

An unlikely connection: Saturday, May 24th – Room S

- 9:30 SAFELY Project: Cybersecurity and the necessary awareness –**
Chair: Alessio Bartolacelli (In cooperation with the SAFELY project active at the Department of Law – Unimore - www.safely.unimore.it)
- *Radically Open Security and Post-Growth Entrepreneurship* – Melanie Rieback (Radically Open Security / Nonprofit Ventures)
 - *Cybersecurity, Businesses, Institutions: a Holistic Approach* – Mirco Marchetti (Unimore)
 - *Technology and Learning: navigating Challenges and Opportunities* – Claudia Severi (Fondazione San Carlo, Almo Collegio Borromeo, Unimore - Safely)
 - *Skill gap and reskillink: the impact of Artificial Intelligence* – Piero Sansò (Fondazione San Carlo, Almo Collegio Borromeo, Unimore - Safely)

11:00 End of the roundtable and of the conference

From 11 to 12:30, room S and online, internal workshop for the members of the Steward Ownership working group – N.B.: restricted access

GENERAL SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION

Alessio Bartolacelli, Carolina Cunha, Florian Möslin, Anne Sanders

FOR THE ROUNDTABLE ON CYBERSECURITY: Michele Balbinot, Valeria Barone, Marco Mondello, Claudia Severi – PI: Thomas Casadei

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REGISTRATION

The attendance of the conference is free of charge.

The conference will be livestreamed at the following website:

<https://msteams.link/HS67> or using this QR code



N.B.: for both in-person and remote participants, we kindly ask to register at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/hk8jea2PqB>

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Purpose in Business: Steward Ownership and Enterprise

Thursday, May 22nd - Saturday May 24th, 2025

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Thursday, May 22nd – Aula Magna

14:00 Institutional greetings & general presentation

14:15 Session 1: Introduction & Minimal syllabus – *Chair: Florian Möselein*

- *Enterprise, purpose, profit: an historical introduction* – Andreas Rahmatian (University of Glasgow)
- *What Purpose? Dimensions of long-term entrepreneurial agency* – Till Wagner (Stiftung Verantwortungseigentum)
- *Steward ownership from an economic perspective* – Steen Thomsen (Copenhagen Business School)
- *Steward ownership from a legal perspective* – Anne Sanders (University of Bielefeld)
- Q&A

16:00 Session 2: Key features of Steward Ownership organizations – *Chair: Carolina Cunha*

- *Purpose? Give us asset locks, not purpose!* – Hans De Wulf (Ghent University)
- *Asset lock: the different approaches and the possible issues* – Karsten Engsig Sørensen (Aarhus University)
- *Perpetually locked form: theoretical and practical profiles* – Francesco A. Schurr (University of Innsbruck)
- Q&A

17:00 Session 3: Steward Ownership and the EU Law – *Chair: Alessio Bartolacelli*

- *Steward ownership: the European position* – Rene Repasi (Erasmus University Rotterdam – European Parliament)
- *European Treaties and steward ownership* – Florian Möselein (Philipps University of Marburg)
- *Secondary European Law and steward ownership: the compatibility with the *acquis communautaire** – Christoph Teichmann (Julius Maximilian University of Würzburg)
- *Steward ownership and sustainability-related European legislation: a benevolent neutrality?* – Federico M. Mucciarelli (Unimore)
- Q&A

18:30 End of Day 1

Friday, May 23rd – Aula Magna

9:30 Session 4: Purpose-driven entities: the general panorama – *Chair: Carolina Cunha*

- *Associations and Foundations* – Aldo Laudonio (Magna Graecia University of Catanzaro)
- *Cooperative business entities* – Jukka Mähönen (University of Helsinki)
- *Benefit companies and social enterprises* – Alessio Bartolacelli (Unimore)
- *Trusts* – Oonagh Breen (University College Dublin)
- Q&A

10:45 Coffee break

11:15 Session 5: Governance and stakeholders – *Chair: Anne Sanders*

- *Challenges in internal governance: stewards and (informal) power structures* – Nena van der Horst (University of Amsterdam)
- *The position of the members* – Virginijus Bitė (Mykolas Romeris University of Vilnius)
- *Steward-Ownership: A Legal Form with the Potential to Develop a Sustainable Business Model?* – María Concepción Chamorro Domínguez (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos Madrid)
- *Interaction with external constituencies* – Noah Neitzel (Lindenpartners Law Firm)
- *Internal and external controls and impact on the governance: the purpose drift* – Kevin Levillaine (Mines Paristech)
- Q&A

13:00 Light lunch

14:30 Session 6: Financial and inter-organizational profiles – *Chair: Florian Möselein*

- *Who invests in a steward ownership company and how to do it?* – Jan Andersson (University of Stockholm)
- *Corporate finance: capital lock and its relevance for the debt financing of the company* – Lorenzo Benedetti (University of Pisa)
- *Inter-enterprise co-operations* – Hana Horak (University of Zagreb)
- *Dissolution: navigating the afterlife* – Carolina Cunha (University of Coimbra)
- *Insolvency and crisis* – Christina Livada (National and Capodistrian University of Athens)
- Q&A

16:15 Session 7: Roundtable – Steward Ownership models, meaningful domestic experiences and demands from economic practice – *Chair: Anne Sanders*

- Global Movement – The PURPOSE Foundation (Jessica Edioke)
- Italy – Fondazione SAFE (Andrea D'Angelo)
- Germany – Wala – Dr Hauschka (Philip Lettmann)
- Netherlands – Radically Open Security / Nonprofit Ventures (Melanie Rieback)
- Portugal – Critical Software (Gonçalo Quadros)
- Denmark – Rambøll Fonden (Neel Strøbæk)
- The US – Holdfast Collective – Patagonia (Greg Curtis)
- Q&A

17:45 Wrap-up and end of Day 2