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Among his publications are "On the Number and Size of Nations" (with Alberto Alesina, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 1997), "Economic Integration and Political Disintegration" (with Alberto Alesina and Romain Wacziarg, *American Economic Review*, 2000), "On the Evaluation of Economic Mobility" (with Peter Gottschalk, *Review of Economic Studies*, 2002), "The Diffusion of Development" (with Romain Wacziarg, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2009), "How Deep Are the Roots of Economic Development?" (with Romain Wacziarg, *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2013), "What is European Integration Really About? A Political Guide for Economists" (*Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2013), and several other articles and book chapters. Spolaore's publications also include the monograph *The Size of Nations* (with Alberto Alesina, MIT Press, 2003 – paperback edition, 2005), and two edited volumes on *Culture and Economic Growth* (Edward Elgar, 2014).

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