



Summer School Behavioral Economics for Sustainability Transitions

Second edition with a Focus on Artificial Intelligence

Jointly organised by SEEDS and BiT-RG

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About the Summer School

The second edition of SEEDS–BiT–RG Joint Summer School on Behavioral Economics for Sustainability Transitions will take place on 24–26 September 2026 at Unitelma Sapienza University of Rome. The school brings together early-career researchers and leading international scholars to advance research at the intersection of behavioral economics and sustainability science.

Behavioral economics provides essential tools for understanding decision-making and designing effective policy interventions. Sustainability transitions that address challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and sustainable consumption and production critically depend on individual and collective behavior. The second edition places a special focus on **Artificial Intelligence providing a unique opportunity to engage with these developments in an interdisciplinary setting.**

The program features lectures, keynote talks, and interactive sessions by top international researchers. Core themes include:

- Behavioral interventions for sustainable consumption
- Digital and AI-based nudging
- Algorithmic decision support systems
- Machine learning applications in behavioral research
- Ethical and distributional implications of AI in policy design





Why Attend

Engage with leading international scholars. The summer school brings together researchers from across Europe, creating a uniquely concentrated environment for intellectual exchange. Participants will have direct access to senior academics at the frontier of behavioral economics and sustainability science, not only during sessions, but through dedicated mentoring and informal discussions throughout the three days.

Present your research and receive expert feedback. A half-day session is reserved for selected participants to present their own work. This is a genuine opportunity to share your research with a critical, supportive international audience and receive structured feedback from established scholars, whether you are in the early stages of your PhD or approaching completion.

Explore the intersection of AI and behavioral economics. The 2026 edition offers a dedicated space to examine how artificial intelligence is changing the tools and methods available to behavioral researchers and policymakers. Sessions will address both the opportunities and the open questions that AI raises for sustainability-oriented research and intervention design.

Programme

The summer school will include two days of lectures and keynote talks, followed by a half-day session dedicated to selected participants' research presentations. The detailed programme will be published in due course.

Scientific Committee

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Call for Applications

The summer school is open to a maximum of 45 PhD students and early-career researchers in economics, behavioral science, sustainability science, public policy, and related disciplines. Applicants with an interdisciplinary profile and an interest in behavioral approaches to sustainability transitions are particularly encouraged to apply. Applications from abroad are warmly encouraged.

The participation fee is 200 euros and includes lectures, course materials, coffee breaks, lunches, and a social dinner. A limited number of fee waivers will be made available by the organizing committee to PhD students selected to present their research, on the basis of abstract quality.

How to Apply

Submit your application via this form <https://forms.gle/RSDhYL9xmmejFGDA> where you can upload a motivation letter and, if you wish to present your research, an abstract.

Deadlines

- 19 June — Application deadline
- 3 July — Notification of acceptance
- 31 July — Registration deadline

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