

Italy and the post-NGEU: What lies ahead

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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20 NOVEMBER · 14:30 – 18:30

Welcome and introductions – Sergio Gerotto, Director of SPGI (tbc), Laura Polverari (Director of the #CAPIS Observatory and former co-Chair of the APP SISP SG)

Session 1 – Multi-level public policy challenges after the RRF

CHAIR Paolo Graziano (Università di Padova)

DISCUSSANT tbc

- **Lorenzo Mascioli** *“New Policy, Old Habits? Project Design and Implementation in Italy’s NRRP”*
- **Stefano Scibilia** *“From the Recovery and Resilience plans to the Medium-term Fiscal-structural plans”*
- **Elena Varotto** *“Communication as Governance in Post NGEU Italy: Institutional Narratives, Territorial Legitimacy, and the Mezzogiorno as a Stress Test”*
- **Tiziano Zgaga** *“From Recovery to Defence: The Governance of EU Money in Italy from the RRF to SAFE”*

Coffee break

Session 2 – The legacy of the RRF: policy termination or reframing?

CHAIR tbc

DISCUSSANT tbc

- **Miriana Bucalossi** *“Beyond delivery: building durable institutional capacity after NGEU”*
- **Sabrina Cavatorto, Anna Carola Freschi** *“Organising Democratic Scrutiny under Executive-Centred Governance: Civic Monitoring of Italy’s NRRP”*
- **Matilde Ceron** *“Beyond Conditionality: Substantive Representation and Gender Mainstreaming in Italy’s RRP”*
- **Antonia Ronzio** *“Beyond NextGenerationEU: Towards Performance-Based Governance? Lessons from the Italian NRRP”*

20:00 – 22:00 Conference Dinner

Session 3 – Roundtable “Accountability, performance and governance after the NGEU: legacies and future perspectives”

CHAIR Andrea Terlizzi (Università di Firenze)

SPEAKERS

- Edoardo Bressanelli (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa)
- Thomas Christiansen (Università LUISS)
- Anton Hemerijck (Istituto Universitario Europeo, tbc)
- Lucia Quaglia (Università di Bologna)
- Stefania Ravazzi (Università di Torino)

Session 4 – Politiche pubbliche e capacità attuativa: che cosa rimane del PNRR e quali priorità per il futuro? (in Italian)

CHAIR Laura Polverari (Università di Padova)

SPEAKERS

- Christian Ferrari (CGIL)
- Maria Benedetta Francesconi (Ministero dell’Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica)
- Regione del Veneto, tbc
- Alberto Maria Rigon (Comune di Padova)
- Walter Tortorella (Istituto per la Finanza e l'Economia Locale)
- Carlo Viviani (Commissione europea)

CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

Laura Polverari and Andrea Terlizzi