# 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 «Swedes»: 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 Tumicelli, Gianmarco Ruvolo, Luca Pistore, UNITN University Students' Representatives

**Scientific responsible:** prof. Umberto Izzo, University of Trento

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