

6th Interdisciplinary Symposium on Public Procurement

LISBON, PORTUGAL | 18 - 19 September 2025

September 18, 2025

8:30 Conference Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:00 Opening Speeches

Jorge Miguel Barroso de Aragão Seia, President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Portugal

Fernando Miguel dos Santos Batista, Institute of Public Markets, Real Estate and Construction

Gustavo Piga, University of Rome Tor Vergata

9:30 Keynote Speech, tbc

THEME 1: PROFESSIONALIZATION IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Chair: Luís Valadares Tavares, University of Lusíada

10:00 Debaters

Jessica Tillipman, The George Washington University Law School

Paola Valbonesi, University of Padua

11:00 Selected Papers

Sabrina Comotto, FLACSO Argentina

"Public Procurement Professionalization in Latin America: Exploring the Role of Argentinian Universities"

Sauro Mocetti, Bank of Italy, **Audinga Baltrunaite**, Bank of Italy

"Administrative Capacity in Public Procurement: Evidence and Mechanisms"

12:00 Open Debate

13:00 Lunch and Group Photo

THEME 2: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Chair: Isabel Rosa, Institute of Public Markets, Real Estate and Construction

14:00 Debaters

Manuel García, Bank of Spain

Désirée Klingler, University of St. Gallen

15:00 Selected Papers

Geo Quinot, Stellenbosch University

"Public Procurement Integrity at the Digital Frontier: Discarding Outdated Tools and Embracing Innovation"

Nicola Dimitri, University of Siena

"Public Procurement: Blockchain and Competition"

16:00 Open Debate

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THEME 3: THE CASE FOR A NEW EU PUBLIC PROCUREMENT DIRECTIVE

Chair: Tünde Tátrai, Corvinus University of Budapest

10:00 **Debaters**

Roberto Caranta, University of Turin

Stéphane Saussier, Sorbonne Business School

11:00 **Selected Papers**

Pedro Telles, Copenhagen Business School

"From Directives to a Regulation: a Necessary Step towards Addressing Cross-Border Barriers and Integrating Public Procurement in the Single Market"

Christopher Yukins, George Washington University, **Daniel Schoeni**, U.S. Air Force, and **Gabriella Racca**, University of Turin

"CICA Competition - Advancing Procurement for Innovation under the European Union's Procurement Directives – Lessons Learned from the U.S. Competition in Contracting Act"

12:00 **Open Debate**

13:00 **Lunch**

THEME 4: PROTECTIONISM AND PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

Chair: Annalisa Castelli, University of Cassino and Southern Lazio

14:00 **Debaters**

Laurence Folliot-Lalliot, University of Paris Nanterre

Erixon Fredrik, European Centre for International Political Economy

15:00 **Selected Papers**

Jaroslav Kola, Adam Mickiewicz University

"Local Content Requirements in Public Procurement: Strategic Use of Public Procurement or a New Form of Protectionism?"

Jean Heilman Grier, Djaqhe LLC

"Use of Reciprocity to Protect Public Procurement"

16:00 **Open Debate**

17:00 **Closing Remarks**