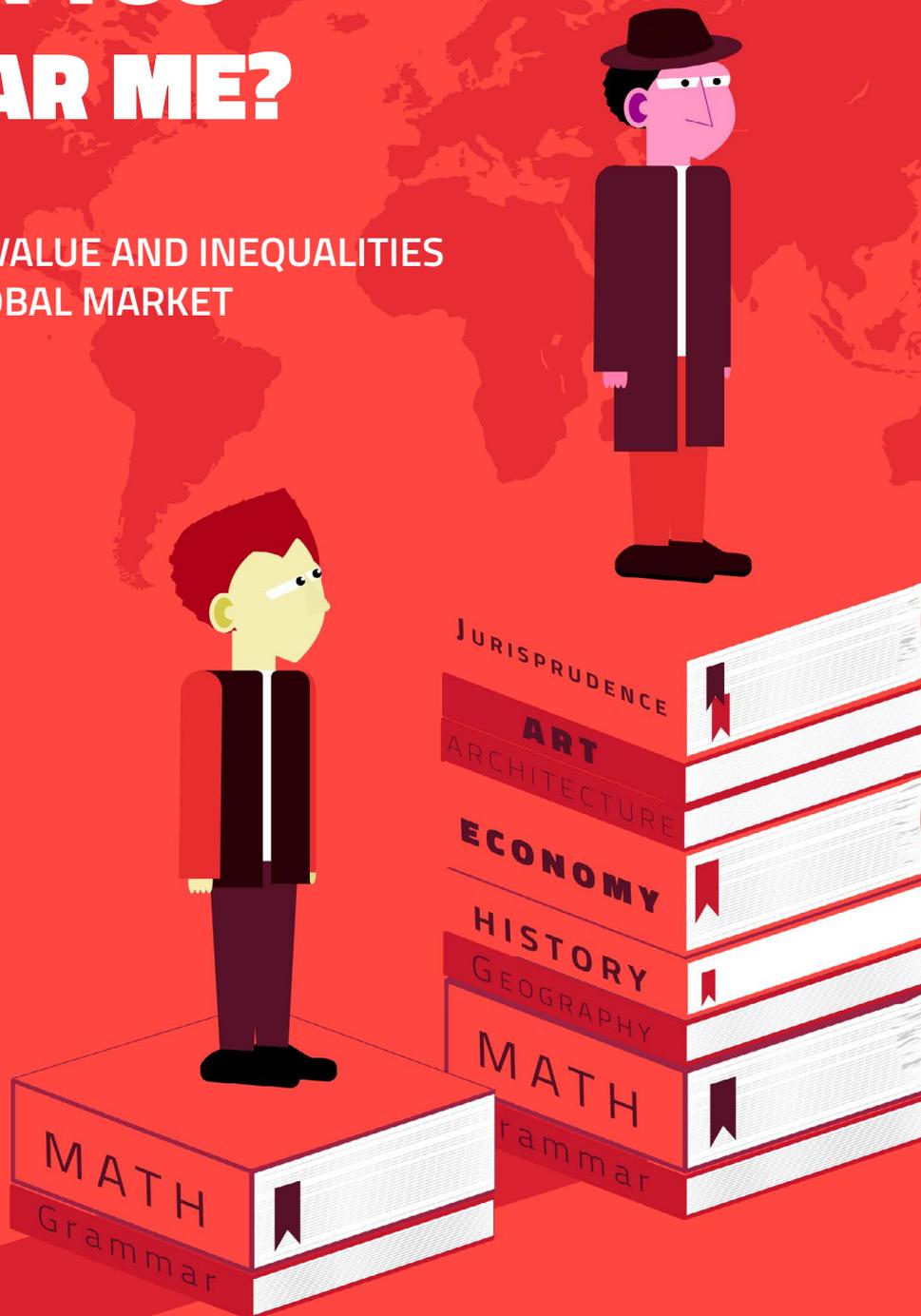


Call for papers

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**ADDED VALUE AND INEQUALITIES
IN A GLOBAL MARKET**



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The Conference

On **September 20th and 21st**, **La Sapienza University of Rome** (Italy) will host the conference **“Hello, can you hear me? Added value and inequalities in a global market”**. The aim of the event, which is promoted by **CEST** and funded by the Young Scholars Initiative – **INET** and by the **“Luigi Einaudi” Research Centre**, is to trace a *fil rouge* connecting the events which affected the globalization process over the past years and **explaining how the process has changed and has shaped changes in world economies**. In this scenario, we are particularly interested in: (i) defining the role that Global Value Chains (GVCs) have played and continue to play in both developed and developing countries; (ii) macro and microeconomic consequences of GVCs; (iii) investigating the effects of GVCs on labor and financial markets, and on their impact on development and inequality.

We warmly invite interested applicants to present an extended abstract (ca. 1000 words for papers; ca. 500 words for posters) of an original work concerning one of the following macro areas that will characterize the workshop, specifying in the [application form](#) the session of interest – for papers only. We accept works in English or Italian; the conference will be held in English only. Selected applicants will have 15 minutes to present their paper.

1. Winner and loser countries within GVCs

With the advent of globalization, early industrialized countries have assigned to developing ones those rings of the Global Value Chains characterized by less added value. Conversely, they have kept the role of innovators. In this framework, saying who ends up being better off might seem to be rather easy. However, we want to look at the non-trivial answer. What is the impact that globalization process has had on the power and economic relations among different world's regions?

2. GVCs and power relations: distributional outcome

This session explores to which extent MNFs, through their great economic and political power, are able to influence technological progress and exploit the GVCs. Moreover, it will investigate how this affects inequality. Put simply, MNFs face a wide technological innovation frontier: how much are the innovations realized actually related to the international production structure? To what extent do they exacerbate existing disparities?

