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# 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop on the Economics of Risky Behavior

July 08-09, 2026  
 Cagliari, Italy

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**DAY 1: July 8, 2026**

09:00-09:25	Registration and Coffee
09:25-09:30	Welcoming Remarks
09:30-10:00	<b>The Mafia–Cancer Nexus: Evidence from the Land of Fires</b> Immacolata Marino (Università di Napoli Federico II, Department of Economics and Statistics & CSEF) Discussant: Mario Macis (Johns Hopkins University)
10:00-10:30	<b>The Thin Blue Line: Traffic Stops in the Wake of Police Fatalities</b> Erkmen Aslim (University of Vermont) Discussant: Analisa Packham (Vanderbilt University)

10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00-12:00		<b>The Departed: Italian Migration and the American Mafia</b> Paolo Pinotti (Bocconi University)
12:00-13:00	Lunch	
13:00-13:30		<b>Fight (In)mates: Cell Admission and Violence Behind Bars</b> Claudio Deiana (University of Cagliari) Discussant: Joe Sabia (San Diego State University)
13:30-14:00		<b>(Managing) Violence Across UK Prisons</b> Ottavia Pesenti (London School of Economics and Political Science) Discussant: Zachary Porreca (Bocconi University)
14:00-14:30		<b>When Organized Crime Moves In: Economic and Human Capital Disruption</b> Andrea Bocchino (Norwegian School of Economics) Discussant: Shirlee Lichtman-Sadot (Ben Gurion University)
14:30-15:00	Coffee Break	
15:00-15:30		<b>Mass Layoffs and Lemons: Evidence from Chile</b> Matteo Pazzona (Brunel University of London) Discussant: Vikram Maheshri (University of Houston)
15:30-16:00		<b>Demographic Divergence: The Legacy of the Opioid Epidemic</b> Victoria Barone (University of Notre Dame) Discussant: Rahi Abouk (William Paterson University)
19:00		Reception and Dinner (By invitation)

## DAY 2: July 9, 2026

09:00-09:30	Coffee Break	
09:30-10:00		<b>Secondary Victimization of Women Reporting Violence</b> Caterina Muratori (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Barcelona School of Economics) Discussant: David Slusky (University of Kansas)

10:00-10:30		<p><b>The Social Genetic Environment of Alcohol Consumption: Network Formation and Women's Vulnerability to Intimate Partner Violence</b>  Nuria Rodriguez-Planas (City University of New York, Queens College &amp; The Graduate Center; Universitat de Barcelona; IEB)  Discussant: Carmen Villa (University of Zurich)</p>
10:30-11:00		<p><b>Risky Peers and Crime</b>  Olivier Marie (Erasmus School of Economics)  Discussant: Stéphanie V. Lyk-Jensen (VIVE - Danish Center for Social Science Research)</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:00		<p><b>When the Economy Slows, So Does Crime? The Great Recession's Lasting Effects on Crime and Unemployment Insurance</b>  Seonghoon Kim (Singapore Management University)  Discussant: Mevlude Akbulut-Yuksel (Dalhousie University)</p>
12:00-12:30		<p><b>Prenatal Conditions and Midlife Mental Health: Evidence from an Alcohol Policy Experiment</b>  Peter Nilsson (IES, Stockholm University)  Discussant: Brandyn Churchill (American University)</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:00		<p><b>Crime Victims' Children</b>  Paul Bingley (VIVE - Danish Center for Social Science Research)  Discussant: Ozkan Eren (University of California, Riverside)</p>
14:00-14:30		<p><b>A Rotten Apple: Peer Effects of Criminal Exposure in Schools</b>  Hikaru Kawarazaki (Institute for Fiscal Studies)  Discussant: Seth Gershenson (American University)</p>
14:30-15:00		<p><b>Self-Control, Sophistication, and Problem Gambling</b>  Deborah Cobb-Clark (University of Sydney)  Discussant: Davide Dragone (University of Bologna)</p>
15:00		Concluding Remarks and Farewell