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## *Seminar*

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### *Chair*

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## **European policies facing centre-periphery development gaps**

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### *Discussants*

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Europe's economic integration has had uneven distributional effects between *core* (Western and Northern Europe) and *periphery* (Eastern and Southern Europe). Several market-correcting instruments have been introduced by EU policy in order to mitigate such divergence, including cohesion policy, state aid measures, the Common agricultural policy, investments of the European Investment Bank, the EFSI and the EBRD. The impact and effectiveness of such actions are assessed, finding that most policies have reinforced gaps among member states and did not serve longer term common European interests. In fact, such policies lack coherent guiding principles and reflect the dominating bargaining power of core countries. In order to raise the effectiveness of these instruments, the decision-making architecture of the EU must be reformed.

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