Maximising the Opportunities for Cohesion Policy in Challenging Times:
An Academic and Policy Debate
Third Joint EU Cohesion Policy Conference
11th-13th May 2020, Zagreb, Croatia

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Draft Programme

Monday 11th May
19.00-21.00  Welcome Reception

Tuesday 12th May
08.00-09.00  Registration
09.00-09.15  Conference Opening
09.15-10.30  Plenary 1
  10.30-11.00 Refreshment Break
  11.00-12.30 Parallel Workshop Session 1
  12.30-13.45 Lunch
  13.45-15.15 Parallel Workshop Session 2
  15.15-15.45 Refreshment Break
15.45-16.45  Plenary 2 Development Traps across EU Regions
              Simona Iammarino, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
              Andrés Rodríguez-Pose, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
17.00-18.30  Parallel Workshop Session 3
20.00-22.30  Conference Dinner

Wednesday 13th May
08.30-09.00  Registration
09.00-09.30  Day 2 Opening Speech
09.30-11.00  Plenary 4 Regional Disparities
              Roberta Capello, Politecnico di Milano, Italy
              Riccardo Crescenzi, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), UK &
              Rossi-Doria Centre for Economic and Social Research, University of Roma TRE, Italy
              & Ugo Fratesi, Politecnico di Milano, Italy ‘Back to the Member States? Cohesion
              Policy and the National Challenges to the European Union’
11.00-11.30  Refreshment Break
11.30-13.00  Parallel Workshop Session 4
13.00-14.30  Lunch
14.30-16.00  Plenary 5 Future Policy and Research Challenges
              John Bachtler, University of Strathclyde, UK
16.00-16.15  Closing remarks