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"Towards a Theory of Civic Economics: individual behaviors, interactions, and market outcomes in the presence of a social engagement"

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A wider perspective advocates for a new paradigm in Economics going beyond the reductionist approaches in five directions: i) human beings have also other-regarding preferences and are capable of cooperative equilibria in social dilemmas; ii) companies and organizations can also have preferences in which social and environmental impact play a role; iii) wellbeing is more than what GDP numerically says, thus the economic analysis cannot neglect the interdependences between the creation of value and the social and environmental domains; iv) economic policy should follow a bottom-up approach, fostering active citizenship in different forms; v) civic engagement of academicians is important in studying contemporary global challenges and reducing the broadening gap between scientific advances and the average culture and education of the overall population.

The special issue features contributions to such a new Civic Economics with a theoretical empirical focus as pursued at the Conference on "Research frontiers for a Renaissance in Economics", held at the Department of Economics of the University of Perugia on Jun 20-21, 2024, and announced in the 'Manifesto for the Renaissance in Economics' signed by more than 300 economists. Contributions from researchers in economics, but also from interdisciplinary domains, are welcome. Relevant topics include, but are not limited to, the following:

- analysis of wealth and income inequality
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- behavioral models in economics
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- social wellbeing and systemic stability
- labor, economic growth and technical change
- spatial models and urban systems
- sustainable development and climate change
- behavioral models in finance
- choices under bounded rationality, feedback systems and learning
- agent-based models of adaptive agents with artificial intelligence
- aggregate and disaggregate macroeconomic models and policy analysis
- multisectoral SAM based models
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- experimental economics
- collective decisions

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