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# Monday, June 24, 2024

<b>9:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration - Reception&amp;Coffee</b>	
<b>10:00–10:30 (Plenary)</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> <b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sergio Cavalieri, Rector, University of Bergamo</li> <li>• Laura Viganò, Director, CESC, University of Bergamo</li> <li>• Christoph Pausch, Executive Secretary, e-MFP</li> </ul>	<b>Aula Magna S. Agostino</b>
<b>10:30-12:00 (Plenary)</b>	<b>Whether Finance...? Lessons from a Journey Along its Borders</b> Claudio González-Vega, Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University (USA) <b>Chair:</b> Laura Viganò, Director, CESC, University of Bergamo <b>Discussants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marc Labie, University of Mons</li> <li>• Annette Krauss, University of Zurich</li> </ul> <b>Q&amp;A</b>	<b>Aula Magna S. Agostino</b>
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions 1</b>	<b>Rooms S. Agostino</b>
<b>14:30-15:00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
<b>15:00-16:30</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions 2</b>	<b>Rooms S. Agostino</b>
<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	
<b>17:00–18:30 (Plenary)</b>	<b>Best Graduate Paper Award</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Davide Castellani, University of Bergamo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction by Joana Afonso, Financial Inclusion Specialist, e-MFP</li> <li>• Paper presentations given by award winners</li> </ul> <b>Discussants:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roy Mersland, University of Agder</li> <li>• Alfredo Burlando, University of Oregon</li> </ul>	<b>Room S. Agostino</b>
<b>18:30-20.00</b>	<b>Aperitivo&amp;Music</b>	

## Tuesday, June 25, 2024

9:00 – 9:30	Registration	
9:30-11:00	Parallel Sessions 3	Rooms Caniana
11:00-11:30	Refreshment Break	
11:30–13:00 (Plenary)	<p><b>Inclusive Finance for Social Transformation</b>            Craig Churchill, Chief, Social Finance Programme, ILO  <b>Moderator:</b> Phillippe Guichandut, Grameen Crédit Agricole  <b>Discussants:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aakanksha Gaur, SDA Bocconi School of Management</li> <li>• Arvind Ashta, Burgundy School of Business</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	Sala Galeotti Caniana
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	Parallel Sessions 4	Rooms Caniana
15:30-16:00	Refreshment Break	
16:00-17:30	Parallel Sessions 5	Rooms Caniana
17:30–19:00 (Plenary)	<p><b>Research-Based Practice in Financial Inclusion</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Olga Biosca, Glasgow Caledonian University  <b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sam Mendelson, Financial Inclusion Specialist, e-MFP</li> <li>• Mathilde Bauwin, Head of Knowledge Management, ADA</li> <li>• Aurélie Larquemin, PhD, University of Bath</li> <li>• Aldo Moauro, Microfinanza Rating</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>	Sala Galeotti Caniana
20:00-22:00	Social Dinner	

## Wednesday, June 26, 2024

9:00 – 9:30	Registration	
9:00-10:30	Parallel Sessions 6	Rooms Caniana
10:30-11:00	Refreshment Break	
11:00–12:30	<b>Enhancing Oversight through Suptech Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Simone Di Castri, Co-head, Cambridge SupTech Lab, University of Cambridge (remote)</li><li>• Kalliopi Letsiou, Researcher, Cambridge SupTech Lab, University of Cambridge</li></ul> <b>Moderator:</b> Manuela Geranio, University of Bergamo <b>Discussant:</b> Max Niño – Zarazua, Independent Consultant <b>Open discussion with the audience</b>	Sala Galeotti Caniana
12:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Laura Viganò, Director, CESC, University of Bergamo	Sala Galeotti Caniana
12:40	Light lunch	