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Via Pace 10, Room A

FIRST SESSION: 09.30 – 13.00

Chair: **Alessia Damonte**, University of Milano

Welcome from the local organizers

Daniel Little, University of Michigan-Dearborn
A REALIST ONTOLOGY OF CAUSATION

Andrew Bennett, Georgetown University
CAUSAL INFERENCE AND POLICY EVALUATION FROM CASE STUDIES USING BAYESIAN PROCESS TRACING

Markus Siewert, University of Greifswald (via Skype)
THE MANY THREATS FROM HETEROGENEITY THAT CAN SPOIL MULTI-METHOD RESEARCH

Q&A

SECOND SESSION: 14.00 – 18.00

Chair and discussant: **Erich Battistin**, University of Maryland

Leonce Röth, University of Cologne
PROOF BY RETRIEVING CAUSAL CHAINS: DIRECTED ACYCLIC GRAPHS AND SEMs

Federico Bianchi, University of Brescia, and **Flaminio Squazzoni,** University of Milan
OPENING THE BLACK BOX OF SOCIAL CAUSATION WITH AGENT-BASED MODELS

Alessia Damonte and **Fedra Negri**, University of Milan
CAUSALITIES IN POLICY STUDIES AND BEYOND: TO EACH ITS OWN, AND CONDITIONALLY MATCHING

Q&A