



Policy round table on AI impact on economic development

Higher Education and Economic Ecosystems in the Age of AI: Employment, Entrepreneurship, and Opportunity

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5pm

Room 2,
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In an era marked by the rapid advancement of generative artificial intelligence (AI), the role of Higher Education in shaping economies and societies is more critical - and more complex - than ever before.

This policy round table, organized by the **HEYE Centre for Higher Education and Youth Employability** together with the **Lions Observatory on AI**, brings together distinguished scholars and international advisors to discuss how universities can foster employability, entrepreneurship, and development opportunities amid profound technological change.

Moderated by **Professor Michele Meoli** (University of Bergamo), the discussion will explore how Higher Education institutions can adapt their missions, curricula, and partnerships to meet the new challenges and opportunities posed by AI-driven innovation, ensuring they remain engines of growth and societal progress.

Guests:

- › **David Audretsch** (Distinguished Professor and Ameritech Chair of Economic Development, Indiana University)
- › **Erik Lehmann** (Full Professor of Management and Organization, Augsburg University)
- › **GB Cagninelli** (International Advisor)
- › **Stefano Denicolai** (Professor of Economics, University of Pavia)

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