

**Keynote speaker: Marco Perugini (University of Milan–Bicocca)**

**Title: “Latent constructs and network models in personality: implications for theory and research”**

**Abstract:**

Latent construct models have been historically dominant in psychology, especially in personality. In the last decade, an alternative approach using network models and tools, recently defined as network psychometrics, has become increasingly popular and influential. The talk will focus on comparing the two approaches, with their pros and cons, and articulating their implications for personality theory and research. Besides clarifying their differences and especially their different implications for theory and research, special attention will be given to how and when they can be used alongside instead of as an alternative. The main message will be that the two approaches should be seen as complementary instead of mutually exclusive, provided that their different functions are appreciated.