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Due to the last-minute updates received from our participants, this version of the program is subject to minor updates in the coming days. The final version of this program will be distributed during the summit.

Thank you for your understanding!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL HOURS OF THIS PROGRAM ARE
INDICATED IN CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME (CET),
ROME, ITALY TIME**

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OVERVIEW OF ONLINE SESSIONS

Day	Time (CET)	Activity	Language	Room (Zoom)	Number of papers
Thursday 10 September	09:00 – 10:30	Plenary (stream from Università Lumsa)	English	/	/
	12:00 – 13:30	Session O1a	English	1	5
		Session O1b	English	2	4
	14:00 – 16:00	Session O2a	English	1	5
		Session O2b	Spanish	2	5
	14:00 – 15:30	Round Table: The Economy of Francesco	English	/	
Friday 11 September	12:00 – 13:30	Session O3a	English	1	5
		Session O3b	English	2	4
	14:00 – 16:00	Session O4a	English	1	5
		Session O4b	English	2	5
	16:30-17:30	Closing plenary	English	/	/

Breakout rooms coordinator: **Bart Leyen / Karen Valdez**

THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

OPENING AND PLENARY (English)

Time: 09:00 – 10:30 (CET)

Host: Online stream from Università Lumsa, Rome

Link: <https://meet.google.com/orv-kztw-pix>

Welcome greetings

Francesco Bonini, Rector of LUMSA University

Nikolay A. Dentchev, Professor at University of National and World Economy and Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Keynote speakers

Luigino Bruni, Professor of Political economics at LUMSA University

Nadia Lodato, Cooperative Rigenerazioni Onlus Founder

Jens Andersson, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Specialist at IKEA Social Entrepreneurship – Inter IKEA Group

Chair: **Valentina Cucino**, Professor of Management at LUMSA University

Session O1(a) (English)

Time: 12:00 – 13:30 (CET)

Zoom link:

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Room 1 (Zoom)

Host: Claudia Alba

Scavengers or CEOs? Rag Pickers as Survivalist Entrepreneurs in Semi-Urban Regions: A Phenomenological Study

By: Jeevan Vullinthal

Exploring the Duality of Structure and Agency and its Influence on the Sustainability of Social Enterprises in Namibia

By: Emilie Peyavali Vatilifa, Obey Dzomonda, Brownhilder Ngek Neneh

From Testimony to Action: How Senegalese Mothers Turn the Experience of Disability into Social Engagement

By: Lena Sy Seye

Conceptualizing Success in Social Entrepreneurship: Insights from a Comparative Analysis of Institutional, Market-Driven, and Grassroots Ecosystems

By: Oumaima Errajaoui, Wafia Nokairi

Operationalization of Lira University Business Incubation Hub

By: Ursula Abwot

Session O1(b) (English)

Time: 12:00 – 13:30 (CET)

Zoom link:

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Room 2 (Zoom)

Host: Karen Valdez

Community Voices and Shared Futures: Grassroots Responses in Semi-Urban and Rural Bengal

By: Sovik Mukherjee

Multisided Platforms as Catalysts for Cross-Sector Partnerships

By: Christina Kasper, Johanna Anzengruber, Kathrin Schwaiger

Women Leaders in Social Enterprises: Drivers of Ethical and Responsible Governance

By: Ouafaa El Qassir, Hind Bouzekraoui

Entrepreneurial Universities in Latin America: Evidence from Bolivia and Ecuador

By: Jorge Salas Vargas and Andrea Samaniego Diaz

Session O2(a) (English)

Time: 14:00 – 16:00 (CET)

Zoom link:

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Room 1 (Zoom)

Host: Karen Valdez

Configuration of the Mining Entrepreneurial Ecosystem as a Lever for the Growth of Subcontracting SMEs

By: Tresor Mupeta Mutwila

Investible Social Impact: Hybrid Organizing, Elimination-by-Aspect, and the Social Enterprise Screening Problem

By: Nikki James

Digital Tools and Artificial Intelligence as Instruments of Social Innovation in Education

By: Koushikee Dutta

Grassroots Financial Collectivities as Catalysts for Inclusive and Purpose-Driven Social Entrepreneurship in Zambia

By: Olgar Chanda

Entrepreneurial vs Non-Entrepreneurial Female at the BoP: Offering Adequate Support for Empowerment in the Katangese Copperbelt in DR Congo

By: Victoire Mukuzo Muheme

Session O2(b) (Spanish)

Time: 14:00 – 16:00 (CET)

Zoom link:

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Room 2 (Zoom)

Host: Virginio Ávila

La microinversión bursátil como mecanismo complementario al microcrédito para la capitalización progresiva de emprendedores de bajos ingresos en Latinoamérica

By: Jaime Jesús Salinas Mora, Paola Gareca, Valeria Rengifo

Intencionalidad emprendedora con enfoque social en la educación superior: un análisis mixto a través de la Teoría del Comportamiento Planificado y metodologías activas

By: Nicolás Contreras, Roberto Yany

Diseño de un Modelo de Scoring Financiero-Comercial para la Evaluación de Microcréditos en Emprendedores Vulnerables

