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Tuesday 1st: online only

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Program at a glance

Monday 30 November **Face-to-face and Online**		Tuesday 1 December **Online only**	
09:15	Registration of face-to-face participants	10:00–11:30	PARALLEL SESSION 05 Labour markets, migration and informality
09:30–10:00	Opening session and Participant welcome Anabela Mesquita, and Sandrina Francisca Teixeira, Chairs of INSEAI Workshop 4 Santos Ruesga and Julimar da Silva, INSEAI Network Coordinators Manuel Silva, Director of the Faculty of Business, Technical University of Porto	10:00–11:30	PARALLEL SESSION 06 Labour mobility, institutions and formalization
10:00–11:00.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1: Marlene Silva, CEOS.PP, Faculty of Business, Technical University of Porto, Head Human Resource at Eurotux Group (UK)	10:00–11:30	PARALLEL SESSION 07 Technology, structural change, and informal work
11:00–12:30	SESSION 01 Gender, care and labour informality	15:00	PARALLEL SESSION 08 Informal finance and the geography of informal work
12:30–13:30	Lunch	10:00–11:30.	PARALLEL SESSION 09 Institutional Behaviours
14:00–15:00	KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2: Fernando González Laxe, Catedrático de Economía Aplicada, Universidade da Coruña (Spain)	11:30–11:45	Coffee Break
15:00–16:30	SESSION 02 Mobility, regulation and the informal economy	11:45–12:45	KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2: Danielle Carusi, Professor of Universidade Federal Fluminense (Brazil)
16:30–18:00	PARALLEL SESSION 03 Gender, work and household vulnerability	12.45	Closing ceremony of the workshop and farewell to the participants
16:30–18:00	PARALLEL SESSION 04 Informality, Labour and Digitalisation		
20:00-22:00	Workshop dinner		

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 2026

IN PERSON / Sala Nobre do CEOS.PP ROOM

09:15 Registration of face-to-face participants

09:30–10:00. Opening session and Participant welcome (LINK: Monday sessions**)**

Anabela Mesquita, and Sandrina Francisca Teixeira, Chairs of INSEAI Workshop 4

Santos Ruesga and Julimar da Silva, INSEAI Network Coordinators

10:00–11:00. *Chair:* *Anabela Mesquita* **(LINK:** Monday sessions**)**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1: Marlene Silva, (CEOS.PP, Faculty of Business, Technical University of Porto, Head Human Resource at Eurotux Group)

The invisible wage - The informality that lives inside formal employment

11:00–12:30. SESSION 01: *Chair:* *Ana Lima* **(LINK:** Monday sessions**)**

Gender, care and labour informality

Más allá de la tasa de informalidad: género, cuidados y segmentación del mercado laboral costarricense
Diana Ochoa Díaz

- **Strategic Informality? Labour Trajectories and formalization Decisions among Latin American Migrant Women in Domestic and Care Work in Spain and Portugal**
  Emma Ávila Garavito
- **Cultural Distance, Migration and Labour Informality: Exploring the Interplay of Social Norms, Institutions and Economic Constraints**
  Ignacio Picatoste-Novo, *Isabel Novo-Corti*, Xosé Picatoste
- **Limited Alternatives and Perceived Benefits: Reported Reasons for Accepting Work without a Contract in Poland**
  Monika Kulisz, *Jolanta Słoniec*

12:30–13:30. Lunch: Room 10, (for participants who confirmed attendance)

14:00–15:00. *Chair:* *Isabel Vieira* **(LINK:** Monday sessions**)**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2: Fernando González Laxe, Catedrático de Economía Aplicada, Universidade da Coruña (Spain)

Employment and immigrants in the fisheries sector

15:00–16:30. SESSION 02: *Chair:* *Sandrina Teixeira* **(LINK:** Monday sessions**)**

Mobility, regulation and the informal economy

- **From Reciprocity to Formalization: Foreign Property Admission, Mobility and Indirect Migration in Italy**
  Antonio Cappiello

