

Day 1: May 14th, 2026

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 10:30
Basile Grassi (Bocconi University)
License to Ease: Competition and Monetary Policy Interaction
Paolo Mengano (Esade Business School)
Mergers and Market Power

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30
Giuseppe Fiori (Board of Governors)
The Effects of Uncertainty on Firms' Pricing Behavior and Activity
Mathias Klein (Bank of Sweden)
Do Capacity Constraints Affect the Pass-Through of Monetary Policy to Prices

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:30
Javier Quintana (Bank of Spain)
The Transmission of Foreign Shocks in a Networked Economy
Lorenzo Pesaresi (Bank of Italy)
Specialization, Complexity, and Resilience in Supply Chains

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:30
Miklos Koren (Central European University)
The Directions of Technical Change
Chenchuan Shi (University of Oxford)
Knowledge Generality, Competition and Growth

20:00 **Conference Dinner** Restaurante Agua/ Pg. Maritim de la Barceloneta, 30

Day2: May 15th, 2026

09:00 – 10:30

Luiz Brotherhood (University of Barcelona)
Minimum Wages, Inequality, and the Informal Sector

Tim Lee (Queen Mary University of London)
UBC with a SWF

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30

Ekaterina Gurkova (University of California, Los Angeles)
Human Capital Accumulation and the Long-Term Effects of Temporary Sectoral Shocks

Furkan Sarikaya (University of Warwick)
Major Choice and the Aggregate Effects of College Subsidies

12:30 – 13:00 **Coffee Break**

13:00 – 13:45

Andrea Caggese (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
Zombies? Growth Options, Heterogeneous Firms, and the Allocative Effects of Zombie Lending

13:45 – 15:15 **Lunch**

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