

6th Development Economists Meeting - *DevEconMeet*

University of Palermo

01-02 October 2026

Programme

DevEconMeet will be held in the “Chiesa Sant’Antonio Abate” lecture hall at the Complesso Monumentale dello Steri (Rectorate of the University of Palermo), Piazza Marina 61, 90133 Palermo (PA), Italy.

Coffee breaks, lunches, and the social aperitif will be held at Cafè Lucà, Piazza Marina 89, 90133 Palermo (PA).

Each presentation will last 20 minutes. The senior and junior discussants will each have 3–4 minutes.

1st October: Introduction of the workshop

	01/10/2026	9:00-9:15	Welcome Remarks: Prof. Maurizio Cellura, Director CSTE, University of Palermo Prof. Marcantonio Ruisi, Director Economics, Business and Statistics department, University of Palermo
		9:15-10:30	Research idea presentations by first-year PhD students 1. Camilla Balocco, <i>University of Florence</i> “ <i>Social Movements, Expropriation, and Productivity: Evidence from Brazil's Agrarian Reform</i> ” 2. Lorenzo Berti, <i>University of Florence</i> “ <i>Bridging Behavioral Rules and Non-Separable Household Models: an Agent-Based Representation of Smallholder Farmers' Decision-Making</i> ” 3. Alexandru Arfire, <i>Sapienza University of Rome</i> “ <i>Mobile Connectivity and Life Shocks: Gender-Differentiated Effects on Labour and Health Outcomes</i> ”
		10:30-11:00	Coffee break
		11:00-12:00	Prof. Marc Bellemare, McKnight Presidential Chair in Applied Economics, University of Minnesota “AI in Economics: Opportunities and Challenges for Young (and Not so Young) Researchers”
Keynote Speaker			



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1st October					Senior Discussant	Junior Discussant
1	Productivity and trust	12:00-13:00	Giovanni Tumbarello, University of Palermo	Misallocation with Noisy Productivity Signals	Anzelika Zaiceva-Razzolini (online)	Carolina Arboleda Lenis
			Carolina Arboleda Lenis, Université Paris 1 - Panthéon Sorbonne, CNRS, Centre d'Économie de la Sorbonne	When the Party Is Over: The Effect of Party System Fragmentation on Clientelism	Francesco Salustri (session chair)	Giovanni Tumbarello
		13:00-14:00	Lunch			
2	Climate, agriculture and shocks	14:00-15:30	Livia Romani, Sapienza University of Rome	Adoption Regimes of Nature-Positive Agriculture: A Network-Based Approach to Precision Targeting in Kenya	Giuseppe Maggio	Martina Farinella
			Martina Farinella, Roma Tre University	The compound impacts of floods and droughts on agricultural production: the case of Malawi	Donato Romano (session chair)	Alessandro Giacardi
			Alessandro Giacardi, Sapienza University of Rome	Remittances & Poverty: intra-household Dynamics Evidence from Senegal	Luca Tiberti	Livia Romani
		15:30-16:00	Coffee break			
3	Aid, conflict and public responses	16:00-17:30	Dario De Quarti, Geneva Graduate Institute	Humanitarian Aid and Transport Costs: Evidence from South Sudan	Oliver Bargain	Marco Costantini
			Gabriele Musacchia, University of Palermo	My Shock Hit Differently: Political Favoritism and Fund Allocation after Hydrogeological Shocks	Marco Letta (session chair)	Dario De Quarti
			Marco Costantini, University of Florence	Schooling Under Threat: Violence and Children's Schooling in Cox's Bazar Refugee Camps	Furio Rosati	Gabriele Musacchia
		18:30-20:00	Networking Aperitif			



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2nd October

4	Gender, health, and cultural norms	02/10/2026	9:00-10:30	Cecilia D'Agostini, University of Florence	Social Interactions and Contraceptive Use in Egypt	Rama Dasi Mariani	Mridhula Mohan
				Jessica Mancuso, University of Turin & CCA	When free healthcare meets gender norms: The Impact of Public Healthcare on Sex Selection	Bruno Martorano (session chair)	Cecilia D'Agostini
				Mridhula Mohan, University of Göttingen	Girls Without Brothers: A Hidden Gender Gap in Childhood Vaccination	Mariapia Mendola	Jessica Mancuso
		02/10/2026	10:30-11:00	Coffee break			
5	Education, mobility and labour market	02/10/2026	11:00-12:30	Ivan Camilo Velasquez Abril, UNU-MERIT	Urban Mobility and Tertiary Education: Evidence from a Cable Car System in Bogota	Pierluigi Montalbano	Jose Gregory Arcaya Caycho
				Pegah Khabazrahimi Langroudi, Sapienza University of Rome	When Education Is Not Enough: Motherhood and Female Labour-Market Attachment in Iran	Maria Carmela Lo Bue (session chair)	Ivan Camilo Velasquez Abril
				Jose Gregory Arcaya Caycho, University of Nottingham	Windfall Left on the Table: Labour Informality as an Export Barrier in the Age of Trade Wars	Carlo Pietrobelli	Pegah Khabazrahimi Langroudi
		02/10/2026	12:30-13:00	Lunch			
		02/10/2026	13:00-14:30	Peer-to-Peer Session			



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