- **Informalidad laboral, instituciones y ciudadanía social: una reinterpretación conceptual de informalidad desde la experiencia brasileña**
  Rogerio Nagamine Costanzi, Julimar da Silva Bichara
- **Dynamics of Informal Urbanization and Local Services in Mbanza-Ngungu (DRC): Between Daily Mobility, Spatial Layouts, and Legal Regulation Issues**
  Pathy Samba Tumuenimo, Henri Bafuidinsoni Mayangi, Gery Leloutre
- **Migration, Informality and Accumulated Disadvantages: Revisiting Venezuelan Women's Labour Market Integration in Colombia**
  Maria Luz Moyano Buitrago, Cristian Darío Castillo Robayo, Eduardo Moreno Reyes

16:30–18:00. PARALLEL SESSION 03: ***Chair:*** *Ana Lima* **(LINK:** Monday sessions**)**

Gender, work and household vulnerability

- **The Dual Vulnerability of Female Migrants in Unpaid Work and Its Impact on the Time-Use Gap in Colombia**
  Esteban Nina Baltazar
- **Eu sou uma mulher empreendedora: Evidências empíricas do estado do Rio de Janeiro**
  Marcele Porto da Silva, José Daniel Coelho dos Santos, Lucilene Morandi
- **Women's Persistence in Informal Employment in Casablanca: Profiles, Determinants and Professional Trajectories**
  Othmane Bourhaba, Mama Hamimida
- **Measuring Time Poverty in Urban Bolivia: An Empirically Derived Threshold, Its Incidence, and Gender Inequalities**
  Tanaz Sabina Gusman Erazo, Fernanda Wanderley

16:30–18:00. PARALLEL SESSION 04: ***Chair:*** *Sara Teixeira (***Link: Parallel Session 4: INSEAI Workshop IV | Ingresso na reunião | Microsoft Teams***)*

Informality, Labour and Digitalization

- **Informality as a Substitute for Legal Access: Transitional Arrangements, the Informal Economy and Intra-European Migration**
  Adriana AnaMaria Davidescu, Eduard Mihai Manta, Marina Diana Agafiței, Vasile Alecsandru Strat
- **Institutional Quality, Informality and Connectivity along the Maritime Middle Corridor: The Case of the Port of Constanța**
  Adriana AnaMaria Davidescu, Ioana Bîrlan, Eduard Mihai Manta, Cristina Maria Geambașu
- **Irregular Migration from a Gender Perspective**
  Fabiola Vergara Ceballos
- **From Displacement to Informality: State-Led Relocation after Disaster in La Paz and El Alto**
  Griet De Lombaerde

20:00-22:00. Workshop dinner. **Yuko Tavern** Rua de Costa Cabral 2331, 4200-232 Porto (For participants who confirmed attendance).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 2026

Sessions 5–9 run in parallel from 10:00 to 11:30 GMT (Online only).

10:00–11:30. PARALLEL SESSION 05. *Chair: Anabela Mesquita (sarmento@iscap.ipp.pt)* **(**Link: **INSEAI IV Workshop | Ingresso na Reunião | Microsoft Teams)**

Labour markets, migration and informality

- **Between regulation and empowerment – urban policies on economic and labour informality**
  Mathias Schulze-Böing
- **Labour Market Characteristics and Integration of Migrants in Rural Areas of the European Union: A Country Typology Based on Cluster Analysis**
  Nuria Alonso, Iván Ayala, David Trillo
- **Negotiating Work and Mobility: Migrant Women's Agency and Everyday Support in Hosur, India**
  Padmini Ram, Nandini Mangalore
- **Employment Informality among Foreign-Born and Native-Born Workers in Italy: Forms and Sectoral Differences**
  Zouhair Ennaoumi
- **How Migration, Employment and Care Regimes Sustain Informality in Spain's Domestic and Care Sector**
  Óscar Muñoz, Josep V. Pitxer, Empar Aguado
- **Industrial Closure, Mobility and the Risk of Labour Informality: Social Perceptions from a Post-Industrial Community in Transition**
  Francisco J. Rey, Manuel Cortés

10:00–11:30. PARALLEL SESSION 06. ***Chair:*** *Isabel Vieira (mivieira@iscap.ipp.pt)* **(Link: INSEAI Workshop IV | Ingresso na reunião | Microsoft Teams)**

