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## REGIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

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### Global Growth Agendas: Regions, Institutions and Sustainability

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Piacenza, Italy

Social and economic imbalances of the current phase of globalization require a rethinking of the model of international and regional development. The issues of inequality, ecological risks, and poor growth in some areas put at the center of the scientific and political debate the theme of values and institutions. What are the values for sustainable regional development in the future? And what institutional reforms are needed to overcome the negative consequences of the recession triggered by the financial turmoil of recent years? Which tools can strengthen the capacity of regions and cities to adapt to all changes and to increase the resilience of areas?

To answer these questions the RSA 2015 Annual Conference in Piacenza offers some lines of reflection about the themes of well-being and quality of life, technological and social innovation, individual and collective entrepreneurship, by starting from the analysis of the values and motivations that drive individual and institutional action.

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#### Confirmed Plenary Speakers

**Plenary 1.** To be held at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Piacenza, **Well-being, Quality of Life and Institutions: the Role of Territory**

Professor **Filomena Maggino**, University of Florence, Italy

**Plenary 2.** To be held at the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Piacenza, **Globalisation, Innovation and Entrepreneurship: the Role of the Region**

Professor **Stefano Zamagni**, University of Bologna, Italy

Professor **David Audretsch**, Indiana University, USA

**Plenary 3.** To be held at Milan Expo in partnership with Eupolis Lombardy Region (transport will be provided), **Food, Energy and Rights: the Territorial Approach**

The organisers welcome proposals for special sessions, themed workshops and innovative forms of networking and collaboration. If you would like to organise or offer a session to the conference please contact:

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