

# Workshop on Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Machine Learning and Financial Decision Making: Quantitative Approaches

**20 JANUARY 2026**

Bocconi University | Common Room – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Via Röntgen 1, Milano

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

## PROGRAM

09:00 – 09:10 am	Introduction Speech by the Organizers
09:10– 10:40 am	<p>Title: <b>Generative Diffusion Models and their applications</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>G. Savaré</b> Bocconi University</p> <p>Keynote Speech: <b>M. Mezard</b> Bocconi University “Generative models: generalization versus memorization”</p> <p>Speaker: <b>J. Garnier Brun</b> Bocconi University “Early Stopping Too Late? Traces of Memorization Before Overfitting in Generative Diffusion”</p> <p>Speaker: <b>G. Conforti</b> Università di Padova “Convergence bounds for diffusion models from continuous to discrete: a unified approach via score monotonicity”</p>
10:40 – 11:10 pm	Coffee Break
11:10 am – 12:30 pm	<p>Title: <b>Interdisciplinary physics and its applications in economics</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>C. Tebaldi</b> Bocconi University</p> <p>Speaker: <b>R. Mantegna</b> Università di Palermo “Information filtering in financial networks”</p> <p>Speaker: <b>A. Stella</b> Università di Padova “Rare events and large deviation principle for critical variables: Ising model, anomalous diffusion and universality issues”</p>
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch

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**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Title: **Financial Decision Making**

Chair: **A. Battauz** Bocconi University

Speaker: **S. Herzel** University of Rome Tor Vergata "Reinforcement Learning for Financial Decisions"

Speaker: **P. Pigato** University of Rome Tor Vergata "A stochastic volatility approximation for a tick-by-tick price model with mean-field interaction"

Speaker: **J. Dianetti** University of Rome Tor Vergata "Reinforcement learning for exploratory optimal stopping: A singular control formulation"

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**3:00 – 3:15 pm**

**Break**

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**3:15 – 4:15 pm**

Title: **PhD Session**

Chair: **B. Rindi** Bocconi University

Speaker: **A. Andolfatto** Bocconi University "From Numbers to Words: Breaking Down Institutional Beliefs"

Speaker: **I. Leoni** Bocconi University "Measuring Corporate Credit Contagion with Non-Regressive Machine Learning"

Speaker: **S. Staffolani** Bocconi University Title TBA

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## ORGANIZERS

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