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Speaker: SANDY DALL’ERBA
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Title: Regional development policies in the light of recent regional science tools

Abstract: Decreasing transportation costs have led to a fragmentation of the production process and increasing specialization. These factors, among others, have contributed to increasing agglomeration in a few places and ultimately to increasing inequalities across regions within countries. This presentation will show you the type of regional development policies the European Union has implemented in order to promote cohesion within its territory. We pay particular attention to the presence of spillover effects across regions by means of spatial statistics and spatial econometric tools. This allows us to assess the impact of the above policies not only on the growth rate of the targeted regions but also on their neighbors. The last part of this presentation will cover on-going work on China and the US.

About the speaker: Dr. Dall’erba is currently an Assistant Professor in the department of Geography and Regional Development at the University of Arizona. He received his doctorate in Economics from the University of Pau, France, in June 2004 after spending two years at the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. This is also the place he went to for a one-year post-doctoral stay which was followed by another year at the Department of Spatial Economics of the Free University of Amsterdam. While at the University of Arizona, he started the European Study Group to promote the knowledge of Europe and EU-US relationships on campus (http://europe.arizona.edu).

His research interests focus on economic growth, economic geography, regional and local development, public policies and the impact of transportation infrastructures. He has devoted special attention to modelling the presence of spillover effects when regional policies are implemented to correct inequalities of development. He has published several articles on this topic in refereed journals and book chapters. His work has been recognized by the awards of the Charles Tiebout Prize (given by the Western Regional Science Association) and the Epainos Prize (given by the European Regional Science Association) for articles in the field of regional development, as well as by various scholarships such as Fulbright and Marie Curie.

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