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AND TERRITORY**

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PROGRAMME



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Conference of the
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WEDNESDAY, September 19
Conference Room (*Guest House*)

ISSiRFA-CNR, Via dei Taurini 19, 00185 Roma

2:00 p.m.

IACFS Executive Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Business Meeting (IACFS Center Directors)

8:00 p.m.

Dinner for IACFS Members

THURSDAY, September 20
Conference Room (*Guest House*)

CNR, Piazzale Aldo Moro 7, 00185 Roma
Marconi Hall (I Floor)

9:00 a.m.

Welcome / Opening of the Conference by S. Mangiameli

Chair: N. Steytler

9:20-10:05 a.m.

Eva Maria Belser ‘Territorial repercussions of expanding economic areas and growing mobility in Switzerland: Resistance of territorial borders at the subnational level, growing amalgamation at the municipal level’

10:05-10:50 a.m.

Niklas Sonntag [‘Federalism and territory: the Austrian perspective’](#)

10:50-11:10 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:10-11:55 a.m.

Gisela Färber, Dirk Zeitz ['Why there have not been reforms of the boundaries of the German Länder? History, reasons and perspectives'](#)

11:55 a.m.-12:40 p.m.

Rudolf Hrbek 'New delimitation of the Länder - a continuously discussed but still unresolved political project in the Federal Republic of Germany (1945 -2012)'

12:40-2:15 p.m.

Lunch

Chair: G. Färber

2:15-3:00 p.m.

Miguel Angel Asensio ['Territorial imbalances and regional disparities within a federal context: the case of Argentina'](#)

3:00-3:45 p.m.

James Bickerton ['Transforming Federal Canada: Gaining Perspective on Harper's New Federalism'](#)

3:45-4.30 p.m.

John Kincaid ['The U.S. Supreme Court: Friend or Foe of Territorial Autonomy?'](#)

4:30 -5:00 p.m.

Coffee Break

5:00-5:45 p.m.

Carlo Desideri ['Regionalism and Territorial Politics in Italy'](#)

5:45-6:30 p.m.

Beniamino Caravita ['The Governance of Wide Areas in Italy'](#)

FRIDAY, September 21

Conference Room (*Guest House*)

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Marconi Hall (I Floor)

Chair: S. Mangiameli

9:00-9:45 a.m.

Michael Burgess ['Federalism and Political Territoriality: The Character and Significance of Constituent Units in the New Federal Models'](#)

9:45-10:30 a.m.

Ghebrehiwet Baraki ['The making of States and local governments in the multi-ethnic federation of Ethiopia'](#)

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Jaap De Visser, Yonatan Fessha, Nicolaas Steytler ['The role of ethnicity in the demarcation of internal boundaries in Ethiopia and South Africa'](#)

11:15-11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Ajay Kumar Singh ['Regional Identity and State Formation in India'](#)

12:15-13:00 p.m.

Frédéric Lépine 'Non-territorial federalism as an answer to the limits of the territorial approach'

13:00-13:45 p.m.

Andrea Filippetti ['Multi-level governance in European Union Cohesion Policy and the quality of regional governments'](#)