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Sembenelli Day

February 14th, 2024

Collegio Carlo Alberto, Piazza Arbarello 8 Torino, Common Room

This day is dedicated to the memory of Alessandro Sembenelli, a dear colleague and tireless civil servant. He was a rigorous scholar and a cheerful person, and we wish this day to be like him.

Program

10.00 | Coffee and registration

10.30 | Welcome

Giorgio Barba Navaretti (Collegio Carlo Alberto)

Andrea Gallice (Esomas and Collegio Carlo Alberto)

Luca Fanelli (University of Bologna and SIdE)

Selection of Alessandro's Co-Authors

Chair: **Alessandra Voena** (Stanford University)

10.45 -11.15 | *Still Growing Together? The Spatial Distribution and Industrial Composition of U.S. County GDP since 1870*

Presenter: **Fabio Schiantarelli** (Boston College and IZA)

11.15-11.45 | *Firm Boundaries and Incentives: Evidence from the Biopharmaceutical Industry*

Presenter: **Marco Da Rin** (Tilburg University)

11.45-12.15 | *The Dawn of Civilization: Metal Trade and the Rise of Hierarchy*

Presenter: **Luigi Pascali** (LUISS, EIEF, and Universitat Pompeu Fabra)

12.15 -13.45 | Lunch

Chair: **Davide Vannoni** (UniTO)

13.45 -15.00 | Memories of Alessandro by:

Giuseppe Bertola (UniTO), **Giorgio Calzolari** (UniFi), **Paolo di Martino** (UniTO), **Federico Faccenda** (HSBC | BAYES), **Lisa Lynch** (Brandeis University), **Paolo Paruolo** (European Commission JRC), **Pietro Terna** (Unito & CCA), **Alessandra Venturini** (UniTO) and more...



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15.00 -15.30 | *Bond Market Views of the Fed*

Presenter: **Luigi Bocola** (Stanford University)

15.30 -16.00 | *Leverage at Entry and the Growth of Newly Incorporated Companies*

Presenter: **Marina Di Giacomo** (UniTO)

16.00 | Closing Remarks

Giovanna Nicodano (UniTO, CCA and CEPR)

Alessandro Sembenelli (1960–2023)

A renowned economist, Alessandro dedicated his life to advancing the fields of applied microeconometrics and industrial organization. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of East Anglia, UK, after completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Torino, Italy. As a full professor at the University of Torino, he inspired countless students while contributing to economic research through his extensive publications, collaborative projects, and roles in institutions such as Collegio Carlo Alberto and CERIS-CNR.

His work, often funded by prestigious bodies like the European Commission and the World Bank, tackled issues ranging from firm productivity to venture capital's role in innovation. Alessandro's legacy also includes active service to the academic community through roles in organizations like the Italian Econometric Association (SIDE) and editorial contributions to influential economic journals. His profound impact on the field and dedication to mentorship will be remembered by colleagues and students alike.

