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The European space.

Geo-economic balances and State powers in the long run.

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Call for papers & organized sessions

Deadline for application: April 16th, 2023

The Società Italiana degli Storici economici (SISE) and the "Mario Romani" Department of Economic and Social History and Geographical Sciences, at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, invite historians and other scholars of social sciences to present proposals for an international conference concerning "The European space. Geo-economic balances and State powers in the long run". We are grateful to anyone who will disseminate this call, sending it to those who may be interested.

The concept of Europe, after being a matter of cultural and political discussions for centuries, is a *topos* discussed by historical research and a field of scholar specialization. In the construction of the European space(s), in its/their advancements or regresses, a fundamental issue is represented by the economic actors and relations, which often overpass the national borders and intertwine with the nature and the roles of political powers and national States. In the contemporary age it is immediate to think of the international spread of finance, the pervasiveness of global markets, the spreading of technological innovations, the expanding strategies of large corporations, which have deeply redesigned the national, economic, and political systems. But already before the last globalization or re-globalization, the traditional government systems were pressed by the internationalization of economies: centrifugal pushes, the need for external resources, the emergence of new actors on the

international stage in economic, technical, and social fields, who have increasingly influenced both private and public life. In more recent periods, the European institutional sphere has been enriched with new functions and actors, such as trade unions, charities, business interests, scientific institutions, and churches, reinforcing the dynamics of cooperation, integration, and convergence beyond national borders.

The Italian peninsula, besides its natural connection to the Mediterranean area, has been characterized by a secular projection towards other European areas and markets that have influenced its internal balances and development. Exchanges, acquisitions and transfers, emulative processes, and networks have connected this Southern part of Europe to the environments beyond the Alps and the entire continent, inserting Italy in larger spaces and hierarchies.

Examples of topics of interest are the following:

PRODUCTIONS AND MARKETS

- International trades and markets in the European continent
- Industry and businesses in the European space
- The circulation of technology across borders
- The "opening/closing" dilemma. Organized interests and sector policies
- The products "made in" and the global commodification

LABOUR AND SOCIAL ACTORS IN THE EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK

- Labour and its protection: is there a European model?
- Convergences and divergences in welfare national systems
- The companies' mobility across boundaries (e.g. multinationals and relocations) and social rights
- Promoting and caring human capital. Vocational education and training from the European perspective
- Flows of people between regions and nations (departures, exclusion/inclusion, new roots ...)

THE ECONOMY AS A TOOL IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Competitions between states through the economy, from mercantilism to oligarchs
- National strategies for the control of international resources
- Money, credit, debt: national sovereignty and its limits
- The economic weapons (penalties, commercial wars, boycotts)
- Economic operators in front of the option of the war

GEOGRAPHIES, NETWORKS, TERRITORIES

- Representing the European economic spaces: from cartography to GIS
- The world-economies centered on the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas
- Relationships behind the curtain: the East and the West of Europe
- Are mountains a barrier or an osmosis factor? The Alps, the Balkans
- Regional disparities and the European integration
- Material integration: new infrastructure, ICT networks, and logistical platforms

Submission of the proposals

Abstracts for papers (max 500 words) or sessions including 4-6 reports (max 1,000 words) must be sent together with a short CV (max 250 words) at spazioeuropeo@unicatt.it at the latest by April 16th, 2023.

Official languages

Italian, English, French, and Spanish.

Modality for participation

It will be possible to participate in the Conference in presence, or remote mode.

Timetable

April 16 th , 2023	Deadline for the submission of the paper or session proposals
April 30 th , 2023	Notification of acceptance
May 20 th , 2023	Deadline for registration to the conference
June 22 nd -24 th , 2023	Conference

Registration

Registration is required through the conference website, even if participation is free of charge. Participants in the social dinner (on Friday 23rd, 2023) will have to pay a fee of € 50. The payment must be made at the time of registration, in the manner that will be indicated in the notification of acceptance.

Accommodation

Travel and accommodation expenses are full responsibility of the participants. It is recommended to book accommodation in Milan well in advance. The address of some hotels and other logistical information will be provided on the SISE and the Department websites (see below).

Grants

SISE provides four grants of 300 euros each in favor of young non-tenured researchers (e.g. PhD students) by way of contribution for travel and accommodation expenses, unless they benefit from other funding for the same purpose. Those interested can contact the Organizing Committee (see below).

Publication

The coordinator of each panel will evaluate how to enhance the results of the presented research through their publication in monographic, peer-reviewed volumes or journal issues.

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