



With this international initiative, AISRe would like to bring to the attention of its members and, more generally, of the scientific community of the Regional Science, the Mediterranean theme, whose political, geostrategic and economic importance for Italy is well known.

The Maghreb, the Near and Middle East are areas of great challenges and opportunities for our country, especially in light of the evolution of the systemic changes taking place as a result of events occurred since 2011.

Mediterranean Cities, since the antiquity, have played a major role as hubs of culture, innovation and production and transport linkages, areas where people live and interact according to customs which are increasingly common at the international level. Last but not least, cities are the centers of democracy, political participation and policy institutions. Although the congress will focus on urban areas, it will also consider the case of industrial clusters and of rural/tourist areas. All these areas are undergoing similar challenges in the regions of the Mediterranean basin.

The Arab South Mediterranean regions and countries and those of South Europe share a long historical tradition of economic, cultural and political contacts and now are facing common problems. Past political conflicts between the countries in the Mediterranean basin, as in other areas within Europe, may represent now the base of a strong reciprocal knowledge, respect and trust and the existence of common values.

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9.30

Welcome Address

Rector of the Parthenope University

Maria Rosaria Carillo, Parthenope University

Riccardo Cappellin, President of Italian Association of Regional Science - AISRe

Lidia Diappi, Executive Representative of AISRe International Office, Politecnico di Milano

10.00

Session 1: Recent political changes and the impacts on economy, society and institutions, Chair: Maria Rosaria Carrillo

Hala El Said, Dean of Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo
The Egyptian Economy in the wake of January Revolution

Jamel Eddine Gharbi, University of Jendouba, former Minister of Regional Development and Planning, Tunis
Decentralisation and the Arab spring

Sami Mouley, Chair of International Finance, University of Tunis and coordinator of the FEMISE Research Report
Vulnerabilités du pilotage économique dans la période de transition politique en Tunisie: Quelles capacités de résilience institutionnelle ?

Riccardo Cappellin, University of Rome "Tor Vergata" and President of AISRe
Regional research in Italy and the role of institutions: new industries and sustainability

11.30

Coffee Break

12.00

Session 2: Innovation, employment and development policies in Mediterranean regions, Chair: Riccardo Cappellin

Henri-Bernard Solignac-Lecomte, Unit - Africa, Europe & Middle-East OECD Development Centre, OECD, Paris
The Challenge of Youth Employment in North Africa

Salvatore Capasso, Parthenope University, Naples
Inequality, social Expenditure and Development in Mediterranean Countries

Stefano Monferrà, Parthenope University, Naples
Economic development and international competitiveness of firms in the Mediterranean countries

13.30

Lunch Time

14.30

Session 3: Identity, heritage and needs of modernisation in Mediterranean cities, Chair: Lidia Diappi

Manel Khadraoui, Ministry of Development and international Cooperation, Tunis
Well-being and Development Policies in Tunisia

Dino Borri, Politecnico di Bari
Do the European Regeneration Policies apply to Mediterranean Cities?

Luigi Fusco Girard, University Federico II, Naples
The Transition toward a new economic urban Base: the Role of City Cultural Capital

Giuseppe Pace, ISSM-CNR and Université de Gent
The Mediterranean Cities and the European Neighbourhood Policies

16.00

Coffee Break

16.30

Session 4: Interregional integration in Mediterranean: flows, infrastructures, and transport projects, Chair: Salvatore Capasso

Luca Forte, head of the Mediterranean Observatory and territorial Statistics, SRM-MED, Naples
Trade Flows, economic Development and maritime Transport in Mediterranean Area

Salvatore D'Alfonso, UFM-Union For the Mediterranean, Barcelona
The Key Projects which will speed up the development of the Mediterranean

Hatem Chahbani, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), African Development Bank
The Infrastructures in North Africa: the PIDA (Program of Infrastructures Development in Africa)

17.30

Closing Address

Maria Rosaria Carillo, Lidia Diappi, Riccardo Cappellin, André Torre