto; University of Oviedo

Session 7: S05 Active Labour Market policies 2
November 27, 2014, 16:45 to 18:30, Room A

Session Chair: Michael Rosholm, Aarhus University

- Effectiveness of Sequences of Classroom Trainings: What works best in West Germany? By Katharina Dengler; Institute for Employment Research
- The Role of Sickness in the Evaluation of Job Search Assistance and Sanctions; By Gerard van den Berg; Barbara Hofmann and
Arne Uhlendorff; University of Mannheim

- Does housing tenure affect the response of claimants to stricter job search requirements? Evidence from the UK Jobseeker's Allowance; By Andrea Morescalchi; Paolo Paruolo; European Commission, DG JRC

- When the Going Gets Tough...Reducing Benefits in the Aftermath of the Great Recession; By Yolanda F. Rebollo-Sanz; Universidad Pablo de Olavide; Nuria Rodriguez-Planas; IZA Bonn

**Session 8: S06 Social policies**
**November 27, 2014, 16:45 to 18:30, Room B**

Session Chair: Paolo Naticchioni, University of Roma Tre

- Equalization of opportunity: Definitions, implementable conditions and application to early-childhood policy evaluation; By Francesco Andreoli; CEPS/INSTEAD and University of Verona; Tarjei Havnes; University of Oslo; Arnaud Lefranc; University of Cergy-Pontoise

- Nudges at the Dentist; By Christian Traxler; Hertie School of Governance

- Breaking down the wall between Nature and Nurture: An exploration of gendered work preferences in East and West Germany; By Miriam Beblo; Universität Hamburg; Luise Goerges; Universität Hamburg
Session 9: Plenary Session 2
November 28, 2014, 9:00 to 10:45, Room A

Session Chair: Georg Fischer; European Commission, DG EMPL

- Counterfactual impact evaluation is crucial for employment programmes; By Georg Fischer; European Commission, DG EMPL
- Poorly Measured Confounders are More Useful on the Left Than on the Right; By Joern-Steffen Pischke; London School of Economics

Session 10: S07 Active Labour Market policies
November 28, 2014, 11:15 to 13:00, Room A

Session Chair: Georg Fischer, European Commission, DG EMPL

- The Minimum Guaranteed Income in the Province of Trento: Evidence from an Impact Evaluation; By Loris Vergolini; Bruno Kessler Foundation
- The Labour Market Lessons from Youth Guarantee - Evidence from a Finnish reform; By Ulla Hämäläinen; Social Insurance Institution Finland; Kari Hämäläinen; Juha Tuomala; Government Institute for Economic Research
- The effect of a mixed passive and active labour market policy: Evidence from an Italian programme for dismissed workers; By Enrico Rettore; Università degli Studi di Padova
- Evaluating the Effects of Lengths of Participation in the Workforce Investment Act Adult Program via Decomposition Analysis; By Wallice Ao; University of Wisconsin-Madison; Ying-Ying Lee; University of Oxford

Session 11: S08 Counterfactual Methods
November 28, 2014, 11:15 to 13:00, Room B

Session Chair: Andrea Morescalchi, European Commission, DG JRC

- Unobservable, but Unimportant? The Influence of Personality Traits (and Other Usually Unobserved Variables) for the Estimation of Treatment Effects; By Marco Caliendo; University of Potsdam;
Robert Mahlstedt; IZA Bonn; Oscar Mitnik; FDIC

- Bias of Causal Effect Estimators Using Pre-Policy Outcomes; By Sylvain Chabe-Ferret; Toulouse School of Economics
- Randomization in Dynamic Settings: Estimating Ex-Ante and Ex-Post Treatment Effects; By Stephen Kastoryano; University of Mannheim; Bas van der Klaauw; VU
- Identification and Estimation of Treatment Effects in the Presence of Neighbourhood Interactions; By Giovanni Cerulli; CNR

