Workshop

From the Space Economy to Space Economics

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Sala Europa - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

Space technologies are being woven into every sector of the economy at an unprecedented pace, creating impacts that ripple across infrastructure, governance, and commerce. The economic impact? It is no longer measured it in billions, but trillions. And the transformation has only just begun. Despite this explosive growth, space economics is not yet established as an academic discipline. While industry analysts track market trends, measure the size of the space economy and, in some cases, the impact of space activities on the broader economy, there remains a critical gap: the rigorous conceptual frameworks, empirical methods, and scholarly production needed to truly capture the impact of regulations and market design on space operations and investments.

To address this gap and establish space economics as a recognized field of study, the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) in collaboration with the Florence School of Regulation, will be co-organising a workshop titled “From the Space Economy to Space Economics”. This workshop aims to investigate diverse research methodologies applied to space, and to cultivate a community of space economists who can advance the discipline.

The workshop will explore three methodological approaches:

- Market models – equilibrium models that capture the impact of regulation and market design on space operations and investment
- Econometric analysis – benchmarking the economic performance of space companies, space markets, and space policies using empirical data
- Conceptual analysis – qualitative and theoretical work that advances economic understanding of space

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Programme

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10.00 - 10.30 Session 1: Introduction to the Seminar

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10:30 - 12.30 Session 2: Modelling Space markets

- **Presenter: Adam Abdin** | Central Supelec
- **Discussant: Giancarlo Granero** | DGDEFIS
- Roundtable discussion

12.30 - 13.30 *Lunch break*

13.30 - 15.30 Session 3: Space Econometrics

- **Presenter: Aliénor Cameron** | EUI
- **Discussant: Ioana Petrescu** | ESPI
- Roundtable discussion

15.30 - 16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00 - 18.00 Session 4: Conceptual Analysis applied to space

- **Presenter: Leonardo Meeus** | Florence School of Regulation, EUI
- **Discussant: Joao Falcao Serra** | ESPI
- Roundtable discussion

18.00 - 19.00 *Cocktail at the EUI*

Speakers

Adam Abdin	Associate Professor, CentraleSupélec, University of Paris-Saclay
Aliénor Cameron	Researcher, FSR
João Falcão Serra	Researcher, ESPI
Giancarlo Granero	Head of the Space Economy Unit, DG DEFIS
Leonardo Meeus	Director , FSR
Hermann Ludwig Moeller	Director, ESPI
Sinead O'Sullivan	Senior Researcher, Harvard Business School
Ioana Petrescu	Global Fellow, ESPI

Participants

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