3. A GVC based economy requires a globalized financial system, but at what cost?

This session will analyze the role that financial markets have in the developing GVCs. Even though GVCs are often presented as a prerequisite for the globalization process, there are still high barriers to access them, particularly for SMEs, and high risks for stability posed by a greater integration of financial markets. This session will try to answer the question: “how do financial markets impact GVCs development and what are the costs of a globalized financial system?”

4. How do GVCs affect labor markets?

The impact of the GVCs on the labor market is complex and the outcomes are very different and controversial. In this session, we will particularly focus on: job creation; returns to jobs (e.g. wages); distributional impacts within local labor market and across countries; working conditions that seems to characterize the globalization process. The main question addressed is whether such a process is a zero-sum game or if instead we observe creation (or destruction) of job positions.

As mentioned, these four central sessions are also those which will be hosting the contributions of the authors of the selected papers. Furthermore, the two lunch sessions will be devoted to posters' presentation.

How to apply

In order to apply, applicants must fill in the [application form](#), with all the requested information. Documents (abstract and CV) should be uploaded in the form in PDF format. In case of acceptance, the final version of the work will have to be sent to: gvc@associazionecest.it.

Important dates

June 29th Deadline for abstract submission

July 9th Notification of acceptance

September 1st Deadline for final version submission

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Fees

There is no participation fee, but the selected applicants will be responsible for their travel and stay expenses. Lunches will be offered to participants during the posters' sessions.

Scholarships and publication

Candidates may also apply for a scholarship, by selecting the relevant option in the application form. The evaluation committee may grant to authors of top quality abstracts a **scholarship covering travel and stay expenses**. Outstanding applications may be also considered for publication.

Confirmed speakers

- **Isabelle Bensidoun** (CEPII)
- **Gabriel Felbermayr** (University of Munich)
- **Dario Guarascio** (INAPP)
- **Paolo Manasse** (University of Bologna)
- **Michele Raitano** (La Sapienza University, Rome)
- **Filippo Taddei** (Johns Hopkins University)
- **Daria Taglioni** (World Bank)

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