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## GIORGIO ROTA BEST PAPER AWARD FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS



14<sup>th</sup> edition



### CALL FOR PAPERS 2026

The Centro Einaudi, with support from [Fondazione CRT](#), in collaboration with the [Department of Economics and Statistics “Cognetti De Martiis”](#) (ESt, University of Turin) and the [Department of Economics, Social Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics](#) (ESOMAS, University of Turin), is delighted to launch the 14th edition of the Giorgio Rota Best Paper Award.

Young researchers are invited to submit up to two original research papers to the prize competition on the following theme:

### **Economic Impact of Disasters. Risk assessment, Vulnerability and Policy Responses**

The **14th edition** of the Award in memory of the Giorgio Rota invites submissions addressing the economic impacts of disasters from a rigorous analytical and policy-oriented perspective. Disasters — whether natural (e.g., floods, earthquakes, wildfires, heatwaves) or human-induced (e.g., industrial accidents, infrastructure failures, energy-related disruptions, armed conflicts affecting strategic assets) — have become more frequent, interconnected, and economically consequential. Beyond their immediate physical destruction, such events generate persistent macroeconomic and microeconomic effects, alter investment dynamics, reshape spatial and social inequalities, and challenge existing institutional and financial arrangements. A central concern of this edition is the need to better identify the heterogeneous and unevenly distributed impacts of disasters across regions, sectors, and population groups, while addressing fundamental questions about the design of public and private risk-sharing mechanisms, the role of insurance and financial markets, the effectiveness of adaptation and mitigation policies, and the governance of systemic risk under deep uncertainty.



**Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:**

- The measurement of macroeconomic and microeconomic impacts of disasters
- Spatial heterogeneity, regional resilience, and territorial disparities
- Welfare costs and distributional consequences of climate change and extreme events
- Economic modeling under uncertainty and deep uncertainty
- Risk perception, expectations, and behavioral responses to disaster risk
- Individual and collective responses to disasters
- Bottom-up perspectives on disasters
- Disaster resilience and coping mechanisms
- Insurance markets, public guarantees, and disaster risk-sharing mechanisms
- Fiscal capacity, public debt, and disaster-related expenditure
- Evaluation of climate change mitigation and adaptation policies
- Regulatory frameworks for critical infrastructure and strategic assets
- Political economy of disaster prevention and recovery
- Climate finance and investments
- The role of financial markets in pricing and allocating disaster risk
- Public and private investment under climate and technological risk
- Risk exposure, vulnerability assessment, and financial stability

**Selection Criteria.** Submissions will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to the topic
- A clearly articulated contribution to the literature
- Rigor of methods and data
- Originality of findings
- Clarity and readability

**Award Ceremony.** Two papers will be selected for awards of €3,000 each (gross). Awardees will present their work at the Giorgio Rota Award Ceremony, which will take place in **Turin, between the end of November and the first ten days of December 2026**. The event will feature an invited lecturer followed by presentations of the winning papers and a discussion.

Attendance at the award ceremony is mandatory for prize recipients. Travel and accommodation expenses in Turin will be reimbursed up to a maximum of €1,500 (one author for each paper).

Winners and the date of the award ceremony will be announced on the [Centro Einaudi website](#) by, **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



**Submission Guidelines.** To be eligible, papers must:

- Present original scientific contributions, whether unpublished or previously published, addressing this year's topics with methodological rigor and originality.
- Be written in English or Italian.
- Be formatted in PDF.
- Not exceed 8,000 words (including titles, footnotes, figures, and tables).
- Include an abstract of 150–300 words and 3–5 keywords.
- Be accompanied by a cover letter signed by all authors confirming eligibility criteria.
- For previously published work, provide prior publication information.

**Eligibility.** Open to young researchers of any nationality who:

- Hold a university degree (BA, MA, or PhD) in economics, geography, sociology, political science, or related social sciences.
- Applicants must be no older than 40. PhD holders must be within seven years of receiving their doctorate. In case of a tie, the prize will be awarded to the youngest candidate.
- Have not won this award in the past two years.

For co-authored papers, all authors must meet the eligibility criteria and submit a statement to this effect.

**Application Procedure.**

Submit the following documents by email to [applications-GR@centroeinaudi.it](mailto:applications-GR@centroeinaudi.it) by **September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**:

1. Signed Giorgio Rota Best Paper Award [Application Form](#)
2. Up to two scientific papers (PDF)
3. Proof of year of doctoral degree
4. Copy of an identification document indicating date of birth
5. Curriculum Vitae (in English or Italian)

**Notification.** The selected papers will be announced by **October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. All decisions of the committee are final.

**Publication.** Reviewed and formatted versions of the award-winning papers — following [author guidelines](#) — must be provided by the recipients for publication in *Quaderni del Premio “Giorgio Rota”*, an ISBN-assigned online working paper series of Centro Einaudi, by the end of the year. Winners are also encouraged to provide a general-interest summary or where relevant a concise policy-oriented brief.



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**About the Award and Organizers.** The Annual Giorgio Rota Best Paper Award is established to honor the memory of **Giorgio Rota (1944–1984)**: a distinguished Italian economist born in Turin, who led economic research at Centro Einaudi for many years.

The *Department of Economics and Statistics “Cognetti De Martiis”* (ESt, University of Turin) and the *Department of Economics, Social Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics* (ESOMAS, University of Turin) serve on the **Scientific Committee** in memory of Rota’s scientific contributions as Professor of Political Economy at the University of Turin and as a member of the Prato Institute of Economic and Financial Science (later incorporated into ESOMAS).

The *Centro Einaudi* is an independent, non-profit research institute based in Turin. Its mission is to conduct independent research and provide policy recommendations in the fields of political economy, welfare policies, government, and market competition. Since 1963, Centro Einaudi has been a beacon of liberal scholarship and one of Italy’s most influential think-tanks; many of its members hold prominent positions in academia, government, journalism, and business.

Established in 1991, *Fondazione CRT* is the third largest Italian philanthropic institution by assets. It has granted over EUR 2 billion to more than 50,000 projects in art and culture, research, youth training, poverty alleviation, improving quality of life for people with disabilities, environmental protection, and innovation. Fondazione CRT has also redeveloped OGR Torino into an international center for technological and cultural innovation

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