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BEST PAPER AWARD FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

8th edition

CALL FOR PAPERS 2020

The **Centro Einaudi with the support of Fondazione CRT** launches the 8th annual *GIORGIO ROTA Best Paper Award*, which is established to honour the memory of Giorgio Rota, a leading Italian economist born in Turin, who was in charge of economic research at the Centro Einaudi for many years.

The Centro Einaudi is an independent non-profit institute based in Turin. Its mission is to conduct independent research, providing policy recommendations in the fields of political economy, welfare policies, government and market competition.

Since 1963, the Centro Einaudi has been a beacon of liberalism and one of the most influential Italian think-tanks. Many of its members hold prominent positions in academia, government, journalism and business.

Fondazione CRT is a private non-profit organization founded in 1991. For 28 years, it has been one of the "engines" of development and growth in the north of Italy in three main areas: Art and Culture, Research & Education, Welfare and Territory. It implements projects and resources in the promotion of the arts and cultural activities, the promotion of scientific research and training for young people, support for innovation and social entrepreneurship, assistance to people in need, the preservation of the environment, and the civil protection and first response systems. Fondazione CRT also embraces the so-called active philanthropy approach, including venture philanthropy and impact investing. In 28 years of activity, Fondazione CRT has distributed resources totalling around 1.9 billion euro, which has permitted the realisation of over 40,000 interventions.

Young researchers are invited to participate to the 8th GIORGIO ROTA Best Paper Award by submitting high-quality scientific papers (a maximum of two papers per candidate) presenting original research on the following subject:

Digital transformation: analysis of economic impact and potential

The eighth edition of the prize in the memory of the illustrious economist Giorgio Rota aims at stimulating scientific reflection and debate on the transformative effects on societies of the on-going processes of digital innovation. More specifically, this edition of the prize is addressed to scientific contributors investigating the digitalisation of the economy and the labour market from the perspective of both a disruptive and creative impact. De facto, the qualification/evaluation of the effects of a presumably massive injection of the digital in the



economy and the society is still controversial, and asks for further investigation and research. Topics of interest thus include, but are not limited to:

- the conceptualisation of the digital transformation in the context of the “fourth industrial revolution” paradigm;
- the impacts of the digital technologies on the competitiveness of national and regional industrial systems;
- the fields of digital innovation (products, processes, business models, organisations, networks);
- the effects of the digitalisation on the labour market and the job quality;
- opportunities and contradictions of the digital society;
- digital competences *versus* competences for the digital;
- supportive digital innovation ecosystems

The authors of the three best papers will be awarded a prize of 1.500 Euros (gross) per paper and they will be invited to present their work at the **Giorgio Rota Conference** that will be organised in **May 2020** in **Turin**. The workshop date and programme will be published on the Centro Einaudi website (www.centroeinaudi.it).

Participation to the conference is mandatory in order to be awarded the prize. The Centro Einaudi will also refund up to a maximum of 1.000 Euros for travel/accomodation expenses to Turin, depending on the place of origin (one author for each paper).

Only high-quality articles providing original insights with respect to the existing literature will be considered. An award committee will select the papers on the basis of the following evaluation criteria: 1) relevance to the topic; 2) literature review; 3) quality of the methods and the data; 4) originality of the data and the conclusions; 5) understandability. All decisions of the committee are final. Reviewed and formatted versions (rules for authors will be sent to the winners) of the award-winning papers will be then provided by the winners to be published in *Quaderni del Premio “Giorgio Rota”*, an ISBN working paper online series of the Centro Einaudi.

The *GIORGIO ROTA Best Paper Award* is open to researchers **born after December 31st, 1985** who have obtained a university graduate qualification (BA, MA or PhD) in the fields of economics, geography, sociology, political science or other social sciences.

In order to participate to the prize, the corresponding author of each paper should submit **by Sunday 5th April 2020** (new deadline: the original was Friday 20th March), an email to applications-GR@centroeinaudi.it with the following documents:

- A signed copy of the *GIORGIO ROTA Best Paper Award* [application form](#)
- The scientific paper in electronic format (up to two papers per participant);
- A copy of the document proving the obtained university graduate qualification;
- A copy of an identification document indicating the date of birth;
- A C.V. (either in English or Italian).



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Co-authored papers are acceptable on condition that all the authors fulfil the eligibility criteria of the prize and declare – in a document attached to the application form – that they are informed of the award procedure.

Submitted papers need to fulfil the following criteria:

- To be unpublished at the date of the Conference (**May 2020**);
- Not to be under copyright of third parties;
- To be written in English or Italian;
- To be saved in a single format in editable format (best **.doc/.docx/.rtf**) and in .pdf format with figures and tables also attached either in .jpeg, .png, .tiff, .gif or other graphic format (not in .ppt/.pptx)
- If written in LaTeX the essay must, in case of selection, must be converted in an editable format by Monday, 13th July 2020
- The article must be edited in the specific [format of the Quaderni “Giorgio Rota”](#);
- Not to exceed 8.000 words (titles, footnotes, figures and tables included);
- To include an abstract of 150-300 words, in English or Italian;
- To include 3-5 key words.

The selected papers will be announced by Monday 20th April, 2020.

For further information, please contact applications-GR@centroeinaudi.it / rota@centroeinaudi.it