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## UNIVERSITY FOR ALL: UNIMARCONI'S INITIATIVE TRANSFORMS PUBLIC SPACES INTO LEARNING HUBS

On October 4th, Guglielmo Marconi University launched the national initiative "Knowledge Belongs to Everyone – A Lesson in the Square", simultaneously involving over twenty Italian municipalities. The goal was to bring university culture beyond the digital realm and institutional spaces, reactivating a direct connection between academia and the community.

The project continues the mission that has characterized UniMarconi for over twenty years: making education accessible, overcoming geographical boundaries, and removing obstacles that limit access to study. With "Knowledge Belongs to Everyone", this principle expands and takes physical form. It's not just access to study through a digital platform, but real-life encounters in local communities, especially in small- and medium-sized towns where the university is not always nearby or easily reachable. Knowledge is returned to the public space as a shared good, not as a privilege.



UniMarconi professors delivered free, in-person lectures on a variety of topics, adapting language and content to the local context while maintaining academic quality and scientific rigor. Municipal administrations collaborated by providing venues, organizational support, and institutional presence, confirming the initiative's value also from a civic perspective.

Citizen participation was broad and attentive. Students, teachers, families, professionals, and residents stopped to listen, asked questions, and engaged in immediate dialogue with the world of academic knowledge. A tangible cultural demand emerged, showing itself strongly when knowledge reaches people in the spaces of their everyday lives.

"Knowledge Belongs to Everyone" represented a clear embodiment of the University's Third Mission: putting academic knowledge at the service of society, promoting cultural, scientific, and social exchange.

UniMarconi will continue along this path. The goal is to consolidate a recognizable and replicable format that, year after year, can contribute to building a truly widespread and accessible culture throughout the country.



By Carla De Cunto



## ACADEMIC COLLABORATION AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN UNIMARCONI AND THE EMBASSY OF ECUADOR IN ITALY

An Academic Collaboration Agreement has been signed in Rome between Guglielmo Marconi University and the Embassy of the Republic of Ecuador in Italy, aimed at promoting access to university and postgraduate education for the Ecuadorian community residing in Italy and in Ecuador.

The agreement provides for the launch of a scholarship program that will allow Ecuadorian citizens to access Unimarconi courses under favorable conditions, thus strengthening academic, scientific, and cultural ties between the two institutions.

The program offers: 100 scholarships with a 50% reduction for degree and master's programs in fields such as communication, management, and computer engineering; 100 scholarships with a 20% reduction for programs in humanities, economics and innovation management, and psychology.

The agreement reflects the shared commitment to fostering education, professional qualification, and cultural inclusion of the Ecuadorian community, promoting high-quality digital education as a tool for personal and social development.

Unimarconi and the Embassy of Ecuador will also collaborate on the joint promotion of academic programs and on the establishment of a joint monitoring committee to ensure the smooth progress of activities and the effectiveness of shared initiatives



## PROFESSOR EMILIA ZANKINA OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY VISITS UNIMARCONI TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

UniMarconi recently welcomed Professor Emilia Zankina, Dean of Temple University, for an institutional visit aimed at consolidating collaborations between the two universities. The meeting provided an important opportunity to explore new avenues of cooperation in the fields of research, innovation, and international education.

During the visit, discussions focused on the development of joint academic initiatives, including exchange programs, shared research projects, and opportunities for students and faculty to engage in cross-border learning experiences. Both institutions emphasized their shared commitment to promoting innovation in teaching and to fostering a global academic environment that supports excellence and inclusivity.

This visit further confirms UniMarconi's dedication to strengthening strategic alliances with leading international universities. Through such partnerships, UniMarconi continues to pursue its mission of offering high-quality, globally oriented education capable of addressing the complex challenges of today's interconnected world.



# Spotlight on Research

## PROFESSOR SILVIA DI BATTISTA AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS FIS CONSOLIDATOR GRANT FOR GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH IN SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

We are proud to announce that Silvia Di Battista, Professor of Social Psychology at the Department of Human Sciences of the “Guglielmo Marconi” University, has ranked first in the SH3 Sector – The Social World and Its Interactions – within the Consolidator Grant Funding Scheme of the FIS 2024–2025 Call – Italian Science Fund, one of the most prestigious and competitive research funding programs in Italy.

This achievement confirms the quality of research carried out at our University and highlights Professor Di Battista's scientific contribution on both the national and international stage.



The University expresses its sincere appreciation to Professor Di Battista for this accomplishment, a source of pride for the entire academic community and a testament to the importance of the research work that comes to life every day at Unimarconi.

The project (ASEX - Knowing Sexuality through Asexuality: The Ace Spectrum, the Epistemic Injustice, and the Rethinking of Sexuality Measurement) addresses misconceptions and stigma surrounding asexuality, historically seen as a disorder but now recognized as a valid sexual orientation.

Persistent misunderstandings and all normative assumptions contribute to epistemic injustice, silencing asexual voices and perpetuating discrimination. By highlighting the distinct dimensions of (a)sexuality—such as sexual attraction, libido, and consent—the project seeks to rethink social understanding and develop a comprehensive tool to measure (a) sexuality with attention to epistemic justice and sexual health.