Labour mobility, institutions and formalization

- **Moving Up the Job Ladder: Labour Mobility and Poverty in Developing Countries**
  Samuel Ampaw, Michael Danquah, Rajesh Raj Natarajan, Kunal Sen
- **Beyond Formalization: The Social Functions of Informality and Institutional Change in Costa Rica**
  Jorge A. Rodríguez Soto
- **Business Formalisation and Productive Inclusion: Evidence from Brazil's Individual Microentrepreneur Policy**
  Maria Daniele Cruz dos Santos, Elisa Dinah Cruz Sobreira, Marilia de Souza Castro, Evânio Mascarenhas Paulo
- **The Impact of Venezuelan Mass Migration on Labor Informality in Colombia**
  Adriana Carolina Silva, Jaime Andrés Sarmiento, Milton Mauricio Herrera
- **What is Driving Young Women's Labour Force Participation in Algeria?**
  Omar Babou, Youghourta Bellache, Philippe Adair

10:00–11:30. PARALLEL SESSION 07. *Chair*: *Maria João Castro (mjcastro@iscap.ipp.pt)*

Technology, structural change, and informal work (Link: INSEAI Workshop IV | Ingresso na reunião | Microsoft Teams)

- **Electric Mobility Transition in Spain: A System Dynamics Analysis of Adoption, Infrastructure and Fleet Transformation**
  Bianca Cid Bouzas
- **Digitalization as a Mediator of Fiscal Performance: A Comparative Analysis of Latin America and the European Union**
  Lara Fernández-Lomana Santamaría
- **Industrial Automation and Jobs in an Emerging Economy: Evidence from Viet Nam**
  Omar Arias, Andrés César, Daisuke Fukuzawa, Duong Trung Le
- **Informal Economy and Climate Risk: Does Spatial Approximation Matter?**
  Takwa Rhouma
- **Labour Adjustment, Organizational Strategies and the Resilience of Informal Production Units in Senegal: Evidence from the COVID-19 Shock**

  Ibrahima Niass Dieng

10:00–11:30. PARALLEL SESSION 08. *Chair*: *Sandrina Teixeira (sandrina@iscap.ipp.pt)* (Link: INSEAI Workshop IV | Ingresso na reunião | Microsoft Teams | Reunião-Participar | Microsoft Teams)

Informal finance and the geography of informal work

- **Digitalization and Social Inclusion in Informal Finance: Evidence from Savings Groups in Kenya**
  Cisagara Bisimwa Benjamin
- **Geographies of Labour Informality in Paraguay: Urban Transition, Socioeconomic Transformations and Territorial Structures**
  Kevin Goetz
- **Trust Networks: The Risk of Informal Credits among Family and Friends in Latin America and the Caribbean**
  Susana Herrero Olarte
- **Spatial Dynamics of Informal Employment in Tunisia: The Roles of Migration, Quality of Life, and Digital Development**
  Youssef Zeddini
- **Debt-Bonded Migration Trajectories and Hierarchies of Informality Among Female Head Porters in Ghana**
  Anthony Kwame Morgan, Olubusola Olukorede Solomon

10:00–11:30. PARALLEL SESSION 09. ***Chair****: Sara Teixeira (sarat@iscap.ipp.pt)* **(Link: Parallel Session 09: INSEAI Workshop IV | Ingresso na reunião | Microsoft Teams)**

Institutional Behaviours

- **The Perceived Benefit of Formalization by Firms of India – Does Economic Freedom Matter?**
  Nabamita Dutta, Saibal Kar, Adam Stivers
- **Informality in the Popular Economy: Labour Dynamics, Class Organisation and Institutional Perspectives in Argentina**
  Pablo Chena
- **Digitalization and Labour Informality in Argentina: A Survey and a Multidimensional Framework for Studying Emerging Work Configurations**
  Agustín Salvia, Victor Climent, Iñaki González, Ianina Tuñon
- **Seasonal Migration, Gendered and Nutritional Insecurity among Tribal Households in the Indian Sundarbans**
  Sanghita Bhattacharjee
- **Beyond Economic Vulnerability: Gender, Social Norms and Institutional Barriers in Informal Labour Markets in India**
  Ravi Kumar Gupta

11:30 – 11:45. Break

11:45–12:45. ***Chair****: Anabela Mesquita* **(Link: INSEAI IV Workshop | Ingresso na Reunião | Microsoft Teams)**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2: Danielle Carusi, Professor of Universidade Federal Fluminense

Imigração e Informalidade no Brasil

12.45. Closing ceremony of the workshop and farewell to the participants

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