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# Workshop Programme

## Pathways to Future Regional Development

11-12 June 2026, Bolzano/Bozen (Italy)

### Day 1 – Academic Sessions & Keynotes

Workshop location: [Chamber of commerce of Bolzano/Bozen](#)

09:00 – 09:30 | Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 09:45 | Opening Remarks

- Welcome from the organisers
- Overview of the workshop objectives and structure
- Introduction of participants and the day's agenda



09:45 – 10:45 | Keynote Lecture 1

**Title:** “Rethinking human capital”

**Speaker:** Frank Neffke (Complexity Science Hub)

10:45 – 11:00 | Coffee Break

11:00 – 13:00 | Session 1:

**Technology, Innovation, and Societal Outcomes: Evidence on Inequality, Productivity, and Governance**

- Isaac K. Ofori: Frontier Technology Readiness, Democracy, and Income Inequality in Africa
- Jayati Chatterjee: Internet Adoption, Gender and Productivity in Informal Firms in India
- Martina Pardy: Income, sovereignty, and cohesion: the political economy of Europe's first mover innovation deficit
- Arjay Dineros: Investigating the simultaneity of transport decarbonization, social impact institutions, and inclusive governance: Insights from Italy

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch



## 14:00 – 15:00 | Keynote Lecture 2

**Title:** “Where Bytes Meet Watts: Mapping the geography of Twin Transition technologies”

**Speaker:** Sandro Montresor (University of Trento)

## 15:00- 16:00 | Session 2:

### Unpacking Labour Market Inequality: Skills, Gender, and Structure

- Federico Colozza: Evolving Pathways in the EU: How Industrial and Skill Capabilities Shape Regional Income Inequality
- Adeniran Adeboye: Structural or Compositional? Recent Employee-Level Evidence on the Gender Pay Gap in Italy

## 16:00 – 16:15 | Coffee Break

## 16:15 – 17:45 | Session 3:

### Regional Development, Attractiveness, and Economic Outcomes

- Simon Delage: Measuring attractiveness with FLAIR
- Matthias Fuchs: Tourism’s contribution to regional sustainable development: An occupation-based modelling and circular economic perspective
- Chandan Sharma: Who Cuts Travel First? Income Shocks and Heterogeneity in Tourism Spending

## 18:15 | Workshop Dinner (only for presenters and organising committee)

Dinner location: [Eurac Research](#)

## Day 2 – Policy Engagement & Field Visit

Location: [NOI Techpark South Tyrol](#)

## 08:30 – 09:00 | Arrival at NOI Techpark



## 09:00 – 11:00 | Policymakers Panel

**Title:** “Bridging Worlds: Connecting Research, Policy, and Innovation Ecosystems”

**Speakers:** Carlo Menon (Spatial Productivity Lab, OECD, Trento) and Vincent Mauroit (NOI Techpark)

## 11:00 – 12:00 | Visit to NOI Techpark South Tyrol

- Guided tour of the innovation hub
- Introduction to its role in regional innovation and technology transfer

## 12:30 End of Workshop