Over five years, the project will conduct qualitative research, cross-cultural validation of a new measurement scale, and disseminate findings to promote awareness. ASEX aims to influence academic practices, social policies, and cultural perceptions, fostering inclusivity, sexual health, and broader acceptance of sexual diversity, recognizing asexual individuals as a vital source of insight into human sexuality.

# Glance at the Future

## AI AND ETHICS: TECHNOLOGIES, VALUES, IMPACTS – A DIALOGUE ON RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION IN ROME

On October 10, 2025, the Aula Magna on Via Vittoria Colonna in Rome hosted the event “AI and Ethics: Technologies, Values, Impacts,” the fourth public meeting organized by the GAILIH Observatory.

The initiative followed previous gatherings in Genoa and Milan, continuing the Observatory's mission to promote a responsible and sustainable approach to artificial intelligence through its strategic framework, Shaping the Future 2.0.

The event brought together representatives from institutions, universities, industry, and the third sector, fostering a multidisciplinary discussion on how ethical principles can guide the development and adoption of generative AI.

A central theme was the Observatory's recent endorsement of the Rome Call for AI Ethics, an initiative of the Pontifical Academy for Life that emphasizes transparency, accountability, and respect for human dignity.

Throughout the morning, keynote speakers and expert panels explored topics such as model transparency, data center sustainability, dual-use governance, and the ethical implications of AI in healthcare, education, and the workplace. Participants also discussed how to turn ethical codes into practical measures—ranging from equitable access to digital tools to responsible monitoring systems for “augmented” workers.

With more than 500 participants and 40 speakers involved across its four main events since 2024, the GAILIH Observatory has established itself as a key hub for dialogue on AI governance in Italy and Europe. The Rome meeting successfully translated the recommendations of Shaping the Future 2.0 into actionable roadmaps, reaffirming the Observatory's commitment to advancing an AI ecosystem rooted in ethics, sustainability, and social responsibility.

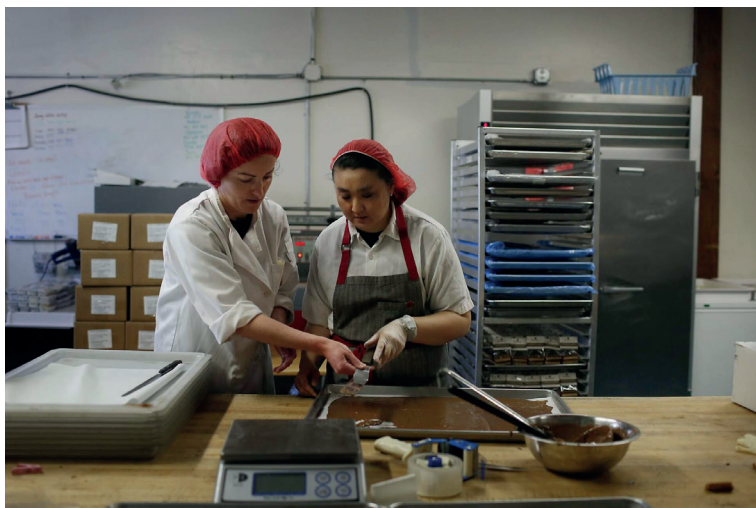




## FUSE: BRIDGING LABOUR GAPS IN EUROPE'S FOOD SECTOR

The FUSE Project has launched to tackle long-term unemployment and labour shortages in the food sector across Ireland (Roscommon and Leitrim), Italy (Lombardy), Slovakia (Nitra and national level), and Spain (Gipuzkoa). By integrating the Shared Kitchen Incubator model with subsidised jobs programmes, FUSE promotes innovative, community-driven pathways to stable employment.

FUSE will deliver practical training and create 120 subsidised jobs while providing 600 individuals with upskilling opportunities in culinary production, catering, butchery, and fishmongery. Training—delivered through shared kitchens—combines theory, hands-on learning, and personalised coaching, ensuring participants gain both technical and soft skills.



The project also strengthens local ecosystems by building the capacity of employment agencies, community organisations, and food businesses through workshops, networking events, and Local Employment Committees. These collaborations will align training with local labour market needs and foster inclusive approaches to job creation. By combining training, innovation, and partnership, FUSE aims to create lasting social and economic impact, empowering individuals, revitalising local food industries, and building a sustainable framework for inclusive employment across Europe.

The Project kick-off meeting was arranged in Carrick on Shannon (Ireland), from 19 to 21 November 2025, hosted by The Food Hub in Drumshanbo, County Leitrim. The event brought together project partners from across Europe to outline the programme's shared goals, timelines, and collaborative strategies for the months ahead.

The opening session featured a welcome address from The Food Hub team, followed by presentations from project partners outlining their organisations' profiles and contributions to the project. Breakout discussions explored themes including training needs in the food industry, technology adoption, and best practices for strengthening rural food economies.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for partners to experience local enterprise first-hand through a guided tour of The Food Hub facilities — a leading centre for food innovation and enterprise support in Ireland. Attendees praised the venue for its strong track record in supporting start-ups and building a collaborative business ecosystem.



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