

CSIL workshop

Milan, 11-13 May 2026

Counterfactual Thinking, Complex Realities Practical Tools for Policy Impact Evaluation

Venue: NH Milano Machiavelli Dates: 11–13 May 2026

11 May 2026	
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and registration
9:15 - 9:20	Opening remarks Dr Giulia Canzian (CSIL)
9:20 - 10:20	Introduction to CIE Prof Franco Peracchi (CSIL Advisor)
10:20 - 10:40	From CIE to policy evaluation Dr Giulia Canzian (CSIL)
10:40 - 11:00	Participants' tour de table
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break 
11:15 - 12:00	Matching techniques* Dr Francesco Giffoni (CSIL), Dr Giulia Canzian (CSIL)
12:00 - 13:30	Regression Discontinuity Design* Dr Erica Delugas (CSIL), Dr Alessandra Caputo (CSIL)
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break 
14:30 - 16:00	Difference-in-Differences model* Dr Alessandra Caputo (CSIL), Dr Erica Delugas (CSIL)
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee Break 
16:15 - 17:45	Synthetic Control Method* Dr Gabriele Piazza (LSE), Dr Erica Delugas (CSIL)
17:45 - 18:00	Wrap-up and Q&A Dr Giulia Canzian (CSIL)

***Each methodological session will include:**

- A concise overview of the method
- When apply it
- Necessary conditions and data
- Practical examples from real-world evaluations
- A step-by-step guide to implementation

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12 May 2026	
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and registration
9:15 - 10:30	Hands-on group activity - Part 1
10:30 - 11:00	Wrap-up and discussion (plenary)
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee Break 
11:15 - 12:30	Hands-on group activity - Part 2
12:30 - 13:00	Wrap-up and discussion
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break 
14:00 - 15:15	Hands-on group activity - Part 3
15:15 - 15:45	Wrap-up and discussion (plenary)
15:45 - 16:00	Coffee Break 
16:00 - 17:00	Interactive group discussion (plenary session) Dr Giulia Canzian (CSIL)



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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

13 May 2026	
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome and registration
9:15 - 9:30	Opening remarks Dr Giulia Canzian (CSIL)
9:30 - 11:00	Roundtable 1 - Evidence Under Constraint: Administrative Data and the Frontiers of Counterfactual Evaluation Chair: Dr Giulia Canzian (CSIL); Speakers: Paolo Paruolo (European Commission, DG JRC), Alessio Mitra (European Commission, DG RTD), Carlo Fiorio (University of Milan and FBK-IRVAPP)
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break 
11:30 - 13:00	Roundtable 2 - Out of the Ivory Tower: CIE in the Real World of Policymaking Chair: Prof. Massimo Florio (CSIL and University of Milan); Speakers: Simone Signore (European Investment Fund), Aron Gereben (European Investment Bank), Massimiliano Ferraresi (Emilia Romagna Region), Mirco Tonin (FBK-IRVAPP)
13:00 - 13:30	Closing remarks



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