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Understanding Informality through Data: Empirical Approaches, Surveys and Emerging Evidence

University of Salerno, Italy

Building D2 first floor (Aula De Rosa and Aula Foa) – Campus Fisciano, Via Giovanni Paolo II, 132, 84084 Fisciano (SA)

Link:

Room “Gabriele De Rosa” -> Zoom link 1 it will be provided the week before the workshop

Room “Vittorio Foa” -> Zoom link 2 it will be provided the week before the workshop

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PROGRAMME



MONDAY, JUNE 29th, 2026

09.30-10.00. **Opening Session** -> Room "Gabriele De Rosa" -> [link 1](#)

Santos M. Ruesga, Roberto Dell'Anno & Adriana Davidescu, *Chairs of INSEAI WORKSHOP*,
Sergio Destafanis, Director Department of Economics and Statistics - **Università di Salerno**

10.00-11.00. Room "Gabriele De Rosa" (moderated by *Adriana AnaMaria Davidescu*) -> [link 1](#)

KEY SPEAKER 1: Michael Thye Frosch, Senior Statistician at International Labour Organisation

Measuring the Informal Economy: A New International Statistical Standard

11.00-11.30. **COFFEE BREAK** Building D2

11.30-13.10. **PARALLEL SESSIONS 1.**

1.A Room "Gabriele De Rosa" - *Chair: Antonio Abatemarco* -> [link 1](#)

- ♦ **Who works undeclared? And who admits it?**

Leon Boveland *European University Institute, Germany*

- ♦ **Persistence of Labor Informality in Colombia**

Jhon James Mora Rodriguez *Universidad Icesi, Colombia*

- ♦ **Evolution, composition, and probability of being in labor informality in the 23 main cities of Colombia in the period 2019 to 2025**

Esteban Nina Baltazar *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá, Colombia*

Francisca Salinas *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá, Colombia*

- ♦ **Does tax evasion affect income inequality? Evidence from Italian provinces**

Chiara Alaimo *University of International Studies of Rome – UNINT, Department of International Humanities and Social Sciences, Italy*

Amedeo Argentiero *University of Salerno, Department of Political and Communication Sciences, Italy*

Paolo Liberati *University Roma Tre, Department of Economics, Italy*

- ♦ **The Survey on Labour Informality and Informal Wages: Design, Structure and Research Potential**

Dell'Anno Roberto *University of Salerno, Italy*

Parisi Lavinia *University of Salerno, Italy*

Ennaoumi Zouhair *University of Salerno, Italy*

1.B Room "Vittorio Foa" - *Chair: Vasile Strat* -> [link 2](#)

- ♦ **Governing the Circular Economy with Trustworthy AI: Addressing Informality Risks in the European Union**

Luchian (Chiriac) Alina Cornelia *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Ciurea Iulia-Cristina *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Strat Vasile *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

- ♦ **A Two-Part Model of Shadow Economy Participation and Intensity: Evidence from Firm Surveys in Serbia**

Branko Radulovic *University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law Department of Economics, Serbia*

Gorana Krstic *University of Belgrade, Faculty of Economics, Serbia*

- ♦ **Education and Quality of Youth Employment in Comparative Perspective (Argentina, Spain, Italy)**

Ianina Tuñón *Universidad Católica Argentina, Argentina*
Valentina Gonzalez Sisto *Universidad Católica Argentina, Argentina*
Nazarena Bauso *Universidad Católica Argentina, Argentina*

- ♦ **Migrant ROSCAs and Informal Financial Cooperation**
Mónica IBAÑEZ-ANGULO *Universidad De Burgos, Spain*
- ♦ **Beliefs About Informality: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Italy**
Ennaoumi Zouhair *University of Salerno, Italy*

13.15- 14.15. **BUFFET LUNCH Building D2**

14.20-15.20. Room “Gabriele De Rosa” (moderated by *Roberto Dell’Anno*) -> [link 1](#)

