



**UNIVERSITÀ  
DI TRENTO**

**Facoltà di  
Giurisprudenza**



# FALSE MYTHS OF PROGRESS: MARKET AND MERITOCRACY IN EDUCATION

**What's Left after Twenty Years of University and School Policies Spent in the Name of Meritocracy**

International conference on 10th anniversary of ROARS Association (Returns on Academic Research and School)

Friday February 24, 2023 – 2.30 pm (Italian time) and Saturday February 25, 2023 – 9.00 am (Italian time)

Conference Room “Fulvio Zuelli” – Law School – University of Trento (Via Verdi 53 – Trento)

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Friday February 24, 2023**

**2.30 am – Welcome and Greetings**

Prof. Paolo Carta, Dean of the Faculty of Law

**I Session – 3.00 pm (in English)**

### MERITOCRACY, MARKET AND EDUCATION

**Chairs:**

Prof. Umberto Izzo, University of Trento – Ph.D. Francesco Sylos Labini, Fermi Institute, Rome

**Speakers (remote and/or in presence):**

Prof. Michael Sandel, Harvard University: *A Conversation on «The Tyranny of Merit»*

Prof. Daniel Markovits, Yale University: *A Conversation on «The Meritocracy Trap»*

Prof. Mario Ricciardi, University Statale, Milan: *Meritocracy as Ideology: An Italian Perspective*

Prof. Marco Santambrogio, University of Parma and University Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milan: *Merit and Its Enemies*

**Discussion**

**II Session – 5.30 pm**

### MERITOCRACY, ASSESSMENT AND HUMAN CAPITAL IN SCHOOL EDUCATION

**Chair:**

Daniela Palma, Researcher ENEA – Rome

**Speakers:**

Prof. Christopher Tienken, Seton Hall University: *The Neoliberal Assault to School Education in the USA*

Prof. Rossella Latempa, ROARS: *15 Years of Reforms in the Italian School*

**Discussion**

**Saturday February 25, 2023**

**III Session – 9.00 am**

### UNIVERSITY: MERITOCRATIC POLICIES AND RELATED IMPACT ON ITALIAN EDUCATION

**Chairs:**

Ph. D. Francesco Sylos Labini, Fermi Institute, Rome – Paola Galimberti, University Statale, Milan

**Speakers:**

Prof. Maria Chiara Pievatolo, University of Pisa: *On «Balances» and «Swords»: The Assessment's Authority*

Prof. Davide Borrelli, University Suor Orsola Benincasa, Naples: *Assessment as a Theology*

Prof. Alberto Baccini, University of Siena: *15 Years of Reforms in the Italian University*

**10.45 am – Final round table - open to public discussion**

### WHAT DO ITALIAN SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY DESERVE?

**Chairs:**

Prof. Giuseppe De Nicolao, University of Pavia – Prof. Antonio Banfi, University of Bergamo

**Speakers (remote and/or in presence):**

Prof. Giuseppe Valditara, Italian Minister of Education and Merit

Prof. Antonio Uricchio, President of ANVUR

Prof. Alessandra Celletti, Vice President of ANVUR

Ph. D. Francesco Sinopoli, FLC – Rome

Ph. D. Virginia Magnaghi, National Superior School of Pisa

Ph. D. Davide Clementi, ADI

**Rete 29 Aprile**

Agnese Tomicelli, Gianmarco Ruvolo, Luca Pistore, UNITN University Students' Representatives

Scientific responsible: prof. Umberto Izzo, University of Trento

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