

AQMAPPS 2026 – Programme

SEPTEMBER 15 th				
KEYNOTE ADDRESS				
14.30 - 15.30	Dr. Johanna Rickne, Professor of Economics, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University. " <i>Sexual harassment and women's academic careers</i> "			
COFFEE BREAK				
Session 1: Tracking and School Selection. 15.45 - 17.25			Session 2: Machine Learning. 15.45 - 17.25	
Time	Title	Presenter	Title	Presenter
15.45 - 16.10	Do Degree Classifications Matter? Evidence from Academic Progression Outcome.	Maxime François, KU Leuven	Academic Resilience in PISA 2022: A Machine Learning Analysis	Ari Perdana, Maastricht University
16.10 - 16.35	Soft Skills and Teacher Track Recommendation: Evidence from the Dutch Primary-to-Secondary Transition.	Jeanne Olla, Maastricht University	Designing Early Warning Systems for University Dropout: Integrating Machine Learning and Causal Inference for Data-Driven Education Policy.	Sazzad Hossain, Chang'an University
16.35 - 17.00	From School to the Labor Market: How Illness Shapes Educational and Early Adult Trajectories.	Giulia Vaiani, Politecnico di Milano	Exploring International Learning Loss Patterns: a ML Investigation Using PISA Data Before and After COVID -19.	Melvin Vooren, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
17.00 - 17.25	Non-Cognitive Skills and Educational Trajectories: The Impact of Social Relationships on Track Placement.	Lynn van Vugt (chair), Maastricht University	Beyond Prediction: Uncovering Dropout Patterns with Machine Learning in Italian Schools.	Mariavittoria Ludovico (chair), Politecnico di Milano
18.00 - Dinner at Roof Restaurant (Mövenpick Hotel, Lembitu 12)				

SEPTEMBER 16 th				
Session 3: School Financing and Resources. 09.00 - 10.35			Session 4: New Methods and Insights from Data. 09.00 - 10.35	
Time	Title	Presenter	Title	Presenter
09.00 - 09.25	Estimating the Returns to Intensive versus Moderate Support Schools Using Geographic Variation in School Access.	Ilja Cornelisz, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	Beyond the 10% Threshold: A Latent Profile Analysis of Attendance Heterogeneity and Behavioral Mechanisms.	Andrea Vargova, Ministry of Education Slovak Republic
09.25 - 09.50	Between Autonomy and Redistribution: The Distributional Outcomes of Project-based Funding in Italian Schools.	Francesco Balzaretto, University of Milan	Dynamic Selection Difference-in-Differences (DS-DiD): Identification and Estimation under Time-Varying Selection Bias.	Damiano Baldaccini, University of Milan Bicocca
09.50 - 10.15	The Impact of Institutional Campaigns: The Case of Flemish Summer Schools.	Diogo Concelção, KU Leuven	A Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of a Reflective Cybersecurity Laboratory in Italian Public Administration: from Compliance to Security-Related Organisational Citizenship Behaviour.	Beatrice Cotini, Politecnico di Milano
10.15 - 10.35	School Meals and Conditional Cash Transfers in Secondary Education: Effects on Educational Achievements.	Carla Haelermans (chair), Maastricht University	The Effects of Cochlear Implant on the Labour Market Outcomes: Quasi-Experimental Evidence from Administrative Data.	Sofia Villalobos-Aliste (chair), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
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Session 5: Market failures. 10.50 - 12.30			Session 6: Teaching, pedagogy, and schools. 10.50 - 12.30	
Time	Title	Presenter	Title	Presenter
10.50 - 11.15	The Role of Gender and Socioeconomic Status in Financial Literacy.	Iván Vicente, University of Valencia	Return Migration and the Wage Premium of Foreign Study: Evidence from a High-Emigration Setting.	Ondrej Škvarenina, Ministry of Education Slovak Republic
11.15 - 11.40	Potential Equity Market Development and Efficiency Gaps: A Four-Component Frontier Analysis.	Gabriela Riveros, KU Leuven	Does Alcohol Prohibition Work? Evidence from India.	Yash Shekhar, IIM Kashipur
11.40 - 12.05	Property Rights, Land Allocation, and Exports: Evidence from the Brazilian Amazon.	Niveditha Prabakaran, Estonian Business School	Drivers of Compliance Intentions and Actual Tax Behaviour: Consistent and Inconsistent Taxpayers.	Natalia Levenko (chair), Tallinn University of Technology
12.05 - 12.30	The Impact of Low-Emission Zones on Student Performance: Evidence from Milan's Area C.	Valeria Urbano (chair), Politecnico di Milano		
LUNCH BREAK				

KEYNOTE ADDRESS				
13.30 - 14.30	Dr. Mika Kortelainen , Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Turku. <i>“Digital Primary Care and Demand for Health Care: Evidence from a Large-Scale Randomized Trial”</i>			
Session 7: Higher Education: Returns and Policies. 14.30 - 16.10			Session 8: Incentives and welfare. 14.30 - 16.10	
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14.30 - 14.55	Unequal and Persistent Effects of Student Loan Policy: Evidence from Parent PLUS Reforms.	Madison Dell, University of Zurich	Who Benefits from the Assignment of Homework?	Darragh Flanner, University of Limerick
14.55 - 15.20	Class Size and Student Performance in Higher Education.	Dónal Palcic, University of Limerick	Embedding Social-Emotional Skills in Everyday Teaching: Evidence from an Italian School-Based Evaluation.	Gabriele Iannotta, Politecnico di Milan
15.20 - 15.45	Who Matters for Whom? Non-linear Peer Effects on Achievement and Absenteeism.	Melisa Diaz, Politecnico di Milano	The Effects of Training Design on Teachers' Pedagogical Digital Competence: A Meta-Analytic Approach.	Faisal Mohammed, Estonian Business School
15.45 - 16.10	No Escape from Mismatch? Performance Pay and the Persistence of Overeducation Penalties in Europe.	Simona Ferraro (chair), Tallinn University of Technology	The price of teaching: Housing costs and geographic shortage patterns.	Mattice Venken (chair), KU Leuven
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Session 9: Family and Social Environment 16.25 - 17.40			Session 10: Ideology, beliefs and education 16.25 - 17.40	
Time	Title	Presenter	Title	Presenter
16.25 - 16.50	School Choice as a Social Dilemma: The Role of Parenting Styles in Opting Out of Neighbourhood Schools	Nilay Rammul, Estonian Business School	Causes of economic differences: When Internal Locus Meets External Controllability.	Franco Bastias, Tallinn University
16.50 - 17.15	Early School Leaving & Social Relationships in Dutch (pre-) Vocational Education.	Chayenne Smeets, Maastricht University	When Identities Coexist: Education Policy and Minority Identity Integration.	Laura Howells, Princeton University
17.15 - 17.40	Does Timing Matter? Parental Separation Around Educational Transitions.	Hannelore Nelissen (chair), KU Leuven	Fair Chances, Fair Outcomes? Educational Opportunities and Meritocratic Beliefs in Europe	Triin Lauri (chair), Tallinn University
17.50 – 19.00: Walking tour. Meeting point: EBS front door				