KEY SPEAKER: Friedrich Schneider, Professor of Economics at Johannes Kepler University of Linz, Austria
[Doing Research in the Shadows of the “Official” Economy: What do we Know after 40 Years?](#)

15.20-17.10. **PARALLEL SESSIONS 2.**

2.A Room “Gabriele De Rosa” - Chair: Claudia Avossa

Hybrid format (presenters online, attendees in person/remote) -> [link 1](#)

- ♦ **The Shadow Economy and Informal Employment in the Polish Construction Sector**
Andrzej Buszko *Pomeranian University in Slupsk, Poland*
Jordan Klimek *Pomeranian University in Slupsk, Poland*
- ♦ **The Informality Productivity Gap**
Gaaitzen de Vries *Professor of International Trade and Sustainable Development, Groningen Growth and Development Centre (GGDC), University of Groningen, the Netherlands*
Charles Gottlieb *Associate professor of economics, University of Geneva, Switzerland*
Lara Hauck *Groningen Growth and Development Centre (GGDC), University of Groningen, the Netherlands*
- ♦ **Labor Market Polarization under Formal–Informal Dualism: Tasks, Wages, and Dutch Disease in Colombia**
Sarango-Iturralde Alexander *Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne & IRD, France*
Desdoigts Alain *Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne & IRD, France*
Andrés García-Suaza *Universidad del Rosario, Colombia*
Jaramillo Fernando *Universidad del Rosario, Colombia*
Fernandez Cristina *Universidad del Rosario, Colombia*
- ♦ **The Informal Economy in Transition: Undeclared Work and Tax Evasion in Greece**
Aliko Vaxevanoglou *Research Center for Greek Society, Academy of Athens, Greece*

2.B Room “Vittorio Foa” - Chair: Eduard Mihai Manta

Hybrid format (presenters online, attendees in person/remote) -> [link 2](#)

- ♦ **Estimating the Informal Economy: A Meta-Analysis of Measurement Approaches**
Davidescu AnaMaria Adriana *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*
Dell’Anno Roberto *University of Salerno, Italy*
Birlan Ioana *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*
Petrascu Maria Gianina *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

- ◆ **Labor Informality from a Situated Perspective: A Methodological Experience in Jujuy, Argentina**
 Laura Andrea Golovanevsky *(CONICET-UNJu), CESDE (FCE-UNJu), Argentina*
 Paula Arévalo *CIITeD (CONICET-UNJu), CESDE (FCE-UNJu), Argentina*
 Natividad González *CIITeD (CONICET-UNJu), CESDE (FCE-UNJu), FHyCS (UNJu), Argentina*
 Florencia Nieva *CIITeD (CONICET-UNJu), CESDE (FCE-UNJu), FHyCS (UNJu), Argentina*
 María Agustina Romero *CIITeD (CONICET-UNJu), CESDE (FCE-UNJu), FHyCS (UNJu), Argentina*
 Lucía Scalone *CIITeD (CONICET-UNJu), CESDE (FCE-UNJu), FHyCS (UNJu), Argentina*

- ◆ **Written Record-Keeping among Informal Firms in Peru: An Explainable Machine Learning Approach**
 Bogdan Diaconu *"Constantin Brancusi" University of Tg Jiu, Romania*

- ◆ **Bribery, Competition, and Voter Heterogeneity: A Laboratory Experiment**
 Colasante Annarita *Unitelma Sapienza University of Rome, Italy*
 Caferra Rocco *University of Bari, Italy*
 Imami Drini *Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania*
 Merkaj Elvina *Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy*

- ◆ **A Multidimensional Informality Dashboard for Romania: Indicators, Data Sources, and Monitoring Framework**
 The BUES INSEAI team

20.45. SOCIAL DINNER at Ristorante Al Virtuoso, Via S. Pertini, 6, Salerno

TUESDAY, JUNE 30th, 2026

09.30-10.50. PARALLEL SESSIONS 3.

