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## Institutions and Regional Development Conference 7th Edition: “Entrepreneurship, Finance and Local Development”

September 26-27, 2024 – Naples (Italy)  
MUSAP – Museo Artistico Politecnico di Napoli

**Thursday, September 26**

**08:30-09:00**

**Welcome Address**

**Francesco Cappelli** (President of the American Studies Center)

**Antonio Acconcia** (University of Naples Federico II)

**09:00-10:00**

**Keynote speech – Michael Fritsch** (Friedrich Schiller University of Jena)

*Regional Entrepreneurship in the Long Run - Patterns, Explanations, and Policies*

**10:00-10:30**

**Coffee break**

**10:30-12:50**

**Session 1 – History**

**Guy Arnold Djolaud** (McGill University)

*The Great Recession: Does Labour Market Concentration Play a Role in Earnings Inequality?*

**Paolo Veneri** (Gran Sasso Science Institute)

*Capital Shocks, the Great Recession, and UK Regional Divergence*

(with Michiel N. Daams, Philip McCann, and Richard Barkham)

**Maxence Castiello** (University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)  
*Spread the Word: Mass Media, Language and Propaganda in Fascist Italy*

**Luisa Affuso** (Ofcom)  
*Media Plurality and Online News*

**13:00-14:00**      **Lunch**

**14:00-15:00**      **Keynote speech – Antonio Ciccone** (University of Mannheim)  
*The Long-Run Effects of Immigration: Evidence Across a Barrier to Refugee Settlement*

**15:00-15:30**      **Coffee break**

**15:30-17:15**      **Session 2 – Growth**

**Anna Solm** (Halle Institute for Economic Research)  
*Economic Convergence in Germany: Stylized Facts About Regional Growth*  
(with Oliver Holtemoller and Christoph Schult)

**Gaygysyz Ashirov** (Estonian Business School)  
*Unveiling Shadows in The Dark: Revisiting Corruption and Economic Growth*  
(with Niveditha Prabakaran Pankova)

**Romano Piras** (University of Cagliari)  
*Integration and Ethnic Concentration: An Empirical Analysis of Migrant Self-Employment in EU Countries*  
(with Carla Massidda and Silvio Tunis)

**20:00**              **Social Dinner at “Circolo Nazionale dell’Unione”**

### **Friday, September 27**

**09:00-10:00**      **Keynote speech – Alessandra Faggian** (Gran Sasso Science Institute)  
*Inclusive and Sustainable Growth: What to Do (if Anything) with Peripheral Areas?*

**10:00-10:30**      **Coffee break**

**10:30-12:50**

**Session 3 – Local**

**Annamaria Nese** (University of Salerno)

*Earthquakes and The Long Run Effects of Natural Disasters. A Field Experiment in Italy*  
(with Giuseppe Attanasi, Patrizia Sbriglia, and Luigi Senatore)

**Francisco Nobre** (University of Surre)

*The Economic Footprint of Short-Term Rentals on Local Businesses: Evidence from Portugal*  
(with Joao Pereira dos Santos and Ronize Cruz)

**Laura Zell** (University of Lucerne)

*Common Pool Problems of Voluntary Municipal Mergers: Evidence from Switzerland*  
(with Christoph Schaltegger and Janine Studerus)

**Marco Stimolo** (University of Siena)

*An Unintended Consequence of Gender Balance Laws: Mafia Fuels Political Violence*  
(with Laura Baraldi, Giovanni Immordino, and Erasmo Papagni)

**13:00-14:00**

**Lunch**

**14:00-15:00**

**Keynote speech – Dariusz Wójcik** (Oxford University)

*Financial Geography and Regional Development: Insights from the Atlas of Finance*

**15:00-15:30**

**Coffee break**

**15:30-17:15**

**Session 4 – Finance**

**Giuseppina Testa** (University of Foggia)

*What Attracts Foreign Venture Capital Capitalists to Invest in EU Regions?*  
(with Csaba Johanyak, Ni Zhen, and Ramón Compañó)

**Ibai Ostolozaga** (University of the Basque Country)

*Intra-National Trade, Misallocation and Relative Prices*  
(with Amaia Iza)

**Abdulkader Kaakeh** (Utrecht University)

*The Impact of Public Corruption on Marketplace Lending Outcomes*  
(with Simon C. Parke)