4TH ROMAN ECONOMIC HISTORY WORKSHOP

9 October 2026

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9:30-9:45 Doors open
9:45-9:55 Welcome address: **Donatella Strangio** (Sapienza)
9:55-10:05 Welcome address: **Jacob Weisdorf** (Sapienza)

Chair: Michele Postigliola (Sapienza)

10:05-10:35 **Carlo Ciccarelli** (Tor Vergata) with K. Enflo and P. Groote
Licentia populandi: The political economy of town foundation in Spanish Sicily, 1500–1700

10:35-11:05 **Mauro Rota** (Sapienza) with M. Postigliola and J. Weisdorf
Electricity and regional development in Italy

11:05 – 11:30 Coffee break

Chair: Mauro Rota (Sapienza)

11:30-12:00 **Giovanni Vecchi** (Tor Vergata) with B. A'Hearn and G. Mancini
Rethinking Italy's Distributional History, 1861–2022

12:00-12:30 **Jacob Weisdorf** (Sapienza) with C. Salvo
Holy Growth: Two Millennia of Regional Inequality in Italy Inferred from Church Construction

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

Chair: Jacob Weisdorf (Sapienza)

13:30-14:00 **Gianni Marciante** (Università di Bologna) with C. Ciccarelli
Women's Education and Fertility in Italy at the Onset of the Demographic Transition

14:00-14:30 **Giuliana Freschi** (Sant'Anna di Pisa) with C. Ciccarelli
Demography at work. Youth share and productivity in Liberal Italy

14:35 – 14:50 Coffee break

Chair: Carlo Ciccarelli (Tor Vergata)

14:50-15:20 **Francesca Asja Trento** (Tor Vergata) with A. Melillo, L. Pascali and M. Prem
The Republic of Letters and the Rise of the West

15:20-15:50 **Claudio Petrillo** (Sapienza) with M. Postigliola
Forging the State: Reforms, Governance and Elites in Pre-Unification Italy, 1770-1861

15:50-16:00 Closing remarks by **Carlo Ciccarelli** (Tor Vergata)

20.00 - Dinner at the Gran Sasso, Via Como 10 (at participants' own expense)

Each paper: please allow 20 min for the presentation and 10 min for discussion