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Places that don't matter and Populism in Europe

The debate around the places that don't matter is at a turning-point: after a period characterized by several electoral twists and turns in many parts of the World, the rise of discontent seems to dim in some recent regional and national election results.

Meanwhile, Covid-19 barged into the institutional matters of worldwide places, with the risk of stoking economic grievances and social cleavages within many established democracies. Will Covid-19 undermine the political stability of local and national governments and/or will it act as disruptor of discontent?

We will discuss it with Philip McCann, Professor of Urban and Regional Economics at the Sheffield University Management School, who authored the paper '[Perceptions of regional inequality and the geography of discontent: insights from the UK](#)', one of the most impactful studies addressing the matter of discontent.

Professor Philip McCann: [academic webpage](#)

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Introduction

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Keynote Speech:
The Geography of Discontent
and the Regional Implications
of Covid-19

Philip McCann / Sheffield University
Management School

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Presentation:
Determinants of Italian
Discontent and the role of
Place-Based Policies

Dante Di Matteo / DAStU
Intermediate results of 'StraDe'
research unit

11 00

Round Table:
Trajectories and Perceptions
of Discontent in the view of
Territorial Heterogeneities

Gaetano Vecchione / Università
degli Studi di Napoli Federico II

Eveline van Leeuwen / Wageningen
University

Marco R. Di Tommaso / Università
degli Studi di Ferrara, c.MET05

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