

Wolpertinger Annual Conference 2026

University of Roma Tre, Department of Business Studies
Rome, Italy 2nd – 5th September 2026

Finance for a Better Society: Inclusion, Financial Literacy, Digitalisation and the Green Transition

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to launch the call for papers for the Wolpertinger Annual Conference 2026, which will be hosted by the Department of Business Studies of the University of Roma Tre, from the 2nd to the 5th of September 2026.

If you wish to submit a paper, please read carefully the following instructions and submit the paper through the online submission portal available on the conference website: <https://www.wolpertinger2026.eu>.

CONFERENCE THEME AND TOPICS

The main conference theme for this year's edition is "*Finance for a Better Society: Inclusion, Financial Literacy, Digitalization, and the Green Transition.*" This focus aims to highlight the evolving role of finance as a transformative force for social and economic progress. The discussions will focus on how financial system can actively foster societal well-being through inclusion, literacy, innovation and sustainability, and how financial services can contribute to reducing inequalities, empowering individuals and businesses, and supporting long-term goals.

However, the conference will maintain its traditionally generalist approach, encompassing all areas of banking and finance. Thus, we would be pleased to receive submissions which cover multiple areas of the field, such as:

- Financial literacy, education and inclusion
- Financial system regulation and supervisory
- Financial innovation and regulatory challenges
- Digitalization and AI in financial services
- FinTech, crypto and decentralised finance
- Payment system and services
- ESG risks and sustainability
- Risk management in financial services
- Corporate governance in the banking industry
- Corporate finance
- Insurance and pension funds
- Asset and wealth management

Some topics covered in the scientific work of Marco Onado, one of the founders of Wolpertinger, are particularly welcome for submission:

- Transformed intermediation: banks, markets and NBFIs
- Transparency and ethics in financial markets
- Regulation and behaviour of financial intermediaries

We kindly encourage Ph.D. students to submit their papers (whose subject matter may relate to any of the topics specified in the general call) to join our “Marco Onado Ph.D. sessions”, in memory of Prof. Marco Onado. PhD papers should be submitted in the section dedicated to them on the conference website.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Papers must be written in English and uploaded through the online submission portal available on the conference website: <https://www.wolpertinger2026.eu>
- Papers must be submitted in pdf format
- Papers should not exceed 50 pages
- Please submit full papers (abstracts and extended abstracts will not be considered)
- Please include on the first page the following information: (I) the title of your paper; (II) an abstract not exceeding 150 words; (III) four to five keywords; (IV) the names, surnames and affiliations of all the authors (to be provided after the acceptance of the paper).

Papers will be subject to a peer-review process, so, for the first submission, an anonymous paper is required. The authors’ names, surnames and affiliations of the authors should be included in the submission of the final version of the paper, in case of acceptance.

Note: at least one of the co-authors must register to attend and participate to the conference. The same author is not allowed to present more than one paper.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Paper submission deadline: May 15th 2026
- Notification of acceptance: June 1st 2026
- Early bird registration: by June 15th 2026
- Late registration: from June 16th 2026 (late registration will be available also on site)
- Submission of the final version of your manuscript (with authors’ details included): by August 24th 2026
- Conference dates: 2nd - 5th September 2026

CONFERENCE FEES

Registration Fees	Early bird	Late registration
Standard conference fee	€ 500	€ 550
Ph.D. student fee*	€ 350	€ 400
Accompanying person	€ 300	€ 300

The fee includes: conference participation, coffee breaks and light lunches, and social events.

The fee for accompanying persons includes participation in social events and eventual guided tours, provided that a sufficient number of participants is reached.

(*) Proof of Ph.D. student status must be attached to the application.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Authors of selected papers presented at the conference will be invited to submit their manuscripts to special issues and/or fast tracks of specialist journals:

- International Journal of Finance & Economics ([International Journal of Finance & Economics - Wiley Online Library](#))
- Journal of Economics and Business ([Journal of Economics and Business | ScienceDirect.com by Elsevier](#))
- Bancaria – Forum section, the scientific journal of the Italian Banking Association (ABI) ([Home](#))
- Rivista Bancaria Minerva Bancaria ([Rivista Bancaria Minerva Bancaria – Solo un altro sito WordPress](#))

Other collaborations are in progress and will be published on the conference website as soon as they are available.

In addition, papers selected will be invited to submit for inclusion as chapters in an especially themed book to be published in the [Palgrave Macmillan Studies in Banking and Financial Institutions | Book series home](#).

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND PLENARY PANELISTS

Annamaria Lusardi, Stanford University, California, US

Magda Bianco, Bank of Italy

Panu Kalmi, University of Vaasa, Finland

Paola Soccorso, Consob (TBC)

John Wilson, University of St. Andrews, UK

Barbara Casu, Bayes Business School and Centre for Banking Research, UK

Jonathan Williams, University of Surrey (Chair of the Wolpertinger Committee)

Cesare Bioni, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Andrea Landi, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Claudia Girardone, University of Essex, UK

Dario Focarelli, ANIA (Italian Insurance Association)

Costanza Iacomini, Bank of Italy

Angela Maddaloni, European Central Bank

Gianfranco Torriero, ABI (Italian Banking Association)

Additional keynote speakers and panelists will be added soon.



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Looking forward to see you in Rome!
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