Institutional and Policy Resilience and Local Politics. Lessons from the Social and Solidarity Economy in Barcelona

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Based on his research, Dr. Eric Griego Montoya will lead a presentation that explores the interplay between local electoral politics and institutions created to advance the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) and sustainability, specifically in Barcelona. Will recent electoral swings in support for pro-SSE and sustainability policies at the local and national levels undermine the institutions that have been launched in recent years to promote more democratic, inclusive, and sustainable economic development models? Using preliminary data from semi-structured interviews of policy elites and participant observations from public and governmental hearings, this research will provide a case study of whether the rightward ideological shift in global, European, and local politics will undermine these new SSE and sustainability-related institutions.

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