

CALL FOR PAPERS for International Conference

“Culture, Institutions and Economic Development”

October 24-25, 2019 – Matera (Italy)

VENUE: Le Monacelle, Via Riscatto, 15

Deadline for submissions: July 10, 2019

The International Conference on ***Culture, Institutions and Economic Development***, jointly organized by American Studies Center of Naples, University of Basilicata and Parthenope University will take place on October **24-25, 2019** in Matera (Italy), the European Capital of Culture for 2019.

This conference is a sequel of previous conferences held in Cosenza, Naples and Bari that focused on EU regional and social policies, institutions and deep roots of economic growth, and entrepreneurship. This year the conference aims at providing academics, policymakers, and practitioners with a valuable forum for discussion on culture and institutions as drivers of economic development.

Keynote Speakers

Luigi Guiso (*Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, CEPR*)

Luciana Lazzeretti (*University of Florence*)

Thierry Verdier (*Paris School of Economics*)

The conference organizers and the scientific committee are pleased to encourage submissions of full papers or extended abstracts that explore the role of culture and institutions in fostering economic development. A special emphasis will be placed on the effects of culture and institutions on local development of cities and regions, both on its own and as part of wider economic development and well-being. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Culture and comparative economic development;
- Informal institutions, social values, norms and economic development;
- Political institutions and the state;
- Inequality, gender differences and economic development;

- Trade, migration and comparative development;
- The impact of climate change, natural disasters and conflicts on economic development;
- The influence of geography, technology and history on culture and institutions;
- Entrepreneurial culture and economic development;
- Innovation and creative industries in regional economic development;
- Cultural heritage for urban and regional economic development.

Contributions concerning the Italian or American context are particularly encouraged. Theoretical and empirical papers are welcome.

Submission procedure

Submissions of full papers or extended abstracts can be sent to info@conference-cied.com no later than **July 10, 2019**. Papers in a complete version have priority in the selection process. Authors will be notified of the decision by **July 20, 2019**. Thanks to sponsorship from American Studies Center, **the conference is free of charge** including meals and social events. For more information about the conference and logistics, please visit the conference website: www.conference-cied.com.

Conference organizers: **Carlo Capuano** (University of Naples Federico II), **Alfredo Del Monte** (University of Naples Federico II), **Luca Pennacchio** (Parthenope University), **Carmelo Petraglia** (University of Basilicata), **Giovanni Schiuma** (University of Basilicata).

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We look forward to receiving your submission.