

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

National Conference

***Voice and Gaze. Italian Women Economists Today, in Memory of Vera
Cao Pinna***

Rome, 11–12 December 2026

(Sapienza University of Rome / Casa Internazionale delle Donne)

The Giacomo Brodolini Foundation, in collaboration with Minerva Laboratory on Gender Diversity and Inequality at Sapienza University of Rome, is launching a Call for Proposals for people under 35 who study or conduct research on feminist economics and gender economic policy.

Selected proposals will take part in a conference dedicated to the memory of Vera Cao Pinna, a pioneer of applied economics and input-output analysis in Italy, whose empirical and theoretical work has remained unjustly marginal in the history of economic thought.

The call is built around the conference's two keywords: *Voice* and *Gaze*. The first opens a space for recovering and rereading feminist genealogies in the history of Italian economics; the second explores present-day transformations through three areas of discussion: ecology and the environment, new technologies, and the care economy and conflict.

Both academic papers and more experimental proposals, including workshops, posters, new formats, and audiovisual contributions, will be welcomed in a single morning session.

Voice: *missing voices* in economics

This strand aims to critically reread the history of economic thought, questioning a traditionally androcentric canon and bringing to light the scientific paths, methods, and careers of women economists who contributed to the innovation and dissemination of ideas that have too often remained on the margins of academic recognition.

Proposals are welcome that contribute to recovering, critically rereading, and valuing women's economic thought from different perspectives:

1. biographical and intellectual reconstructions of forgotten or understudied women economists;
2. rereadings of works and texts that anticipated categories now central to feminist economics debate;
3. analyses of the institutional and disciplinary processes that made women economists' contributions invisible (access to academic careers, editorial boards, citation networks).

Gaze: present-day challenges

Ecology and the environment: ecofeminisms and new development models

The ecological transition raises questions about development models, resource distribution, and the relationship between the human and the nonhuman. This strand welcomes contributions that critically analyze the growth model and its implications, exploring the role of ecofeminism in building new development perspectives. Particular attention will go to contributions valuing the role of women and marginalized subjectivities in territorial management, through development models alternative to the extractivist paradigm and capable of linking environmental care with the care of social relations.

New technologies: impact on the labour market from a gender perspective

Technological progress is redefining the labour market, affecting access, working conditions, and career prospects. This strand explores the relationship between technological innovation and gender inequality in the labour market: from persistent disparities in labour market access to the digital skills gap, to the effects of automation. Proposals are welcome that critically examine the relationship between technology, work, and inequality, through analyses of platform capitalism, technological infrastructures, and new forms of digital labour.

Towards a care economy: feminist perspectives against war

In a global context marked by rising conflict and the reinforcement of war economies, this strand aims to place the care economy at the centre as a political and social alternative to wartime destruction. As public budgets are

redirected toward rearmament, welfare, health, and education infrastructures face cuts, shifting part of the social cost of conflict onto often unpaid care work, largely carried out by women. This strand welcomes contributions analyzing the relationship between war economies and patriarchy, and exploring feminist perspectives on redistribution, care, and social reconstruction.

Submission guidelines

Proposals must be submitted by 12:00 (noon, CET) on 30 September 2026 to eventi@fondazionebrodolini.eu, in PDF format, with the subject line "Submission Voce e Sguardo 2026." The file must be named as follows: **surname_vocesguardo26.pdf**

The file must include:

- full name and institutional affiliation, if any
- an abstract of no more than 500 words, in Italian or English, indicating the relevant thematic strand (Voice / Ecology and the Environment / New Technologies / Care Economy and Conflict). For workshops, posters, new formats, or audiovisual contributions, the abstract must also include a description of the proposed format and any technical requirements.

Support

To facilitate participation by researchers without a structured position, travel and accommodation grants are available. Those wishing to apply should indicate this in their submission email.

Results

Selection results will be communicated by email on 31 October 2026.