

European Research Conference on Microfinance 2024

**Microfinance and Transition:
Exploring Pathways for Economic, Social,
and Environmental Transformations**
Bergamo (Italy) June 24-26, 2024

Program



Monday, June 24, 2024

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

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>Inclusive Finance for Social Transformation Craig Churchill, Chief, Social Finance Programme, ILO Moderator: Phillippe Guichandut, Grameen Crédit Agricole Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aakanksha Gaur, SDA Bocconi School of Management • Arvind Ashta, Burgundy School of Business <p>Q&A</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>Research-Based Practice in Financial Inclusion Moderator: Prof. Olga Biosca, Glasgow Caledonian University Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Mendelson, Financial Inclusion Specialist, e-MFP • Mathilde Bauwin, Head of Knowledge Management, ADA • Aurélie Larquemin, PhD, University of Bath • Aldo Moauro, Microfinanza Rating <p>Q&A</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	Enhancing Oversight through Suptech Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simone Di Castri, Co-head, Cambridge SupTech Lab, University of Cambridge (remote)• Kalliopi Letsiou, Researcher, Cambridge SupTech Lab, University of Cambridge Moderator: Manuela Geranio, University of Bergamo Discussant: Max Niño, PhD – Zarazua, Independant Consultant Open discussion with the audience	Sala Galeotti Caniana
12:30	Light lunch	