

# Today's Challenges and Historical Responses: The Interplay of Innovation, Labor, Policies, and Wealth



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SAPIENZA  
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13.45-14.00: *Welcome By Donatella Strangio, Head of Department*

## Session I,

14.00 – 14.30 **Carla Salvo**, Does trade liberalization boost innovation? Evidence from French industrial sectors in the 19th century

14.30 – 15.00 **Mauro Rota**, Better safe than sorry! The impact of public health policies on Italy in the 1880s

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

## Session II,

15.15 – 15.45 **Jacob Weisdorf**, Property Rights and Technological Inertia: Evidence from the Electrification of Switzerland

15.45 – 16.15 **Michele Battisti**, Educational take-off and the role of wealth

16.15 – 16.30 Coffee Break

## Keynote address,

16.30 – 17.30 **Joseph Zeira**, Automation and Unemployment: Help is on the Way