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**COMposite Indicators for MEasuring  
Vulnerability of an Aging Italy  
(COMEVA)**

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(<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7067-5463>, Scopus: 143 papers, 1039 citations, h-index 18)

Professor Chelli is Full Professor of Economic Statistics and President of the Italian Statistical Institute (ISTAT). He was Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Director of the Department of Economics and Social Sciences, Director of the Data Production department at ISTAT, President of the Italian Society of Economics, Demography and Statistics. He is Professor of Statistics, Economic Statistics and Statistics for the Digital Economy.

Dr Ciommi is Assistant Professor in Economic Statistics. She is a member of the Academic Senate. She worked as research fellow and Postdoctoral Researcher at UNIVPM. She is Professor of Business Statistics and Statistics for business decisions.

Professor Potena is Associate Professor in Information Processing Systems. He is involved in research and coordination activities within contracts and conventions concluded by his Department and has taken part in several regional, national and international projects. He has also had organizational roles in national and international conferences and reviewed numerous articles for international journals.

Professor Chelli and Dr Ciommi's main **research interests** deal with poverty measurement, mainly through composite indicators definition and computation over space (at national and local level) and over time. Professor Potena's main research interests include knowledge discovery in databases, data mining, big data, process mining, data warehousing and information systems.



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## Research Group Description

The research group is composed of professors and researchers from the Department of Economics and Social Sciences (DISES) and the Department of Information Engineering (DII).

### ● Maria Cristina Recchioni:

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- Director of the Department of Economics and Social Sciences (DISES) and Full Professor of Economic Statistics

### ● Francesca Mariani:

(<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4068-3411>, Scopus: 34 papers, 161 citations, h-index 9)

- Assistant Professor of Economic Statistics

### ● Marco Arlotti:

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- Assistant Professor of Sociology of Economic Processes and Work

### ● Alex Mircoli:

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- Assistant Professor of Information Processing Systems



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# The Department of Economics and Social Sciences

Director: Prof. Maria Cristina Recchioni

The Department of Economics and Social Sciences (DiSES) was established on 1 July 2011 from the merger of the Department of Economics with the Historical and Sociological area of the Department of Social Sciences, and the Applied Economics area of the Department of Management and Industrial Organization.

45 professors and researchers are affiliated with the Department: 27 belong to the economics area, 8 to economic statistics, 6 to the social sciences area, and 4 to economic history. The technical and administrative staff is made up of 10 people: the administrative secretary, 5 administrative and 4 technicians.

The main research areas developed concern: Growth and Economic Development, Demography, Econometrics, International Economics and Trade, Environmental Economics, Labor Economics, Industrial, Business and Innovation Economics, Monetary Economics, Public Economics, Regional Economics, Macroeconomics, Economic Sociology, Social and Health Organizations, Economic Statistics, History of Economic Thought, and Economic History.

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**DISES**



45 professors  
and  
researchers

Bachelor Degree in:

- Digital Economics and Business
- Economics and Business

Master Degree in:

- Economic and Financial Sciences
- Data Science for Business Management
- International Economics and Commerce



**Board Members and Associate Editors**

- European Journal of Operational Research
- Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization
- Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination
- Journal of Small Business Management
- Small Business Economics
- Italian Economic Journal



**Ph.D. in Economics**



Research center: CRIS  
Research group: MoFIR

**Public Engagement:**

- Paolo Canofari: Independent expert for the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee of the European Parliament;
- Francesco Maria Chelli: ISTAT pro tempore President;
- Marco Cucculelli: General Secretary of the Italian Economic Association; Top 2% Most Influential Scientists (Ranking Stanford)
- Riccardo Lucchetti: Member of the GRETL developer team



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# The Department of Information Engineering

Director: Prof. Franco Chiaraluce

The Department of Information Engineering (DII) was established in 2011 following the merge of the previous DIBET (Department of Biomedical, Electronics and Telecommunication engineering) and DIIGA (Department of Computer, Management and Automation engineering).

The Department is a self-managing organizational branch of the university which is dedicated to scientific research, teaching, and contributing to the so called Third Mission of the Higher Education Institution through the dissemination of scientific research findings amongst the community.

Its main aims are to plan, organize and regularly assess the quality of the research activities carried out in the scientific sectors and disciplines under its jurisdiction; to plan, organize and manage bachelor and master courses in Information Engineering and, last but not least, to provide cultural and educational activities and contribute to training and guidance issues according to the students needs.

<https://dii.univpm.it/en-gb/home/>

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DII



2023

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ING-INF/03 ING-INF/04  
ING-INF/05 ING-INF/06  
ING-INF/07 ING-IND/31  
ING-IND/35 MAT/09  
SECS-P/06



250+  
Publications



65 Staff

Bachelor Degree in: Biomedical Engineering, Electronic Engineering and Digital Technologies, Computer and Automation Engineering, Information Engineering for Videogame and Virtual Reality.

Master Degree in: Biomedical Engineering (in english), Electronic Engineering, Computer and Automation Engineering.

Bachelor Degree with professional orientation in Industrial and Information Systems (based in Pesaro).



> 4 M€  
Research income



100 PhD, Post-doc,  
Research fellows

DII coordinates the PhD in Information Engineering, organized in two curricula:  
- Biomedical, Electronics, Telecommunication Engineering and Nanotechnologies (IBETN)  
- Computer, Management and Automation Engineering (IIGA)



Research  
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## Project Title: COmposite Indicators for MEasuring Vulnerability of an Aging Italy (COMEVA)

The problem of aging is an irreversible global trend affecting all European Countries.

This is particularly true in Italy, where declining ↓ birth rates and better ↑ survival odds for older people have significantly aged its population.

Aim of this project is to propose the definition of new indicators able to capture the vulnerability of older people within the ■ health, ■ social and ■ economic domain, in order to → propose to policy makers new instruments able at catching changes. In this way, it would be easier for them to select the most effective interventions to improve the quality of their citizens' lives.

The joint expertise of DISES and DII members may lead to

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new approaches in the measurement of vulnerability  
in at least 2 different strands.

- ❑ On the one hand, the skills of DISES members on the construction of Composite Indicators may lead to new knowledge in the elderly population well-being.
- ❑ On the other hand, thanks to DII's expertise, to classical approaches for the measurement of vulnerability, natural language processing (NLP) techniques will be investigated.

Finally, the joint work of the two departments will focus on new approaches in the definition and construction of NLP scores (Sentiment scores).