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«There's always new work to do.»

David Autor

Program

Wednesday, 27 November 2019

Università della Svizzera italiana, Aula Magna, Via Giuseppe Buffi 13, 6900 Lugano

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| 5.45 p.m. | Door opening |
| 6.15 p.m. | Welcome address
Boas Erez, Università della Svizzera italiana
Ernst Fehr, UBS Center, University of Zurich |
| 6.20 p.m. | Keynote lecture
David Autor, Ford Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology |
| 7.00 p.m. | Panel discussion
Mauro Dell'Ambrogio, former State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation
Sergio P. Ermotti, Group Chief Executive Officer of UBS Group AG
Ferdinando Giugliano, economist commentator at La Repubblica and Bloomberg
Moderator: Rico Maggi, Professor of Economics, Università della Svizzera italiana |
| 7.45 p.m. | Q&A and closing address by Sergio P. Ermotti |
| 8.00 p.m. | Apéro riche |
| approx.
9.30 p.m. | End of event |

Keynote speaker



David Autor

David Autor is Ford Professor at the MIT Department of Economics. He explores the labor market impacts of technological change and globalization on job polarization, earning levels and inequality, and electoral outcomes.

Autor has received numerous awards for his research, such as the National Science Foundation CAREER Award, an Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, the Sherwin Rosen Prize for outstanding contributions in the field of labor economics, and the Andrew Carnegie Fellowship.

Before taking his first economics course at the relatively ripe age of 28, David Autor spent several years in the tech industry, working as a programmer and teaching computer skills to disadvantaged children. For a fascinating paper published in 2002, Autor and his co-authors spent two years exploring every aspect of the operation of a large bank. Both this research and his experience as a programmer showed him that the reasoning of many economists with respect to automation was flawed. This laid the foundation for his ground-breaking research in labor economics.

Bloomberg recognized David Autor as one of the 50 people who define global business in 2017. The Economist calls David Autor “the academic voice of the American worker”.

Panel discussants



Mauro Dell'Ambrogio

Mauro Dell'Ambrogio is the former State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation (2008-2018). He looks back on a very diverse career, spanning from public to private, from police to politics, and from education to health – «con sette mestieri», as he summarizes it. After completing his doctorate in law at the University of Zurich, he held a number of public offices in the canton of Ticino: Judge, Chief of the Cantonal Police, Secretary-General for Education and Culture, Project Manager for the creation of the Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), Secretary-General of the USI, Director of the University of Applied Sciences of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI). He headed a group of private clinics for four years. And he was mayor of Giubiasco, a member of the Ticino cantonal parliament, and Chairman of the Ticino electricity works.



Sergio P. Ermotti

Sergio Ermotti is the Group Chief Executive Officer of UBS Group AG. He learned the banking business from scratch with a banking apprenticeship. In his more than 40-year banking career, he has held executive positions with Citibank, Merrill Lynch, and Unicredit and has worked in Zurich, London, New York, and Milan before joining UBS in Zurich in 2011.

As the Group CEO of UBS, an internationally active bank, he is committed to a strong Swiss financial center and has remained closely connected to his Italian-speaking home canton Ticino. Collaboration with innovative start-ups and the world of academic research is of vital importance to Sergio Ermotti, and he has been instrumental in establishing the collaboration with the IDSIA, the Istituto Dalle Molle di Studi sull'Intelligenza Artificiale, a research institute for artificial intelligence based in Manno, to create a centre of excellence for artificial intelligence, analytics, and innovation.

Panel discussants and moderator



Ferdinando Giugliano

Ferdinando Giugliano is a member of the editorial board of Bloomberg View, writing columns and editorials on European economics. He is also a columnist for La Repubblica, one of Italy's leading dailies. Between 2011 and 2015, Giugliano worked for the Financial Times in London writing leaders and analyses about the global economy. Ferdinando holds a D.Phil. in Economics from the University of Oxford and has worked as a consultant for the CEPR, the Bank of Italy, and the Economist Intelligence Unit.



Moderator: Rico Maggi

Rico Maggi is full professor at Università della Svizzera italiana and was Dean of the Faculty of Economics from 2009 until 2013. He teaches microeconomics and the economics of tourism at the University of Lugano. Prof. Maggi is Director of the Istituto di Ricerche Economiche (IRE), where his research interests focuses on transport, tourism, and urban and regional development. He is president of the Swiss Association for Transport Research and was member of the board of the Swiss National Science Foundation and of the Marcel Benoist Foundation. Prof. Rico Maggi is author of many articles published in international academic journals. He serves regularly as referee for international academic journals. His last books are "Verkehr – Plädoyer für eine nachhaltige Verkehrspolitik" (2010), "Zurigo Lugano Milano" (2016) and „Il Ticino: un'economia locale e globale" (2018).

Event venue

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