

**19th Workshop on the
Organisation, Economics and Policy of Scientific Research
(WOEPS 2026)**

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Politecnico di Milano – Bovisa La Masa Campus
Via R. Lambruschini 4/B, 20156, Milan, Italy
March 24-25, 2026**



- MARCH 23 -

20:00 *Informal Get Together – Pre-Workshop Dinner (Organic Food and Pizza, Via Morigi, 8, 20123 Milano).*

- MARCH 24 -

8:30 – 9:00 *Registration and welcome coffee*

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome: Prof. Raffaella Cagliano, DIG Director. Chiara Franzoni, Local Organizing Committee

9:30 – 11:15 **Session 1: Talent Formation and Scientific Careers**

Chair: Daniel Souza

Discussants: Gabriele Pellegrino, Martina Iori, Valentina Tartari

9:30 – 9:50 *“Advisor Engagement in Interdisciplinary Centers and PhD Training”, Andrés Madariaga Espinoza*

9:50 – 10:10 *“Information Asymmetry in the Scientific Labor Market: The Role of Citation and Co-authorship Links”, Pierre Boutros*

10:10 – 10:30 “Does Science advance One Birth at a Time?”, Philipp
Lucas Wähler

10:30 – 10:45 *Discussants*

10:45 – 11:15 *Open discussion*

11:15 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:45 **Session 2: AI, Data, and the Transformation of Science**

Chair: Annalisa Croce

Discussants: Stijn Kelchtermans, Sarah Othner

11:30 – 11:50 “When Error Becomes Informative: Retraction Intensity
and the Evolution of Scientific Fields”, Liangping Ding

11:50 – 12:10 “The Impact of the Nobel Prize on the Level and Direction
of Innovation”, Bang Nguyen

12:10 – 12:20 *Discussants*

12:20 – 12:45 *Open discussion*

12:45 – 14:15 *Lunch break*

14:15 – 16:00 **Session 3: AI, Data, and the Transformation of Science**

Chair: Stefano Baruffaldi

Discussants: Felix Poege, Sotaro Shibayama, Hanna Hottenrott

14:15 – 14:35 “Does the adoption of Artificial Intelligence shape grant-
financed scientific projects?”, Raffaele Mancuso

14:35 – 14:55 “Data Exclusivity for Science”, Seokbeom Kwon

14:55 – 15:15 “Profiting from scientific engagement: Evidence from the
valuation of AI startups”, Federico Bignone

15:15 – 15:30 *Discussants*

15:30 – 16:00 *Open discussion*

16:00 – 16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15 – 18:00 **Session 4: Search, Exploration, and Intellectual Autonomy**

Chair: Evila Piva

Discussants: Jian Wang, Aldo Geuna, Yotam Sofer

16:15 – 16:35 “Exploration in Research Teams: Building on the
Shoulders of PhD Students”, Raffaele Miniaci

16:35 – 16:55 “The Itch to Know: A New Look at the Role of Interest in
Science”, Henry Sauermann

16:55 – 17:15 “Stand out or Fit in? Early-Career Pathways and the
Legitimation of Cross-Boundary Science”, Xin Deng

17:15 – 17:30 *Discussants*

17:30 – 18:00 *Open discussion*

20:00

Conference dinner

Location: La Dogana del Buongusto, Via Molino delle Armi 48, Milano

Best: Metro line 4 (blue): VETRA.

- MARCH 25-

9:00 – 10:45

Session 5: Gender, Parenthood, and Inequality in Academia

Chair: John Walsh

Discussants: Cristina Rossi-Lamastra, Catherine Beaudry, Mary Frank Fox

9:00 – 9:20

“Scientist gender and clinical translation of biomedical research”, [Alice Arusyak Zakaryan](#)

9:20 – 9:40

“Women in Top Academic Positions: Is There a Trickle-down Effect?”, [Natalia Zinovyeva](#)

9:40 – 10:00

“Parenthood and the Career Ladder: Evidence from Academia”, [Sofie Cairo](#)

10:00 – 10:15

Discussants

10:15 – 10:45

Open discussion

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:45

Session 6: Institutions and the Direction of Research

Chair: Marianna Marra

Discussants: Cindy Lopez-Bento, Patrick Llerena, Nicolas Carayol

11:00 – 11:20

“Top Researchers on Scientific Committees: Decision Outcomes, Peer Dynamics, and Opportunity Costs”, [Milan Makany](#)

11:20 – 11:40

“Better Science as a Byproduct: The Institutional Revolution in the German Empire”, [Michael Rose](#)

11:40 – 12:00

“Research Funding and Research Direction at the Organizational Level: Evidence from the Challenge-Oriented Research Program in China”, [Yongyuan Huang](#)

12:00 – 12:15

Discussants

12:15 – 12:45

Open discussion

12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch break & Farewell*