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Workshop Programme (this version: 22/07/2026)

Session nr.	Day 1: Wednesday 23rd September 2026	
	08:45-09:00	Welcome
1	09:00-09:35	<i>End-of-life medical spending: Patterns and household spillovers</i> Presenter: Lea-Karla Matić (Institute of Economics, Zagreb) Discussant: Matt Sutton (University of Manchester & Monash U.)
2	09:40-10:15	<i>Does Ownership Matter in Emergency Medical Services?</i> Presenter: Richard Kališ (Bratislava University of Economics and Business & Masaryk University Brno) Discussant: Katrin Zocher (Johannes Kepler University Linz)
	10:15-11:00	Coffee break
3	11:00-11:35	<i>Parenthood and biological embedding: multisystem evidence from biomarkers and epigenetic clocks</i> Presenter: Valentina Rotondi (SUPSI & University of Oxford) Discussant: Mario Martínez-Jiménez (Stanford University & Imperial College London)
4	11:40-12:15	<i>Retirement Age and Longevity: Evidence from the Population of Deceased Pensioners</i> Presenter: Danijel Nestić (Institute of Economics, Zagreb) Discussant: Carlo De Pietro (SUPSI)
	12:15-13:15	Lunch break
5	13:15-13:50	<i>Horizontal Equity in Mental Healthcare Utilisation: Evidence from the Swiss Health Survey</i> Presenter: Sam Khavandi (SUPSI & University of Lausanne) Discussant: Fan Meng (University of Hohenheim)
6	13:55-14:30	<i>Understanding Health Behaviours Through Mental Health, Consumption Effort, and Living Environment</i> Presenter: Lachlan Cameron (University of Manchester) Discussant: Rahi Abouk (William Paterson University)
7	14:35-15:10	<i>Early-Life Conditions and Children's Adaptive Behavior Scales at Age Three</i> Presenter: Mario Martínez-Jiménez (Stanford University & Imperial College London) Discussant: Valentina Rotondi (SUPSI & University of Oxford)
	15:10-15:30	Coffee break
SP	15:30-16:20	Short presentations slot 1. <i>Reassessing Cannabis Policies and Opioid Mortality: The Role of Medical Cannabidiol Laws</i> by Rahi Abouk (William Paterson University) 2. <i>The COVID-19 pandemic and socioeconomic inequalities in health among older Europeans</i> by Margareta Fabijančić (University of Zagreb)
Keynote lecture	16:30-17:30	Prof. Matt Sutton (University of Manchester & Monash University) <i>Group weighting in individual-level regression models with group fixed effects: considerations for health applications</i>
	18:30	Guided city tour
	20:00	Workshop dinner

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Session nr.	Day 2: Thursday 24th September 2026	
8	09:25-10:00	<i>Assessing the effects of means-tested disability benefits with earnings disregards on labor supply and healthcare utilization</i> Presenter: Sara Buccarelli (IRDES) Discussant: Danijel Nestić (Institute of Economics, Zagreb)
9	10:05-10:40	<i>Hospital crowding and patient outcomes</i> Presenter: Katrin Zocher (Johannes Kepler University Linz) Discussant: Igor Francetić (SUPSI & University of Manchester)
	10:40-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
10	11:15-11:50	<i>Treatment Effect Heterogeneity in Health Insurance Switching: Evidence from Mandatory Health Insurance in Switzerland</i> Presenter: Jerome Sepin (University of Lucerne) Discussant: Christian Schmid (CSS Institute & University of Lucerne)
11	11:55-12:30	<i>Automatic and Application-Based Health Insurance Premium Subsidies: Investigating Subsidy Take-Up and Effects on Health Plan Choice</i> Presenter: Noel Ackermann (University of Lucerne) Discussant: Lachlan Cameron (University of Manchester)
12	12:30-13:05	<i>The Weight of Inequality: BMI Polarization and Obesity Severity in Russia (1994-2024)</i> Presenter: Fan Meng (University of Hohenheim) Discussant: Luke Munford (University of Manchester)
	13:15	<i>Closing remarks and farewell</i>

Regular sessions last 35 minutes, with about 15 minutes for authors, 15 minutes for discussants, and 5 minutes for Q&A. Short presentations last 20/25 minutes, with about 5/10 minutes of Q&A with the audience for each speaker.

Workshop venue:

Hotel Lone, Ul. Luge Adamovića 31, 52210, Rovinj. Google Maps location:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JtJS6KnZ5B7YSzK8>

Keynote speaker - Professor Matt Sutton



The 2026 CHEW keynote lecture will be delivered by Prof. Matt Sutton. Matt is a Professor of Health Economics at the University of Manchester and an Adjunct Professor at Monash University in Melbourne (Australia). He has been elected a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences in 2025, and has been an NIHR Senior Investigator since 2016. Furthermore, he has been a member of multiple funding, fellowship, and expert panels in the NIHR and other national bodies. Matt's research focuses on policy evaluation and applied econometrics. His research interests span the use and impact of financial incentives in health care, the healthcare workforce, influences on health behaviours and equity in health and healthcare. He has also been an Associate Editor of Health Economics since 2007.

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