

## **XXX ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ITALIAN SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS**

The Italian Society of Public Economics (SIEP) announces its XXX Annual Conference, to be held in Padova, Italy, on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The general theme of the Conference is

### ***“Global structural changes and government challenges”***

During the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the economic role of the government had substantially widened in all countries. In the 1970s and 1980s, government policies had been criticized because of inefficiencies and macroeconomic instability they introduce in the functioning of markets, dampening economic growth. However, in the last thirty years, research has significantly advanced our understanding of the way asymmetric information, incomplete contracts, and incomplete markets cause serious malfunctioning of market economies. The experience of government interventions to face the worst effects of economic and financial crises in late 20<sup>th</sup> century and early 21<sup>st</sup> century (e.g., the Great Recession) as well as successful development cases call for a reconsideration of State and market failures.

While pure ideological battles seem to fade away, there is a growing consensus that markets and governments are imperfect institutions and the main focus of research and policy-making should be the identification of the most appropriate forms of government intervention. Under this perspective, the relationship between governments and private agents can be more fruitfully analysed in terms of partnership. Moreover, the new global challenges (e.g. climate change, environmental crises, aging and migrations, technological change, socio-political conflicts) call for stronger partnerships also within the government sector – among local, national, and international institutions – to pursue a consensual review of the rules that regulate the functioning of national and global markets – e.g., competition policy, trade policy, industrial policy, financial stability policy.

In many fields, public-private partnerships as well as public-public partnership are seen as crucial and flexible instruments to face global technological, environmental, demographic, and socio-political changes.

A list of topics for the Conference is the following:

1. Structure, Scope, and Performance of Government
2. Publicly Provided Goods • Externalities • Redistributive Effects • Environmental Taxes and Subsidies
3. Asymmetric and Private Information • Economics of Public-private Contracts • Mechanism Design
4. Public Policy Evaluations • Econometrics of Games and Auctions
5. Market Structure, Pricing, and Design • Economics of Regulation • Antitrust Issues and Policies
6. Public Choice and Political economy
7. Social Relationships, Informal Services and Social Public Policies (e.g., health, old age, child care, etc.)
8. Role of Supranational Governments • Reform of EU institutions • Fiscal Competition and International Tax Coordination
9. Climate Change Agreements and Regulations

- 10. Migration Policies
- 11. Innovation Policies

Papers on issues that do not fall within the main topic of the Conference will also be considered for submission.

The keynote speaker of the Conference will be David Martimort (Paris School of Economics).

The Scientific Committee of the Conference is chaired by Bruno Bises (Università Roma Tre), Luciano Greco (Università di Padova & CRIEP) and Leonzio Rizzo (Università di Ferrara & IEB) and composed by scholars who kindly accepted to collaborate to select papers and organize contributed sessions in special areas.

The call for paper of the Conference will be published by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The deadline for paper submission will be May 20<sup>th</sup> 2018.

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