

# Greeting and Introductory Remarks

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## For Those of You Who Don't Know Us Yet

- Northeastern University is located in the center of Boston, Massachusetts.
- We're one of the 10 largest private universities in the United States, with a current FTE enrollment of 21,489 (2018).
- We receive \$170 million annually in research funding.



## More on Northeastern University

- In the most widely-cited ranking of national U.S. research universities we are ranked #44.
- We have leapfrogged over 100 universities in this ranking over the past 20 years. This is unprecedented.





## The Department of Economics

- We offer two undergraduate degree programs, a Master of Science and a PhD degree program.
- We have about 700 undergraduate majors.
- We have about 100 graduate students; roughly three-quarters come from outside the United States.



## The Department of Economics II

- Our MS program is STEM-certified.
- Our PhD program focuses on Labor Economics, Industrial Organization, and Development Economics.
- More information can be found at <https://cssh.northeastern.edu/economics/>.



## Some Northeastern Resources Relevant to this Project

- The Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy.
- The College of Social Science and Humanities Master of Public Policy and Master of Science in Economics Program.
- The Global Resilience Institute.



## Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy

- The Dukakis Center conducts interdisciplinary research to identify and implement solutions to challenges facing urban areas.
- It often works with scholars outside Northeastern University.
- Its members have conducted research on
  - Housing policy;
  - Transportation policy;
  - Labor policy;
  - A variety of urban/regional issues in the Greater Boston area.

## CSSH Master of Public Policy and Master of Science in Economics Programs

- The MPP program offers graduate concentrations that may be of interest.
- Students in past collaborations have taken courses in urban and regional policy, environmental policy, and statistics from the MPP program.
- They have also taken courses in urban and regional economics, micro planning, development economics, and quantitative topics from the MS in Economics program.



## Global Resilience Institute

- In 2016, the Board of Trustees at Northeastern University approved the launch of the **Global Resilience Institute** (GRI) as a major initiative to support the university's 2025 strategic plan.
- The GRI has over 20 full-time staff; nearly 100 faculty affiliates from all 9 of Northeastern's colleges including the College of Engineering, College of Computer and Information Science, Business School, Law School, and College of Social Sciences and Humanities; and 18 eminent practitioners who serve as distinguished senior fellows.
- The University also offers a Master of Science in Security and Resilience Studies in the College of Social Science and Humanities.

## Economics at Northeastern and the University of Reggio Calabria – a Long-Standing Relationship

- Beginning in the 1980s and continuing for more than a decade, a number of students from the University of Reggio Calabria continued on to graduate study in the Economics Department at Northeastern.
- Most of these students – about 20 - received Master of Science degrees in Economic Policy and Planning.
- Two went on to earn a PhD degree.
- Several are still academically affiliated with the University of Reggio Calabria.



## Economics at Northeastern and the University of Reggio Calabria – a Long-Standing Relationship II

- Beginning in 2011, Northeastern, with other US partners, entered into research and educational collaborations with Reggio Calabria and partner institutions in the EU.
- These collaborations were initiated by Reggio Calabria.



## Collaborations with Reggio Calabria

- In chronological order, starting in 2011:
  - CLUDs
  - International Doctorate
  - MAPS-LED
  - And now, TREnD



## CLUD (Commercial Local Urban Districts)

- Participating were four EU universities and two US universities.
- It involved early stage and experienced researchers visiting the US universities.
- Research in the US focused on:
  - Public-private partnerships;
  - Urban-rural links;
  - Urban regeneration.
- The researchers developed case studies, which were presented at the end of the project.

## International Doctorate

- EU Funding allowed students to compete for and earn scholarships to enter this program annually.
- The program focused on urban and regional planning, urban regeneration, and economic development.
- The students:
  - Spent an academic year at University of Reggio Calabria;
  - Spent an academic year at Northeastern University;
  - Wrote a dissertation.

## **MAPS-LED (Multidisciplinary Approach to Plan Smart Specialization Strategies for Local Economic Development)**

- Participating were four EU universities and two US universities.
- The project aim was to investigate how Smart Specialization Strategies (S3) can be translated into spatially-led local economic development policies, allowing the new agenda of Europe 2020 to be put into practice.
- The program involved participating faculty and grad students coming to Northeastern to engage in research.
- Students were expected to take graduate courses while at Northeastern.

## TREnD

➤ And now, TREnD.