

Invisible Finance: Women and Money in History
(Middle Ages to the Twentieth Century)
International Conference

Conference Programme

Organising Committee:

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

08.45-09.00 – Welcome

09.00-09.30 – Institutional Greetings

- Alessandro Missale, Head of the Department of Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods, University of Milan
- Alessandro Azzi, President of Federazione Lombarda delle Banche di Credito Cooperativo
- Giuseppe De Luca, University of Milan, President of ARiSE (Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca in Storia Economica)

09.30-10.45 – Session 1: Women in Banking and Credit: Roles, Networks, and Leadership

Chair: Marcella Lorenzini, University of Milan

- Teresa Fiordelisi, Vice President of Gruppo Bancario Cooperativo BCC Iccrea and President of iDEE – Associazione delle Donne del Credito Cooperativo: *Donne e cooperazione di credito: motore di innovazione e sviluppo sostenibile*
- Maria Rosaria De Rosa, Università degli Studi Suor Orsola Benincasa, Naples: *“Imaginary Names”: Women and Private Banks in Credit Networks in Naples between the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*
- Ruxandra Pavelchievici, Université Côte d’Azur: *American Women in Banking and Finance: Awakening and Obstacles*
- Shennette Garrett-Scott, Tulane University: *“Invincible Daughters of Commerce”: Black Women between Wall Street and Harlem’s Underground Economy*

10.45-11.15 – Coffee Break

11.15-12.30 – Session 2: Family, Reputation, and Credit in the Atlantic World

Chair: Giovanni Ceccarelli, University of Milan

- Bláithín Hurley, The Open University: *Between Bonds and Bills of Debt: Elizabeth Blacknall and Invisible Finance in Seventeenth-Century Ireland*

- Arina Zarei, University of Leeds: *Family Bonds: Uncovering the Women of Barings Bank, 1750–1800*
- Niccolò Valmori, London School of Economics: “*A Lady of Business*”: *Elizabeth Willing Powel and the Role of Women in US Society at the End of the Eighteenth Century*
- David K. Thomson, Sacred Heart University in Fairfield: *Woman Bondholders and the Politics of Credit: Gender and the Moral Economy of Sovereign Debt in the Atlantic World, 1820–1845*

12.30-13.30 – Lunch

13.30-14.45 – Session 3: Quantifying the Invisible: Work, Income, and Household Finance

Chair: Giandomenico Piluso, University of Turin

- Jaco Zuijderduijn, Lund University: *Women at the Helm: Reconstructing the Economic Life Cycle of Female-Headed Households in 19th-Century Stockholm*
- Simone Frisoni, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid: *From the Factory to the Home: Structural Change, Housewives, and Income Trends in Milan, 1880–1910*
- Dea Van den Brande, University of Antwerp: *Quantifying the (in)visible: The Financial Lives of Antwerp Immigrant Women, 1890–1940*
- Giacomo Gabbuti, Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa, Maria Gómez León, University of Valencia, Edoardo Rappa, University of Siena: *Gender Inequality in Incomes and Employment in Italy, 1901–2019*

14.45-16.00 – Session 4: Law, Property, and Family Wealth Strategies

Chair: Matteo Pompermaier, University of Brescia

- Patrizia Sardina, University of Palermo, Daniela Santoro, University of Palermo: *Women’s Financial Agency in Urban Life: Palermo in the Late Middle Ages*
- Elisa Turrisi, University of Palermo: *Dowries, Wealth, and Family Strategies in Late Fifteenth-Century Palermo*
- Salsabil Fakkar, International University of Casablanca: *Moroccan Women and Money in the Pre-Colonial Period*
- Stefania Licini, University of Bergamo: *Women’s Financial Assets: Evidence from Inheritance Records in Bergamo, Italy, 1871–1951*

16.00-16.15 – Coffee Break

16.15-17.30 – Session 5: Religion, Welfare, and Redistributive Finance

Chair: Helen Paul, University of Southampton

- Donatella Strangio, Sapienza University of Rome: *Women, Public Debt, and Social Welfare in Early Modern Rome: A Gendered Reading of the Brogliardi Registers*
- Christos Desyllas, Hellenic Open University: *Gendered Credit before Modern Banking: Women, Dowry Capital, and Institutional Welfare in Nineteenth-Century Corfu*

- Giovanni Gregorini, Catholic University of Milan, Riccardo Semeraro, Catholic University of Milan: *The Economics of Providence: Nuns, Finance, and Society in Late Modern Italy*
- Şahin Yeşilyurt, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Abdullah Turgil, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University: *Gender and Redistribution in the Ottoman Empire: Women and Poor Relief in the Late Empire*

17.30-19.00 – Cocktail Reception

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

08.45-10.00 – Session 6: Women in Capital Markets: Banking Houses, Securities, and Investment Portfolios

Chair: Marcella Lorenzini, University of Milan

- Gaia Bruno, Ca' Foscari University of Venice: *Living off One's Own: The Case of Women Investors in 18th-Century Naples*
- Mark Edward Hay, Erasmus University of Rotterdam: *Reassessing Female Agency in Early Modern Finance: Female Managers of Amsterdam Banking Houses in the Age of Revolutions, 1770–1825*
- Joke Mooij, independent scholar: *Beyond Invisibility: Women and Finance in Amsterdam, 1795–1848*
- Susana Martínez-Rodríguez University of Murcia, Sergi Lozano, University of Barcelona, Anna Carreras-Marín, University of Barcelona: *A Hundred Years of Invisible Women Investment in the Bank of Spain, 1861–1962*

10.00-10.30 – Coffee Break

10.30-12:00 – Session 7: Informal Credit, Pledges, and Shadow Financial Markets

Chair: Matteo Pompermaier, University of Brescia

- Rachele Scuro, Pegaso University: *Through Bank and Shop: Mapping Women's Financial Activities and Jewish Business in Renaissance Venice*
- Claire Huet, Bretagne Sud University: *Women Moneylenders and Pawnbrokers in 18th-Century Southern France*
- Sara D'Anna, LUMSA University: «*Tiene molte e molte centinaia di libre di sete in pegno quali ce l'hanno date altri tessitori et altri manifatturieri*». *Women's Financial Practices in the Neapolitan Silk Guild, 18th Century*
- Charlotte Giraud, Académie de Grenoble: *Pawns, Pearls, and Power: Gendered Credit Practices at the Mont-de-Piété de Paris, 1866–1877*
- Qiuyang Chen, Loughborough University: *Informal Credit and Rural Women: Micro-Financial Crises in Reform-Era China*

12.00-12:15 – Closing remarks