

First Minorities in Economics Mentoring Conference For Economics Ph.D. Students and Early Career Economists

University of Bristol

13-14 July, 2026

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Programme at a glance

Sunday 12th July 2026	
19:00	Informal optional self-paying gathering

Monday 13th July 2026	
8:30-9:00	Registration (with coffee/tea)
9:00-9:15	Welcome (Tommaso Reggiani) and opening remarks (Helen Simpson)
9:15-10:30 (2 parallel sessions)	Flash presentations (15 min each)
10:30-11:00	Break with group photo (with coffee/tea)
11:00-12:30 (2 parallel sessions)	Flash presentations (15 min each)
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:30	Panel discussions 1: Academic Pathways in different countries
14:30-15:00	Break (with coffee/tea)
15:00-16:00	Keynote 1 – Juan Vargas
16:00-16:30	Break (with coffee/tea)
16:30-17:30	Panel discussions 2: Hidden curriculum
18:00-21:00	Dinner

Tuesday 14th July 2026	
9:00-10:15 (2 parallel sessions)	Flash presentations (15 min each)
10:15-10:45	Break (with coffee/tea)
10:45-12:00	Mentor-mentee meetings
12:00-13:00	Lunch
13:00-14:00	Keynote 2 – Imran Rasul
14:00-14:15	Closing remarks (Dario Sansone)

Logistic details

Venue: Arts Complex Lecture Theatre 2 (G44), 11 Woodland Road, BS8 1TB, Clifton Campus ([MAP](#))

Getting there:

- From **Bristol Airport**, you can take the [Airport Flyer A1](#) until Bristol Temple Meads train station or Bristol Bus Station (24/7, ride time is around 30 minutes).
- From **Bristol Temple Meads train station**, you can take buses 2, 8, or 72 (all accept contactless payments) and stop at *Park Street top*. From there the venue is around 10 minutes' walk.
- **Taxis:** Both Uber and Bolt operate in the city. Alternatively, you can contact the following companies: [Veezu](#) or [Bristol Airport Taxi](#) (for pre-booked taxi transfers from the airport to the city)

Accommodation:

- [The Berkeley Square Hotel](#), 15 Berkeley Square, Clifton, BS8 1HB
- [The Washington Guesthouse](#), 11-15, St Paul's Rd, Clifton, BS8 1LX

Informal self-paying gathering (Sunday 12th July): This is an optional gathering if you are already around. Location: [Pizza On The Park](#), 31 Berkeley Square, Bristol BS8 1HP. If you are interested, please contact Boon Han (b.koh@exeter.ac.uk) by Monday 6th July 5pm.

Dinner venue (Monday 13th July): [Brewhouse & Kitchen](#), 31 – 35 Cotham Hill, Clifton, BS6 6JY

Photos and social media: please do NOT take pictures or post on social media without participants' permission.

Any questions? Contact anastasia.papadopoulou@bristol.ac.uk

Panel 1: Academic Pathways and PhD/Early-Career Challenges in different countries

Examining tenure-track structures and teaching-focused career tracks (where applicable) across European countries, discussing key institutional differences that can affect academic careers.

This session aims also to provide an open space for workshop participants to discuss different types of challenges that might be particularly salient to international PhD candidates and early-career researchers. Examples include: navigating visa and citizenship processes, balancing research demands while family is away or/and faces crisis (war, illness, etc.), mental health pressures, financial difficulties, language and cultural barriers in professional settings, doing research in queer-phobic, racist, or otherwise hostile environments, etc.

Moderator: Anastasia Papadopoulou

Speakers: Daniel Carvajal, Eleonora Guarnieri, TBC

Panel 2: Hidden Curriculum – Job market, giving talks, refereeing, and promotion

This panel unpacks the unwritten rules of academic life in economics — practical knowledge that PhD training often leaves untaught. Speakers will share first-hand experience and advice on navigating the job market, delivering effective research talks, refereeing and engaging constructively with peer review, and building the publication and service record that supports promotion. The aim is to make explicit the norms, expectations, and informal know-how that make up economics' hidden curriculum, so that participants can approach these career stages with more confidence and less guesswork.

Moderator: Eleonora Alabrese

Speakers: Sonya Krutikova, Zahra Murad, Sarah Smith

Mentor-Mentee Meetings

Mentors will provide feedback to their mentees. In addition to receiving comments from their mentor, mentees are expected to read each other's papers and provide constructive feedback. Papers had to be sent by Monday 22nd June as instructed in the email sent on 9th June (Subject: First Minorities in Economics Mentoring Conference – Papers)