

# Workshop on Socio-emotional skills and education

11-12 September 2025, Trento (Italy)

*Venue: Department of Sociology and Social Research – Room Kessler, ground floor*

## Day 1 - Thursday, September 11

09:00-09:30 *Registration*

### Section 1 **Educational programs**

Chair: Matteo Ploner (University of Trento)

09:30-10:00 Expanding Benefits: The Impact of a Universal Free, School Meal Policy on Non-Cognitive Skills. **Xhiselda Demaj** (University of Bologna)

10:00-10:30 Orchestrating Success: The Long-Term Impact of Teenage Music Proficiency on Socio-Emotional Skills. **Lucia Mangiavacchi** (University of Perugia)

10:30-11:00 Exposure to Competitive Performance Settings and the Willingness to Enter Tournaments. **Mert Gumren** (University of Leicester)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

### Section 2 **Interventions**

Chair: Daniela Piazzalunga (University of Trento)

11:30-12:00 A Library in the Palm of your Hand? A Randomized Field Experiment with Low-Income Children. **Shushanik Margaryan** (University of Potsdam)

12:00-12:30 Visuo-spatial abilities and gender gap in mathematics. **Ludovica Giua** (University of Cagliari)

12:30-13:00 Hacking Anti-Immigration Attitudes and Stereotypes: A Field Experiment in Italian High Schools. **Sara Giunti** (University of Milan)

13:00-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-15:00	<b>Keynote Speech 1: Gender Equality Through Marriage and Child Skill Formation</b> <b>Emma Tominey (University of York)</b>
<b>Section 3</b>	<b>Parental investments</b> Chair: Luca Piccoli (University of Trento)
15:00-15:30	The Gender Gap in Children' Mental Health: The Role of Parental Behavior, Personality Traits and Family Conflicts. <b>Lucia Schiavon</b> (University of Venice)
15:30-16:00	Parental Investments and Engagement: New Measures from a Parental Time Use App. <b>Chiara Monfardini</b> (University of Bologna)
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>Section 4</b>	<b>Parental beliefs</b> Chair: Sara Agostini (University of Trento)
16:30-17:00	Parental beliefs, engagement, and time investments in preschoolers. <b>Margherita Fort</b> (University of Bologna)
17:00-17:30	Beliefs on Children's Human Capital Formation and Mothers at Work. <b>Agnese Romiti</b> (University of Strathclyde)
17:30-18:00	The Accuracy and Malleability of Parental First- and Second-Order Beliefs about Child Socio-Emotional Health. <b>Audrey Boussetin</b> (LISER)
19:00-22:00	<i>Social Dinner – Orso Grigio</i>

## Day 2 - Friday, September 12

<b>Section 5</b>	<b>Teachers and classes</b> Chair: Pietro Biroli (University of Bologna)
09:00-9:30	Classroom Competence Diversity and the Effect of Classroom Rank on Socio-Emotional Skills. <b>Emanuele Fedeli</b> (University of Milan)
09:30-10:00	Gender Attitudes and Socio-emotional Skills. <b>Águeda Solis Alonso</b> (University of Trento)
10:00-10:30	Shaping Young Minds: The Effects of Teachers on Social Skills. <b>Jerry Montonen</b> (Aalto University)
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>

11:00-12:00	<b>Keynote Speech 2: Math Is Not Enough: Teaching the Skills That (Also) Shape Lives</b> <b>Giuseppe Sorrenti (University of Lausanne)</b>
<b>Section 6</b>	<b>Social preferences</b> Chair: Filippo Gioacchin (University of Trento)
12:00-12:30	Social Preferences and Norm Compliance in Childhood: Evidence from a Longitudinal Classroom Panel. <b>Valentina Tonei</b> (University of Southampton)
12:30-13:00	Social preferences as human capital: intergenerational transmission in an ethnically diverse context. <b>Enric Vila-Villasante</b> (Utrecht University)
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00-15:00	<b>Keynote Speech 3: Measuring and Developing Children's Socio-Emotional Skills: Evidence, Innovation, and Policy Implications</b> <b>Gabriella Conti (University College London)</b>
<b>Section 7</b>	<b>Socio-Emotional Skill Returns</b> Chair: Giulia Gambardella (University of Perugia)
15:00-15:30	Changes in Returns to Multidimensional Skills across Cohorts. <b>Lorenzo Navarini</b> (University of Vienna)
15:30-16:00	Personality and firm productivity in Germany. <b>Giorgio Brunello</b> (University of Padova)
16:00-16:30	Self-Selection into Health Professions. <b>Alessandro Fedele</b> (University of Bozen)
16:30-17:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17:00-18:00	<b>Tavola rotonda: Competenze socio-emotive e disuguaglianze educative</b> Davide Azzolini (FBK-IRVAPP) Veronica Mobilio (Fondazione per la Scuola) Luciano Covi (IPRASE) Antonio Giacometti (Conservatorio Vecchi Tonelli, Modena) Stefano Chicco (Minipolifonici Trento) <i>Coordina: Gabriella Berloff</i>

#### Organizing committee

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