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Gustavo Setrini holds a Ph.D. from the Political Science Department at MIT, where he currently serves as research director for the Puerto Rico Economy Project. His primary research interests are the political economy of sustainable agriculture and the political consequences of agricultural growth in the era of globalization. As part of the Puerto Rico Economy Project, Dr. Setrini is conducting a study of Island's food and agriculture system, which seeks to identify the constraints and opportunities for linking agricultural development to natural resource conservation, job creation, and income growth. In particular, his research examines the regulatory and educational institutions that developed on the Island to govern 'mass- market' agriculture during the twentieth century. Through a set of case studies, Setrini will propose how these institutions may be updated to support the entrepreneurial activities of two sets of actors: agribusiness firms (focused on high-value export niches) and sustainable agriculture movements (focused on local markets and food security).