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# The causes and consequence of technological progress

Sapienza University of Rome,  
Faculty of Economics, Sala delle Lauree  
21-22 April 2023

## Friday 21 April

10:45-11:00: *Welcome by Giorgio Alleva (Head of Department) and Jacob Weisdorf (organizer)*

### *Session 1 (chair: Carla Salvo)*

11:00-11:45: **Carlo Ciccarelli**, Railways and the European Fertility Transition

11:45-12:15: *Coffee break*

12:15-13:00: **Gianluca Ferrittu**, Seeds of change: child labor, technology, and structural change during the agricultural transition

13:00-14:00: *Lunch*

### *Session 2 (chair: Claudio Petrillo)*

14:00-14:45: **Jacob Weisdorf**, The effect of mechanisation on wages and employment: Evidence from the historical diffusion of steam-power

14:45-15:30: **Carla Salvo**, Does trade liberalization boost innovation? Evidence from French industrial sectors in the 19th-century

15:30-16:00: *Coffee break*

### *Session 3 (chair: Francesco Fiore Melacrinis)*

16:00-16:45: **Matias Cabello**, Science and Growth: lessons from the Counter- Reformation

## Saturday, 22 April

### *Session 4 (chair: Jacob Weisdorf)*

09:00-09:45: **Mauro Rota**, The Power of Electricity in Italy

09:45-10:30: **Elona Harka**, Books Go Public: The Consequences of Monastic Libraries Expropriation on Innovation

10:30-11:00: *Coffee break*

### *Keynote address (chair: Mauro Rota)*

11:00-12:00: **Petra Moser**, Political Persecution in Science

12:00-13:30: *Closure and lunch*

### **How to attend:**

Due to limited places, please send an email indicating the days in which you intend to participate.  
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### **Workshop venue:**

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