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# **XX Milan European Economy Workshop**

## **Public entrepreneurship, knowledge creation, and social justice**

**June 23-24, 2022**

**Hybrid format conference**  
(some invited speakers in presence, other participants Zoom)

**Venue: DEMM-University of Milan, Via Conservatorio 7**

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The world is rediscovering the role of government to face the great challenges of our time: social inequality, public health, climate change, data governance. However government is often not ready to meet its new tasks. For decades management capacities and human capital in the public sector have been downgraded by excessive reliance on market solutions. It seems now apparent that we need a rejuvenated government - not just a regulator - but an actual public entrepreneur, enabling new knowledge creation and triggering innovation. This will allow to find new ways to deal with, for example, the energy transition, affordable public health, big data. The workshop will explore new models of government intervention, particularly through knowledge-based organizations providing innovative public services.

Please confirm participation by e-mail to [meew@unimi.it](mailto:meew@unimi.it), and state if you want to present a paper or just join the conversation.

**If you wish to present a paper please send a title and an abstract to [meew@unimi.it](mailto:meew@unimi.it) not later than 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **Scientific Committee**

Luc Bernier, University of Ottawa  
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### **The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence**

The objective of the Jean Monnet *Centre of Excellence at Department of Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods – UNIMI* (2021- 2024) is to advance teaching, research and public engagement on EU Research and Innovation Policy and its impact on sustainable Services of General Interest.

## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OF THE WORKSHOP**

### **THURSDAY 23 JUNE 14:00-18:00 (CET)**

#### **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS:**

- Carlo Fiorio, Head, Dept. of Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods, University of Milan

#### **REGULAR SESSIONS:**

- Invited papers selected by the scientific committee

#### **PANEL SESSION “THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS”:**

The editors of the [Cambridge Elements of Public Economics](#):

- Robin Boadway, Queen’s University Ontario
- Frank Cowell, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Massimo Florio, University of Milan

Discussant:

- Rosella Levaggi, President Società Italiana Economia Pubblica SIEP – University of Brescia

### **FRIDAY 24 JUNE 14:00-18:00 (CET)**

#### **REGULAR SESSIONS:**

- Invited papers selected by the scientific committee

#### **PANEL SESSION “THE GOVERNANCE MODEL OF LARGE-SCALE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES”:**

- “The experience of CERN” (TBI)
- “The experience of the European Space Agency” (TBI)
- “The experience of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory” (TBI)

Panel chair:

- Silvia Vignetti, CSIL Centre for Industrial Studies

Discussant:

- Lorenzo Zirulia, University of Milan

#### **PANEL SESSION “PUBLIC ENTERPRISES, PRIVATIZATION, REGULATION: THE EDITORS VIEW”:**

- Janice Beecher, Editor Utilities Policy
- Judith Clifton, Editor Journal of Economic Policy Reform (TBC)
- Marco Marini, Editor Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics

#### **CONCLUDING REMARKS:**

- Massimo Florio, University of Milan