



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Croatian Health Economics Workshop

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – Split, Croatia

Now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, the **Croatian Health Economics Workshop** encourages the exchange of ideas and best practice, with the aim to promote discussion of high-priority topics for the health systems of Central and Eastern European countries (including EU-member and non-member states). More generally, the workshop acts as a platform for transferring knowledge within Central and Eastern Europe and with the broader international community.

This year we are pleased to announce an Open call and a Themed call for abstracts. Submissions to both streams (Open and Themed) will be considered for inclusion in the overall CHEW programme.

### OPEN CALL

CHEW welcomes submissions of paper using economic approaches to study the broad areas of health and health care, including but not limited to **financial sustainability, long-term care and ageing, data linkage and outcomes measurement, healthcare workforce, health outcomes research and decision-making, effects of economic events on health outcomes, effects of health events on economic outcomes, and financial incentives**. Papers accepted for the open call will be included in the main CHEW programme running from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to lunchtime on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### THEMED CALL – Cross-learning between Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America

Central and Eastern European countries (including EU-member states and non-member states) lag in terms of innovations in the ways their healthcare systems are organised and the issues that are tackled. Additionally, compared to Western Europe, the region still has a substantial gap in terms of economic growth, with various countries still in a middle-income status. This makes the fiscal constraints even more salient.

Despite different social, economic and industrial structures, these challenges are common to various countries in Latin America. For the 2025 edition, in collaboration with Prof. Daniel Maceira, and the “Strengthening Agency & Learning across Health Systems in the Americas” project funded by the Norwegian cooperation agency (Norhed), CHEW is pleased to announce a special focus on cross-learning between health systems in Latin America with those in Central and Eastern Europe. For this themed call, CHEW encourages authors to submit papers focusing on comparative analyses on health system organisation, performance, financing and quality in Latin America.

Postdoctoral researchers, Doctoral and Master students from Latin America across European Universities are encouraged to submit their papers for the session on this themed call. Papers accepted for the themed call will be included in a special session held in the afternoon of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

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## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please submit your **abstracts (max 350 words, preferably structured) or full papers** via email to [chew@efri.uniri.hr](mailto:chew@efri.uniri.hr) **no later than 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**. Early Career Researchers are particularly encouraged to submit.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline: **18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

Notification of acceptance: **6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Full paper submission: **No later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

The workshop will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September and close in the late afternoon of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025. The special session on “Cross-learning between Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America” will be held in the afternoon of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

## WORKSHOP FORMAT

The workshop aims to create a supportive environment to discuss, critique and ultimately improve scholarly work, as well as a learning experience for all participants. The workshop will accept up to 15 full papers. Each accepted paper will be assigned a discussant who will receive the paper ahead of the workshop. Papers submitted by Early Career Researchers will be discussed by expert senior academics.

Each session will run as follows:

- a) a brief presentation by the author (15 min)
- b) a thorough discussion of the paper by the assigned discussant (15 min)
- c) open discussion with the audience (5 min)

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The main workshop keynote lecture (at the end of day 1) will be delivered by **Tom van Ourti**. Tom is Professor of Applied Health Economics at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam, with a focus on health and inequality. His research focuses on understanding the socio-economic health gradient, with specific interest in impact evaluation, preventive care, mental health, perinatal health, measurement theory of health inequalities, and the elicitation of social preferences for income and health. He has published in journals including the Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Health Economics, and the Bulletin of the World Health Organisation. He teaches applied econometrics and health economics, and organizes a yearly PhD summer school on inequalities in health and health care. He obtained his PhD from the University of Antwerp and has held visiting positions at the university of Melbourne, and the George Washington University.

The keynote for themed session (at lunchtime on day 2) will be delivered by **Daniel Maceira**, Professor at the Economic Department, National University of Buenos Aires (UBA), Argentina, Independent Researcher of the National Council of Scientific and Technological Research (CONICET), Senior Researcher at the Center for the Study of State and Society (CEDES), Director of the MBA-Health of the University of San Andrés and Board Member and Chair for The Americas of Health Systems Global (HSG) between 2016-2024.

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## VENUE, LOGISTICS, FEES

The workshop will be held at **Faculty of Economics University of Split, Croatia**. Split offers plenty of accommodation options for the participants to choose from. The international airport in Split is well connected to most destinations in Europe and the UK all year round. Further information will be released when opening registration in May 2025.

Participants will be asked to pay the conference fee of 350€. This fee is inclusive of all conference lunches, refreshments, and the conference dinner on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

If you have any additional questions about the conference, including travel, logistics, registration or fees, please contact us via email at [chew@efri.uniri.hr](mailto:chew@efri.uniri.hr).

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