

ITSG – Italian Trade Study Group

Trade Security and Trade Policy in Europe and Developing Countries

Rome, May 28–29, 2026

LUISS University, Rome

Organised by LUISS LEAP, Fondazione Manlio Masi, and Centro Rossi-Doria

Thursday, May 28

14:00 – 14:15 Registration

14:15 – 14:30 Opening and Welcome Address

Greetings: Valentina Meliciani (LUISS University)

14:30 – 16:00 Session 1: Strategic Dependencies, Decoupling and the Energy Transition

Chair: Valentina Meliciani (LUISS University)

Paper 1 – Francesco Crespi, **Nicolo Geri**, Dario Guarascio, Enrico Marvasi, *"Can Strategic Dependencies Harm the Acceleration Towards Net-Zero Transition? The Case of the Lithium-Ion Battery Industry"*

Discussant: Dimitri Zurstrassen (LEAP)

Paper 2 – **David R. DeRemer**, Aigerim Yergabulova, *"Decoupling, Quality Upgrading, and Geoeconomic Chokepoints"*

Discussant: Silvia Nenci (Roma Tre University)

Paper 3 – **Pablo Federico Bertin**, Gabriel Nicolas Michelena, Maria Priscila Ramos, *"Trade Fragmentation and the Energy Transition: Global Impacts of Trade Wars on Renewable Energy Goods"*

Discussant: Ettore Gallo (University of Parma)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break



16:30 – 18:00 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Chair: Maria Savona (LUISS University and SPRU University of Sussex)

L. Alan Winters (University of Sussex, CEPR)

"Should we mourn the passing of MFN?"

19:00 Buffet Dinner – LUISS University

Friday, May 29

9:30 – 11:00 Session 2: Environmental Regulation, Social Standards and Sustainable Supply Chains

Chair: Filippo Bontadini (LUISS University)

Paper 1 – Maria Laura Pupo (Polytechnic of Turin), *"How Environmental and Social Policies Reshape Global Supply Chains: The U.S. Cotton Supply Shock Under the UFLPA"*

Discussant: Maria Savona (LUISS University and SPRU University of Sussex)

Paper 2 – Lewoye Bantie Baylie, Anna M. Ferragina, Stefano Iandolo, Ivan Sergio, *"Environmental Regulation and Trade Performance: Evidence from Italian Provinces"*

Discussant: Valentina Meliciani (LUISS University)

Paper 3 – Davide Del Prete, Valentin Guye, Edoardo Tolva, *"Sustainable Relationships"*

Discussant: Enrico Marvasi (Roma Tre University)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 3: Trade Policy, Protectionism and Policy Measurement

Chair: Maria Savona (LUISS University and SPRU University of Sussex)

Paper 1 – Peter H. Egger, Joseph Francois, Irene Garces, Miriam Manchin, *"Policy Uncertainty, Gravity, and Trade in Services"*

Discussant: Lucia Tajoli (Politecnico di Milano)

Paper 2 – Pavel Chakraborty, Amanda De Pirro, *"When a Protectionist Trade Policy Turns into an Industrial Policy: Evidence from India"*

Discussant: Anna Giunta (Roma Tre University)



Paper 3 – Nicolo Tamberi, *"The Trade Elasticity from Tariff-Based Regressions: What Do We Measure?"*

Discussant: Francesco Faieta (LUISS University)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Session 4: Innovation, Competition and Firm Responses to Trade

Chair: Andrea Coveri (University of Urbino)

Paper 1 – Xiaomeng Cui, Hong Ma, **Weibin Wei**, Mingzhi Xu, *"Colluding Against Import Competition"*

Discussant: Siavash Mohades (University of Maastricht)

Paper 2 – Laura Bisio, **Angelo Cuzzola**, Marco Grazzi, Daniele Moschella, *"Innovation, Green Products and Trade: Evidence from Multiproduct Firms"*

Discussant: Alberto Marzucchi (GSSI)

Paper 3 – Peter H. Egger, **Gianluca Santoni**, Farid Toubal, *"Innovation Leaders and the Global Diffusion of Knowledge"*

Discussant: Carlo Pietrobelli (Roma Tre University)

16:00 – 16:30 Break

16:30 – 17:30 Session 5: Institutions and Distributional Outcomes

Chair: Enrico Marvasi (Roma Tre University)

Paper 1 – **Dario Pellegrino**, *"Safer Trade Among Democracies? Downward Trade Volatility and Political Regimes (1962-2018)"*

Discussant: Filippo Bontadini (LUISS University)

Paper 2 – **Margarita Lopez-Forero**, Kevin Parra Ramirez, Gabriel Smagghue, *"Offshoring Wage Inequality in Tax Havens"*

Discussant: Andrea Coveri (University of Urbino)

17:30 – 17:40 Conclusion and Farewell

Closing remarks: Lucia Tajoli (Politecnico di Milano and ITSG)

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