

**The Research Centre of the School of Economics and Business,**  
in cooperation with **the Bank of Slovenia,**  
cordially invites you to a research seminar  
on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022, at 14:00 CET,** in room **P-119**  
at the **School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana**  
and via platform **Zoom**

## **Chiara Natalie Focacci**

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will present the article

### **Choosing the right COVID-19 indicator: crude mortality, case fatality, and infection fatality rates influence policy preferences, behaviour, and understanding**

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Individuals worldwide are overwhelmed with news about COVID-19. In times of pandemic, media alternate the usage of different COVID-19 indicators, ranging from the more typical crude mortality rate to the case fatality rate, and the infection fatality rate continuously. In this article, we used experimental methods to test whether and how the treatment of individuals with different types of information on COVID-19 is able to change policy preferences, individual and social behaviours, and the understanding of COVID-19 indicators. Results show that while the usage of the crude mortality rate proves to be more efficient in terms of supporting policy preferences and behaviours to contain the virus, all indicators suffer from a significant misunderstanding on behalf of the population.

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by Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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**We look forward to seeing you!**