

AQMAPPS 2026 – Programme

SEPTEMBER 15 th				
13.30	REGISTRATION			
WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS				
14.00 - 14.30	Professor Kaire Põder, Estonian Business School			
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.	Sofía 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	Class Size and Student Performance in Higher Education.	Dónal Palcic, University of Limerick	The Effects of Training Design on Teachers' Pedagogical Digital Competence: A Meta-Analytic Approach.	Faisal Mohammed, Estonian Business School
14.55 - 15.20	Unequal and Persistent Effects of Student Loan Policy: Evidence from Parent PLUS Reforms.	Madison Dell, University of Zurich	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 price of teaching: Housing costs and geographic shortage patterns	Mattice Venken (chair), KU Leuven
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	Who Benefits from the Assignment of Homework?.	Dónal Palcic, University of Limerick
COFFEE BREAK				

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				