



## TWENTY-FIFTH SUMMER SCHOOL IN INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS

# Economic Development in the Age of Big Data and AI

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**Castello di Gargonza, Tuscany, Italy**

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## Description

The school intends to provide an intensive training course for graduate students and young researchers who are working in the field of development and international economics. This year the focus will be on the use of big data and AI in development economics.

For further information, please refer to: <https://dagliano.unimi.it/> or send an email to [centro.dagliano@unimi.it](mailto:centro.dagliano@unimi.it).

## Participants

The school is targeted to graduate students, doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers in economics with a focus on development economics. Students are expected to attend the school full time.

## Fees

Participants will be charged 900€ covering registration, accommodation (double rooms), meals, local transfer services and background material.

## Applications and Deadlines

The participants will be selected by the Selection Committee on the basis of the information included in the application forms and CVs.

Please submit your application form together with your CV [here](#).

The deadline for submission is 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants will be informed about the results by email no later than 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026.

## Location

The school will take place at [Castello di Gargonza](#), a medieval village and historic residence in the world-famous Tuscany countryside. The 13th century fortified hamlet is surrounded by more than 600 hectares of forest, olive groves and vineyards and overlooks the Val di Chiana. It is the perfect place for summer schools and conferences, as all the facilities are offered in the same place.

Gargonza is also the ideal destination to discover Tuscany. It is located 100 km south-east of Florence between the beautiful cities of Siena and Arezzo. Local information will be provided to participants in due course.

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