

Early-Career Researchers Symposium & *Annual Conference*

25–26 JUN 2026 • School of Economics, University of Sheffield • THE WAVE

Day 1 Thursday 25 June — PhD & ECR Symposium

VENUE
WORKROOM 3, THE WAVE

09:00 REGISTRATION

09:20 WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS

INDUSTRIAL POLICY

09:30 – 11:00

Ivan Rendo • Toulouse

Excessive Content Moderation

Disc. Prof Mich Tvede

Rhys Williams • Cambridge

Who Gets the Dough? Explaining the Gluten Free Price Premium

Disc. Prof Monica Giulietti

Glory Okutue • Nottingham

The Trade Task after Brexit: Evidence from UK Vacancy Data

Disc. Dr Antonio Navas

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

ENVIRONMENT

11:15 – 12:45

Antonio Fuso • Bari

Determinants of Renewable Energy Community Diffusion: A Spatial
Econometric Analysis of Italian Municipalities

Disc. Dr Enrico Vanino

Sébastien Montpetit • Warwick

Are Climate Policies Marginal? A Welfare Evaluation of Environmental
Reforms

Disc. Prof David Paton

Zhenyu Fu • Nottingham

Do ESG Ratings Reflect Corporate Carbon Performance? Evidence from UK-
Listed Firms

Disc. Prof Giuliana Battisti

12:45 LUNCH BREAK

MARKET EFFICIENCY & COMPETITION

13:45 – 15:45

Niccolò Soldati • Genova

Focal Points and Market Efficiency in Housing Transactions

Disc. Dr Chris Wilson

Domenika Uskova • Warwick

When Peers Fail: Data Breach Signals and the Competitive Advantage of Non-
Breached Firms

Disc. Prof Jesse Matheson

Ignacio Nunez • CRA

Market Allocation in Differentiated Bertrand Competition

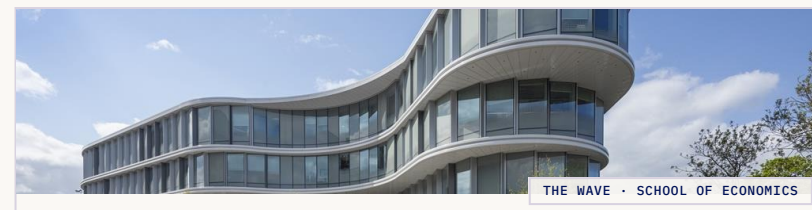
Disc. Dr Mehman Ismayilli

Yuxuan Liu • Sheffield

Flood Risk and House Prices: Evidence from the UK Housing Market

Disc. Dr Tom Siddall

15:45 Best Paper Awards & Concluding Remarks



THE WAVE • SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Day 2 Friday 26 June — Annual Conference

VENUE • LECTURE THEATRE 4, THE WAVE

09:30 REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS

Dr Matteo Foschi • Charles River Associates

Tech and Enforcement: Recent Developments on AI

10:00 – 10:45

10:45 COFFEE BREAK

PLATFORMS & ALGORITHMIC MARKETS

11:00 – 12:30

Dr Wynne Lam • Edinburgh

Innovation and Platform Information Disclosure

Dr Arina Nikandrova • City, University of London

Algorithmic Pricing in the Age of AI: Collusion, Exclusion, and Competition Policy

12:30 LUNCH

ACQUISITIONS & THE DIRECTION OF INNOVATION

13:30 – 15:00

Dr Andrea Greppi • OECD

Are All Acquisitions Alike? Heterogeneity in the Firm-Level Impact of Acquisitions on Innovation

Dr Maria Garcia-Vega • Nottingham

AI Adoption and the Direction of Innovation

15:00 COFFEE BREAK

ROUNDTABLE — REGULATION, ENFORCEMENT & AI

15:15 – 16:45

Dr Andrea Greppi • OECD

Dr Matthias Lux • Cornerstone

Jonathan Thurlwell • Ofgem

Chair Prof Giuliana Battisti

Fatima Fiandeiro • Ofcom

Shaun Reidy • CMA

16:45 Concluding Remarks