3.A Room "Gabriele De Rosa" - Chair: Lavinia Parisi -> [link 1](#)

- ◆ **Inflation Thresholds and the Shadow Economy: Evidence from a Nonlinear Panel Framework**
 Ciucci Salvatore *Department of Economics, Unicampania, Italy*
 Alfano Maria Rosaria *Department of Economics, Unicampania, Italy*
 Barassi Marco *Department of Economics, University of Birmingham, UK*
 Spagnolo Nicola *Department of Economics, Unicampania, Italy, Brunel University of London, UK*

- ◆ **Informal Labor Market, Inflation and Monetary policy**
 Aniello Piscopo *University of Milan Bicocca, Italy*

- ◆ **Informality, Governance Quality and Fiscal Capacity in Central and Eastern Europe: Does the Choice of Informality Measure Matter?**
 Luljeta Sadiku *Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, International Balkan University, North Macedonia*
 Murat Sadiku *Faculty of Business and Economy, South East European University, North Macedonia*

- ◆ **The Geography of Informality: Evidence of Spatial Spillovers in Central and Eastern European regions**
 Marina-Diana Agafitei *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*
 Maria-Bianca Bolboacă *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*
 Adriana AnaMaria Davidescu *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*
 Zouhair Ennaoumi *University of Salerno, Italy*

3.B Room “Vittorio Foa” - Chair: Zouhair Ennaoumi

Hybrid format (presenters online, attendees in person/remote) -> [link 2](#)

- ◆ Informal Employment from Households Surveys: Stylised Facts and the Gender Issue in MENA countries

Philippe Adair *ERUDITE, Emeritus Prof. of Economics, Paris-Est Créteil University, France*

- ◆ The analysis of informal employment in neighborhoods with high social exclusion in Paterna, a conurbation of Valencia, and its comparison with other areas

Raul Lorente Campos *Universidad de Valencia – UVEG, Spain*

Julián Caicedo Moreno *Universidad de Valencia – UVEG, Spain*

J. Verónica Ramírez Rangel *Universidad de Valencia – UVEG, Spain*

- ◆ Translational properties of news sentiment to macroeconomic factors: Calibration opportunities for the MIMIC Shadow Economy model

Moreno Hernandez Maria Paula *Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia, Colombia*

Julian Santiago Toca *Pontifica Universidad Católica de Chile, Colombia*

Castillo Robayo Cristian Dario *Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia, Colombia*

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Roberto Dell’Anno *University of Salerno, Italy*

Robert Constantin Ștefan *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Ioana Bîrlan *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

10.50-11.20. COFFEE BREAK Building D2

11.20-12.20. Room “Gabriele De Rosa” (moderated by Santos Miguel Ruesga Benito) -> [link 1](#)

KEY SPEAKER 3: Agustin Salvia (in Spanish with simultaneous online translation), Professor-Researcher UBA-UCA-CONICET, Director of the Argentine Social Debt Observatory (UCA)

Beyond the Hidden Economy: Structural Informality, Job Insecurity, and Latin American Lessons for Europe. Rethinking Unregistered Work, Precarious Employment, and the Subsistence Economy from a Comparative Perspective

11.20-13.10. PARALLEL SESSIONS 4.

4.A Room “Vittorio Foa” - Chair: Tamara Nae -> [link 2](#)

- ◆ Estimating and Mapping the Informal Economy in Europe: A Combined Currency Demand and Regional Approach

Maria Cristina Geambașu *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Adriana AnaMaria Davidescu *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Eduard Mihai Manta *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Santos Miguel Ruesga Benito *UAM, Spain*

- ◆ Rethinking Sustainable Development Measurement under Informality

Eduard Mihai Manta *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Adriana AnaMaria Davidescu *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Valeria Lucia Pero *Univerdad Federal de Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

