

Local and sustainable development in Southern Europe: debates, practices, and conflicts (EGRG2)

SESSION DETAILS	
Research Group Affiliation	Economic Geography Research Group
<p>The session aims to address issues related to the theme of local and sustainable development in Southern Europe. Over the last years, a growing body of work has appeared in the overlapping literatures dealing with New Regionalism, local economic development and the cultural economy, on the one hand, and with sustainable modes of development, on the other. In this context, cities and regions in Southern Europe have been a crucial source of inspiration and investigation in the analysis of local and sustainable development policies and the cross-fertilisation between theory and practice. Contrarily to the past, however, Southern Europe has somehow vanished as a 'common' space of reference and reflection within urban and regional studies, in line with the more general (and regrettable) decline of 'area studies' within English-speaking geography (Bonnett, 2003). This session aims to bring together papers focusing on discourses, theories and practices of local and sustainable development within the regions and cities of Southern Europe.</p>	
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SESSION RUNNING ORDER	
SESSION 1: Chair - Michael Dunford (University of Sussex)	
Paper 1	
Paper title	Deconstructing and reconstructing the local: situated reflections
Presenter	Ugo Rossi
Co-author	Filippo Celata
Paper 2	
Paper title	Discourses, politics and practices of local and sustainable development in the Italian Mezzogiorno
Presenter	Libera D'Alessandro
Paper 3	
Paper title	The ideology of local development. The case of Salento
Presenter	Stefano De Rubertis
Paper 4	
Paper title	Local sustainable development and spatial cohesion in the post-transition Balkans: policy issues and some theory
Presenter	Vassilis Monastiriotis
Co-author	George Petrakos
Paper 5	
Paper title	Local development in the South: Evidence from the Egyptian experience
Presenter	Cristina Scarpocchi
Paper 6	
Paper title	Making local economic development possible at the western region of Montevideo
Presenter	Alvaro Gonzalez-Gervasio
SESSION 2: Chair - David Gibbs (University of Hull)	
Paper 7	
Paper title	Local water management initiatives in periods of rapid urban and social change: the case of Barcelona
Presenter	David Sauri
Co-author	Hug March
Paper 8	
Paper title	Closed, black and empty boxes of the waste management in Europe
Presenter	Alessandro Mengozzi
Paper 9	

Paper title	Changing laws, enduring practices? Sustainability and metropolitan spatial planning in Portugal
Presenter	Carlos Oliveira
Co-author	Isabel Breda-Vázquez
Paper 10	
Paper title	Breakfast at Taranto: come and breathe the clean air of wasted lives
Presenter	Valeria Monno
Paper 11	
Paper title	Petrochemicals socio-economic unsustainability: the Sicilian case
Presenter	Guido Signorino
Co-authors	Pierpaolo Mudu, Michele Faberi, Elisa Gatto, Marina La Rocca
Paper 12	
Paper title	Local Agenda 21 in Portugal – surrender or resistance to improve local governance
Presenter	Teresa Fidelis
Co-author	Sara Pires