By: Valeria Flores, Luciana Avendaño, Fabiola Herrera

Emprender por necesidad u oportunidad: factores personales y psicológicos que motivan a los egresados de la Universidad Católica Boliviana San Pablo, sede Tarija, a iniciar negocios propios

By: Dayana Huaylla, Anahi Sanchez, Viviana Gutierrez, Carla Pillco, Anahi Sossa

La Placita CESA: A Service-Learning Project to Strengthen Social Entrepreneurship through Teaching, Action Research, and Ecosystem Engagement

By: Claudia Arias, María Andreina Moros Ochoa

ROUND TABLE: THE ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO (English)

Time: 14:00 – 15:30 (CET)

Host: Online stream from Universita Lumsa, Rome

Link: <https://meet.google.com/xgu-zpbv-czp>

Speakers: **Monica Pairone** (Effatà Editrice), **Vincenzo Porzio** (Cooperativa La Paranza), **Samer Sfeir** (ProAbled) and **Ingrid Ocampo** (Aire Studio)

Moderator: **Plinio Limata** LUMSA University

FRIDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

Session O3(a) (English)

Time: 12:00 – 13:30 (CET)

Zoom link:

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Room 1 (Zoom)

Host: Karen Valdez

Sow, Grow, Impact: How a Seed Paper Startup from Agra is Rewriting the Rules of Social Enterprise beyond Sustainability

By: J Tamal Atab, Garima Capoor Nanda, Sumat Nanda, Dipankar Routh

From Digital Access to Real Empowerment: Hybrid Social Entrepreneurship and Women's Capabilities in Africa

By: Salma Yassine, Nazha Elboufi

Mapping Business Languages, Power Relations, and Inclusion Mechanisms in an Extractive and Cross-Border Space: The Case of the Katangese Copperbelt Arc in the DR Congo

By: Cheko Misakabu Blanchard, Kasombo Tshibanda Michaël

From Idle Assets to Living Learning Hubs: Building a Scalable Social Enterprise Ecosystem for Future-Ready Early Childhood Education in Indonesia's Residential Communities

By: Ayunda Tafsa Afifa

AI and the Reconfiguration of Capability Constraints in Social Entrepreneurship: An Exploratory Qualitative Study

By: Pavitra Raja

Session O3(b) (English)

Time: 12:00 – 13:30 (CET)

Zoom link:

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Room 2 (Zoom)

Host: Andrea Samaniego

Case Study: How Can a Rural Development Organization Successfully Pivot to New Markets?

By: Andrea Samaniego, Adriana Amaya, Jorge Rodriguez

From Slum to Dignity: Integrated SRHR, WASH, and Women's Empowerment Interventions in Kalshi, Dhaka – A Qualitative Impact Assessment

By: Umme Sharmin Kabir

When Purpose Is Not Enough: Can Legal Form Prevent Mission Drift?

By: Silvie Rohr

The Paradox of Care: How Donor Dependency and Power Asymmetries Shape the Actualization of Social Opportunities

By: Ahmed Trabelsi

Session O4(a) (English)

Time: 14:00 – 16:00 (CET)

Zoom link:

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Room 1 (Zoom)

Host: Jorge Salas

Workplace Democracy and the Prioritization of Social Value: Exploring Decision-Making Power in Employee-Owned Firms

By: Hillary Samson

Organizations and Political Systems: How Social Enterprises Contribute to Democratization

By: Nazik Beishenaly

Further Evidence on Robustness in Social Enterprises: Religious Creed, Organisational Purpose, and Diversified Entrepreneurial Practice

By: Ali Ahmad

Responsible AI as Social Impact Infrastructure: Ethical Leadership, Capacity Building, and Impact Measurement in Mission-Driven Enterprises

By: Ronald Johnson

Inclusivity in Entrepreneurial Ecosystems: Engaging Rural and Vulnerable Entrepreneurs Through Civic Wealth Creation Theory in Emerging Economies

By: Virginio Avila, Nikolay Dentchev, Jorge Salas

Session O4(b) (English)

Time: 14:00 – 16:00 (CET)

Zoom link:

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Room 2 (Zoom)

Host: Romel Brun

SDG Venture Lab: An Experiential Pedagogical Model for Embedding Sustainable Development Goals into Entrepreneurship Education

By: Akshay Raorane

University Entrepreneurship in the Mining Provinces of Haut-Katanga and Lualaba: Institutional Dynamics, Territorial Embeddedness and the Role of the Triple Helix

By: Emmanuel Sipila Kahozi

From Research Fragmentation to Global Praxis: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Social Entrepreneurship Knowledge Architecture

By: Tatjana Brkic

DFIs Supporting Financial Inclusion and BOP Entrepreneurship

By: Karen Valdez, Nikolay Dentchev, Romel Brun

The Impact of Design Thinking Training on Refugee Entrepreneurs: A Human-Centred Approach to Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities for Real-Life Problems

By: Jehad Alrefaie

CLOSING PLENARY (English)

Time: 16:00 – 17:00 (CET)

Host: Online stream from Universita Lumsa, Rome

Link: <https://meet.google.com/jzo-xpxx-zia>

Awards & Closing Remarks

Chair: Abel Diaz Gonzalez, Maastricht University and Chiara Ottolenghi, LUMSA University

Thanks for your participation