Cristina Maria Geambașu *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

Tamara Maria Nae *Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Romania*

- ♦ **The calculation of informality: a theoretical and empirical challenge. Comparative cases**
Diego Carlos Masello *Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero – ITRAS, Argentina*
- ♦ **Migration Shocks, Informality Traps and Youth Human Capital Investment: Evidence from Colombia (2013–2024)**
Cristian Dario Castillo Robayo *DESH – UPTC, Colombia*
Jacobó Campo Robledo *UAM, Spain*
Julimar da Silva Bichara *UAM, Spain*
- ♦ **The Impact of Migration on Informality and Social Protection: A Comparative Analysis**
Cristian Dario Castillo Robayo *DESH CONSULTORES, Colombia*
Maria Luz Moyano Buitrago *DESH CONSULTORES, Colombia*
Emma Julieth Avila Garavito *DESH CONSULTORES, Colombia*

13.30-15.00. **LUNCH at the University Canteen**

15.20-17.00. **PARALLEL SESSIONS 5.**

5.A Room “Gabriele De Rosa” - Chair: Maria-Bianca Bolboacă

Hybrid format (presenters online, attendees in person/remote) -> link 1

- ♦ **Informality, Labour Market Transitions, Wage Dynamics, and the Job Ladder: Evidence from Harmonised Data in Latin America**
Roxana Maurizio *Universidad De Buenos Aires-Conicet, Argentina*
- ♦ **Trends in informality and job quality across distinct labor market structures (2014-2024)**
Ramiro Robles *FSOC-UBA/ODSA-UCA, Argentina*
Agustín Salvia *FSOC-UBA/ODSA-UCA, Argentina*
Fernando Gallegos Piderit *ODSA-UCA, Argentina*
- ♦ **The duality of informality: Self-organized economies in the face of urban poverty in Costa Rica**
Jorge A. Rodríguez-Soto *National University, Costa Rica*
- ♦ **Does Regional Growth Matter for Structural Change? The Case of Peru, 2007-2023**
Mario Delfin Tello Pacheco *UNMSM PUCP, Peru*
- ♦ **Beyond the Production Frontier: Unpaid Care and Labor Informality in Urban Bolivia**
Fernanda Wanderley *Instituto de Investigaciones Socio-Económicas de la Universidad Católica Boliviana, Bolivia*
Arleth Lafuente *Instituto de Investigaciones Socio-Económicas de la Universidad Católica Boliviana, Bolivia*

5.B Room “Vittorio Foa” - Chair: Cristina Geambaşu

Hybrid format (presenters online, attendees in person/remote) -> link 2

- ♦ **Informality and Earnings Differentials in Brazil**
Adriana Fontes *Macroplan e IE-UFRJ, Brazil*
Danielle Carusi Machado *UFF, Brazil*
Valéria Lucia Pero *IE-UFRJ, Brazil*
- ♦ **Structural and cyclical results about Informality in Brazil**
João Hallak Neto *Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics - IBGE, Brazil*
Danielle Carusi Machado *UFF, Brazil*

- ♦ **Methodological Discussions on the Approach to Labor Informality**

Pablo Granovsky *ITRAS Fundación UOCRA, Argentina*

Daniel Contartese *ITRAS Fundación UOCRA, Argentina*

Fernando Larrosa *ITRAS Fundación UOCRA, Argentina*

- ♦ **Labour Informality, Household Livelihoods and Transitions to Formal Jobs: Evidence from Peruvian Panel Data**

Jackeline Velazco-Portocarrero *University of Girona (Spain) and Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Spain/Peru*

Ramon Ballester *University of Girona, Spain*

Luis Miguel Chirichigno *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru*

Diego Quispe *Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru*

- ♦ **Explaining Informality in Latin America and the Caribbean: Comparative Evidence on Structural and Institutional Determinants**

Roberto Yoan Castillo Dieguez *Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, Mexico*

Laura Helena Caicedo Lopez *Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, Mexico*

José Fernando Vasco Leal *Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, Mexico*

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