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# "Regional grouping in the new global economy"

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**Poggio Mirteto (Rome) 17 - 19 June 2019**

## **Introduction**

The IV<sup>th</sup> 2019 ISMERI seminar focuses on the political economy of regional blocs in the globalized 21<sup>st</sup> century world. Building on discussion of development gaps and 3<sup>rd</sup> country migration to Europe, the questions for which the seminar aims to provide some answers are “How do the structural characteristics - economic, social and political - of the main regional blocs impact development models and migration pressures?” and “What policies and forms of global governance can be envisaged to support sustainable development and the fight to diminish regional disparities and social inequalities?”

To answer these questions, economists, sociologists and political scientists will contribute with their regional viewpoints and disciplines. It is clear that a much wider spectrum of determinant factors, beside the simple economic once, are at work.

Development gaps, with all their facets, appear to be a major determinant of instability and turmoil that has arisen in most countries over the last decade with economic and financial globalization sustained by policies driven by the wealthy and professional classes that benefit most from global integration. Even in the rich western countries, the EU and the USA, with large welfare and protection policies, losses borne by less mobile classes have given rise to huge resentment and strong criticism of ruling classes and international institutions. In Africa, the Middle East, South Asia and Latin America the same unequal development has given rise to political conflict over development models as well as promoting emigration to the rich countries.

The seminar will tackle these issues from different angles:

**At the global level** - by reviewing macro scenarios for the world economy up to 2050 (using the CAM model) with a focus on regional blocs and trends in trade and income disparities. These scenarios are an update of the approach developed in the AUGUR project (2009-13) which relates economic developments to the governance frameworks that sponsor trade and international finance.

**At the macro-regional level** - through a focus on development models pursued in each region and changing patterns of migration viewed from the perspective of countries of origin and diasporas that have traditionally received immigrants. Economic, social, cultural factors at play should consequently emerge.

**At the EU level** - a focus on political trends in Europe and alternative ways in which European countries may seek to maintain their privileged position in an increasingly multi-polar and multi-regional world. Updated scenarios of the “AUGUR” project with help explaining the increasing intra-European social divergence and the political conflict over the EU governance.



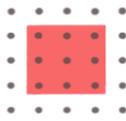
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Discussion in the seminar is informal, introduced by ten-minute presentations (named persons) followed by round-table discussion by all participants to integrate the analysis of different aspects and seek a common conclusion.

More than one global region has been included into the same session to limit the number of sessions and allow time for round-table discussion.

Regional experts however participate in all round-tables and therefore can put forward their relevant analysis during their intervention in all other sessions.

The seminar program this year is particularly dense, and for this reason we recommend to be present for the 3 full days, arriving on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> and leaving on the Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>.



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## Provisional Program

**Arrival**                      **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### **Day 1 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

#### **Global scenarios and structural change: from here to 2050**

09.30 – 10.00	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> E. Wolleb / all
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break
10.30 – 12.00	<b>Macro-economic scenario (CAM model)</b> F. Cripps / J. Mazier / U. Melchionda Round table
12.00 – 13.30	<b>Global technology and the future of work</b> M. Meskoub /F. De Lavergne Round table
13.30 – 14.45	Light lunch
14.45 – 16.00	<b>Climate change and sustainable development</b> P. Petit Round table
16.00 – 17.30	<b>Global value chains, connectivity and inequality. Are there answers?</b> M. Landesmann / C.P. Chandrasekhar Round table
17.30	Free
20.30	Dinner



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## Day 2 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019

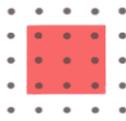
### Regional development models, political conflict and patterns of migration

09.30 – 11.15	<b>Latin America and BRICS</b> D. Conato / M. Ricceri Round table
11.15 – 11.45	Coffee break
11.45 – 12.40	<b>Russia and the Balkans</b> O. Chudinovskikh / M. Landesmann
12.40 – 13.30	<b>MENA and the Middle East</b> E.M. Mouhoud / M. Meskoub Round table
13.30 – 14.45	Light lunch
14.45 – 16.30	<b>EU policy priorities and relationships with the rest of the world</b> P. Petit / A. Naldini / U. Melchionda / J. Mazier Round table
17.00	Visit of the Farfa gorges 2 hr. (leave after the seminar by car) <a href="http://www.parchilazio.it/goledelfarfa-natura">http://www.parchilazio.it/goledelfarfa-natura</a> remember to bring shorts and a pair of suitable and comfortable shoes for walking/trekking
20.30	Dinner

## Day 3 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### Europe's future in the 21st century world

09.30 – 10.45	<b>Africa and South Asia</b> A. Alkhanghi / F. Cripps Round table
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 13.30	<b>Europe: disparities and political fragmentation</b> F. De Lavergne / W. Brett / R. McDowell / M. Ricceri Round table
13.30 – 14.45	Light lunch
14.45 – 16.00	<b>Research cooperation: progress and opportunities. H2020 GEMIS Project</b> E. Wolleb / F. Cripps Round table
18.15	Classical guitar concert
20.30	Dinner



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