

Persistence and change in Italian Industrial Clusters and Local Dynamics

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Various techniques are applied to individual firm data to explain the enterprises performance, taking account of the spillovers between contiguous areas, and examining the dynamics of Local Labour Systems and Industrial Districts (Spatial Analysis). The goal of the analysis is to verify if the performance of each Local Labour System depends on the neighbor areas' one.

A Principal Components Analysis was carried on. Subsequently the spatial analysis was applied again on the outputs of PCA, in order to investigate the effect of the firms' performance on the overall income level, together with the effect, in the longer term, of other geographical and institutional variables

A data-base was created for the purpose of this research, matching various administrative and statistical sources. The firms budget data collected by the Chamber of Commerce and the Statistical Archive of Active Enterprises Data (Archivio Statistico delle Imprese Attive - ASIA) were used, over the 2004-2020 period.

The spatial analysis confirms the view that the industrial vocation and the presence of competitive advantages in location still play a major role in the Italian economy.

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