Session 12: SP2 Poster Session 2
November 28, 2014, 13:00 to 14:30, Ground floor

- Assessing the Lisbon Strategy. A Macro difference-in-difference approach. By Sergio Destefanis; University of Salerno
- High-Speed Internet and Firm Productivity: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from the Province of Trento; By Simone Schüller; Giulia Canzian; Samuele Poy; IRVAPP
- The relationship between panel and synthetic control estimators of the effect of civil war; By Vincenzo Bove; University of Warwick; Leandro Elia; European Commission, DG JRC; Ron Smith; Birkbeck College
- Students well being and family involment in schools. Challenges in designing an experimental action based on Family Group Conference approach; By Gianluca Argentin; University of Milan Bicocca
- Educational mismatch: Is overeducation persistent or temporary? By Elena Meroni; Stefano Lombardi; Esperanza Vera-Toscano; European Commission, DG JRC

Session 13: S09 Education policies 1
November 28, 2014, 14:30 to 16:15, Room A

Session Chair: Sylke Schnepf, European Commission, DG JRC

- In a Small Moment: Class Size and Moral Hazard in the Mezzogiorno; By Joshua Angrist; Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Erich Battistin; Queen Mary University of London; Daniela Vuri; University of Rome Tor Vergata
- Trying to raise (low) math achievement and to promote (rigorous)
policy evaluation in Italy. Evidence from a large scale randomized trial; By Giovanni Abbiati

- New Evidence on the Effects of the Shortened School Duration in Germany - An Evaluation of Post-School Education Decisions; By Tobias Meyer; Stephan Thomsen; NIW Hannover

- Adverse effects of increased education efficiency? The impact of shortening high school tenure on graduation age, grade repetitions and graduation rates; By Mathias Huebener; DIW Berlin, German Institute for Economic Research; Jan Marcus; DIW Berlin

**Session 14: S10 Credit and taxation policies**  
**November 28, 2014, 14:30 to 16:15, Room B**

Session Chair: Daniele Bondonio, University of Piemonte Orientale

- Public Guarantees to SME Borrowing. An RDD Evaluation; By Alessio D'Ignazio; Guido de Blasio; Paolo Finaldi Russo; Bank of Italy; Lavinia Stoppani; Università di Milano Bicocca

- Internal Migration and Financing Availability: Evidence from Thailand; By Cecilia Poggi; University of Sussex

- Employment Tax Credits and Job Creation Trends in SMEs: Evidence from a Policy Intervention in Italy; By Maria Teresa Monteduro; Marco Manzo; Finance Department (Ministry of Economy and Finance) Federica Alivernini; Daniela Bucci; Jacopo Canello; Fabrizio De Grandis; Marco Mastracci; Paolo Pavone; Soluzioni per il Sistema Economico S.p.A.

- Income Taxation, Transfers and Labour Supply at the Extensive Margin; By Peter Benczur; EC JRC Ispra; Gabor Katay; Banque de France; Aron Kiss; European Commission; Oliver Racz; Central European University

**Session 15: S11 Education policies 2**  
**November 28, 2014, 16:45 to 18:00, Room A**

Session Chair: Enrico Rettore, Università degli Studi di Padova

- Educational Attainment of Second-Generation Immigrants: A U.S. - Canada Comparison; By Xingfei Liu; IZA Bon Germany

- Selecting University Professors in Italy: much “ado” about nothing?
By Daniele Checchi; Stefano Verzillo; University of Milan

- The Mirage of Elite Schools: Evidence from Lottery-based School Admissions in China; By Hongliang Zhang; The Chinese University of Hong Kong

**Session 16: S12 Competitiveness policies**

**November 28, 2014, 16:45 to 18:00, Room B**

Session Chair: Leandro Elia, European Commission, DG JRC

- Beyond the SUTVA: how policy evaluations change when we allow for interactions among firms; By Augusto Cerqua; University of Westminster; Guido Pellegrini; Department of Economic and Social Analyses

- Employment Effect of Innovation; By d'Artis Kancs; European Commission; Boriss Siliverstovs; ETH Zurich

- Is it profitable to be green? Preliminary results of an econometric evaluation using Coarsened Exact Matching on survey data; By Cesare Riillo; STATEC