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BEST PAPER AWARD FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS



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CALL FOR PAPERS 2023

The **Centro Einaudi** with the support of **Fondazione CRT** launches the 11th annual **GIORGIO ROTA** Best Paper Award established to honour the memory of Giorgio Rota (1944 - 1984): a leading Italian economist born in Turin, who was in charge of economic research at the Centro Einaudi for many years. The Award also relies on a well-established collaboration with the [Department of Economics and Statistics 'Cognetti De Martiis'](#) (ESOMAS, University of Turin) that has been enriched, since the tenth edition of the Award, with the participation of the **Department of Economics, Social Studies, Applied Mathematics and Statistics (ESOMAS, University of Turin)**. Both departments participate in the award committee, in memory of the scientific contribution Giorgio Rota gave when he was a Professor of Political Economy at the University of Turin and a member of the Prato Institute of Economic and Financial Science (later incorporated into the newly constituted ESOMAS Department).

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.

Founded in 1991, [Fondazione CRT](#) is Italy's third largest foundation of banking origin in terms of assets. It has granted a total of more than EUR 2 billion for over 41,000 projects in the fields of art, research, education, welfare, the environment and innovation in the North West in a national and international dimension.

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Young researchers are invited to participate to the 11th 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:

Urban economies as complex systems

The eleventh edition of the award in the memory of the illustrious economist Giorgio Rota aims to stimulate outstanding contributions of scientific reflection on urban regions and cities as complex economic systems. Traditionally, cities have affirmed as main drivers of economic growth and technological change. However, the ongoing dramatic crises perturbing the global economic scenario (pandemics, war, climate emergency) are posing relevant questions on the future of cities as places where to live and produce. Stagnating urban productivity, rapid urbanization and financialization, rising inequalities, new environmental and health threats are some of the main issues of the contemporary city agenda, that are of interest of this Call.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- New urban economies and industries
- Real estate markets and the urban-financial conjuncture
- Diversification and specialization in cities
- Urban development and the ecological paradigm
- Externalities in the urban economy
- Urban inequality and poverty
- Opportunities and threats of urban regeneration
- Urban sustainability transitions: theory and practice
- Emerging issues for urban policy (sustainability, resilience, climate adaptation)
- Urban benchmarking and comparative urbanism

A maximum of three papers will be selected and the authors will be awarded a prize of 1.500 Euros (gross) per paper. The authors will be invited to present their work at the **Giorgio Rota Conference** that will be organised in **May 2023** in **Turin** in presence or by webinar. 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).



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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, 1988** 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 23rd March 2023** 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).

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.

Researchers who have already been awarded a prize in the past two years are not eligible to participate in this Call.



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Submitted papers need to fulfil the following criteria:

- To be unpublished at the date of the Conference (**May 2023**);
- 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 Sunday 9th July 2023
- 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 Thursday 27th April, 2023.

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