

Conference on Occupational Mismatch and Skill Shortage

10-11 September 2026

Hosted by: University of Naples Federico II, Italy

Venue: Museo Artistico Politecnico (MUSAP), Palazzo Zapata, 2nd floor, Piazza Trieste e Trento 48, Naples.

Presentation structure: 30 minutes for each presentation, including time for questions.

Day 1 - Thursday, 10 September 2026

08:30–09:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

09:00–09:15 **Opening Remarks**

TRAILS Session 1: Technology and Workers' Careers

09:15–09:45 **Teleworking and Workers' Careers**

Lorenzo Incoronato (University of Naples Federico II, CSEF and ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin), with V. Pezone and A. Scognamiglio

09:45–10:15 **The Gender Gap in Digital Skills at Work**

Adele Whelan (ESRI and Trinity College Dublin), with L. Brosnan and S. McGuinness

10:15–10:45 **Coffee Break**

TRAILS Session 2: Job Changes and Workers' Match Quality

10:45–11:15 **When Jobs Change: Skills Mismatch and the Value of Training**

Paul Redmond (ESRI and Trinity College Dublin), with L. Kelly and L. Brosnan

11:15–11:45 **Job Displacement, Match Quality and Wage Losses: Evidence from Cross-Country Administrative Datasets**

Annalisa Scognamiglio (University of Naples Federico II and CSEF), with L. Coraggio, P. Heß, L. Incoronato, M. Mertz, A. Miano, M. Pagano, L. Sinno, and J. Tåg

11:45–13:00 **Lunch Break**

13:00–14:00 **Keynote: Job Search Assistance for Vocational Students**

Pierre Cahuc (Sciences Po)

14:00–14:30 Coffee Break

Session 3: Reallocation and Spatial Frictions

14:30–15:00 **Trapped Labor: Zombie Firms and the Growth of the Living - The Labor Market Distortion Channel**

Andrea Locatelli (Bank of Italy), with Antonio Accetturo and Michele Cascarano

15:00–15:30 **Human Capital Misallocation and General Equilibrium Effects**

Carla Varona Cervantes (Central Bank of Chile), with Nadim Elayan and Agustín Díaz

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–16:30 **Inter-generational Congestion and Spatial Labour Market Outcomes**

Damiano Raimondo (University of Warwick), with Gabriele Guaitoli and Roberto Pancrazi

16:30–17:00 **The Micro and Macro Implications of Early Career Skill Mismatch**

Piero De Dominicis (Bocconi University)

17:00 End of Day 1

Day 2 - Friday, 11 September 2026

09:00–09:30 Arrival and Coffee

Session 4: Occupational Mismatch and Human Capital

09:30–10:00 **Was Your Degree Worth It? Heterogeneous Returns to Fields of Study and Skill Mismatch**

Lorenzo Navarini (University of Vienna and ROCKWOOL Foundation Berlin), with Dieter Verhaest

10:00–10:30 **Imperfect Self-Knowledge and Skills Mismatch**

Enzo Brox (University of Bern), with Daniel Goller and Stefan C. Wolter

10:30–11:00 **When Tight Labor Markets Don't Raise Wages: Firms' Beliefs About Hiring**

Hannah Paule-Paludkiewicz (Deutsche Bundesbank), with Karol Paludkiewicz and Benjamin Schoefer

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 **Policy Panel**

Moderator: *Ferdinando Giugliano* (CEPR)

Panel speakers: *Konstantinos Pouliakas* (CEDEFOP), *Sandra McNally* (University of Surrey), and *Samuel Bentolila* (CEMFI)

13:00–13:45 Lunch and Conference Conclusion

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