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## 1. OFFICIAL NEWS

### 1.1 Message from the President

#### Dear EACES members and friends,

In 2011 several initiatives have been organized by EACES members sometimes in collaboration with other associations and institutions. I am grateful to all of those involved and recall here the ten most important scientific initiatives: Brighton (February 18), Moscow (April 5-7), Yekaterinburg (April 22-23), Bologna (May 27-29), Tutzing (June 29 - July 1), Turin (September 17), Miločer (September 22-24), Tokyo (October 8), Rome (October 15) and Perugia (November 9-11). Several papers presented in the above meetings have now been published or are forthcoming in international Journals (e.g. *European Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Economic Systems*, *Post-Communist Economies*, *Economic Annals*, *Comparative Economic Studies*, *Eastern European Economics*, *International Journal of Manpower*, *European Journal of Development Research*). As for the Perugia Workshop, you can see some images (including an interview realised on November 10 by an Italian local TV station) by visiting the following link: <http://vimeo.com/34953947>.

This new year is mainly focused on the EACES bi-annual Conference (University of West Scotland, September 6-8); please visit the website: <http://www.uws.ac.uk/schoolsdepts/business/eaces2012/index.asp> and remember that the deadline for abstract submission is February 15. In addition to the above Conference, some EACES Workshops or special sessions have already been planned in Brunel University, London (March 16), University of Teramo (September 13-15) and University of Matera (October 18-20); and I really hope that EACES members will soon propose further scientific initiatives for the year 2012.

The complex and rapidly evolving global economic situation and the ongoing multifaceted crisis in developed economies - especially the Eurozone – call for new, leading-edge and innovative economic analysis and empirical investigation in order to find appropriate policy suggestions (at the global, european, national, regional and local levels of government). *Comparative Economics* is of great importance for better understanding the evolving economic systems and structures in the different countries and regions. I do hope that the number of active EACES members will further increase in the near future; please consider that it is now possible to pay the membership fees online through the EACES website (see the link: <http://www.eaces.net/member.html>).

Finally, we are now approaching the renewal of the Executive Committee (EC) of our association, with the elections to be held during the next bi-annual Conference in Scotland. According to our Statute (art. 7), the next EC meeting (March 15, Brunel University) will nominate candidates for Managing Board positions and define the concrete content of a "Call for Candidatures" for all the EC positions. The "Call for Candidatures" will be available - by the end of March – at the EACES website (<http://www.eaces.net>) and it will be circulated in the next Newsletter.

#### Marcello Signorelli

##### EACES President

<http://www.ec.unipg.it/DEFS/signorelli.html?lang=en>

### 1.2 EACES EC-AB meeting (Perugia)

11th of November 2011, 8.30am - 11:30am; University of Perugia, Department of Economics, Finance and Statistics; second floor, room 201.

#### Present:

Executive Committee: Marcello Signorelli (EACES President, University of Perugia), Tomasz Mickiewicz (EACES Vice-President, University College London), Martin Myant (University of the West of Scotland), Ileana Tache (Transilvania University of Brasov), Milena Jovicic (University of Belgrade), Enrico Marelli (University of Brescia), Horst Brezinski (TU Bergakademie Freiberg)

Advisory Board: Jens Hölscher (University of Brighton), Vittorio Valli (University of Turin), MilicaUvalic (University of Perugia).

Apologies: Chris Gerry, Hubert Gabrisch, Satoshi Mizobata, Joachim Zweynert, Andrei Yakovlev, Wladimir Andreff, Bruno Dallago, Hans-Jürgen Wagener, Mario Nuti, Will Bartlett, Michael Keren.

#### AGENDA:

- 1) Minutes of the last meeting for final approval;
- 2) President (very short) report (general information on what was done and what needs to be done)
- 3) Short presentation/assessment of the EACES scientific initiatives (Workshops, Conferences, etc.) during the past year (Marcello + Milena + Ileana + Jens + Enrico + other EC-AB members);
- 4) Report on European Journal of Comparative Economics (Vittorio);
- 5) Report on the organization of the next bi-annual conference (6-8 September 2012) at the

University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK (Martin + other EC-AB members);

6) Short presentation of the EACES scientific initiatives (Workshop, Conferences, etc.) expected in the year 2012 (Tomek + Marcello + Enrico + other EC-AB members);

7) Nomination of the temporary Treasurer to be approved (Marcello + Tomek + other EC-AB members);

8) Decisions regarding the (old and new) EACES website and the need to have "online payment" possibility for EACES membership fees (Marcello + Tomek + other EC-AB members);

9) Other minor matters arising.

#### MINUTES:

1) Minutes of the last meeting, previously circulated and discussed via e-mail by the EC-AB, were finally approved.

2) The president presented a brief summary of the association's activities since the last bi-annual congress (University of Tartu). This period has been very productive, with ten different scientific initiatives implemented (conferences, workshops, special sessions). He also reported on the admission of the EACES into the International Economic Association.

3) More detailed information was provided by Milena on the successful conference in Milocer in September organized jointly with the University of Belgrade and University of Montenegro, with 47 attendants from 16 countries (a summary report on the paper was presented to the EC-AB members). Enrico reported on the successful cooperation (EACES special session held in Turin at the beginning of September) with the Italian Association for Regional Sciences (AISRe). Ileana reported on the successful Workshop in Bologna (last May). Marcello reported on the successful 2nd Asian EACES Workshop in Tokyo and on the EACES special session in Rome in collaboration with the Italian Society of Economists (both in October). Jens reported on the successful Workshop in Brighton (last February). An EACES financial support was provided only in the case of the Milocer Conference. A constructive discussion on funding followed. Accepting a proposal by Jens, it was decided that EACES funding will not apply to the cost of renting space for the conferences.

4) Vittorio reported on the performance of the European Journal of Comparative Economics. The EC-AB expressed its gratitude to the members of the editorial team and emphasized the importance of maintaining the free access journal as an asset of the association. A discussion followed on finding the optimum strategy for building on the strength of EJCE and

developing it further. Milena gave Economic Annals as an example, suggesting that in the future EJCE should seek recognition from Scopus, to find its way into citation lists. This may need to be associated with increasing the number of issues per year. EC-AB members supported this proposal. Vittorio informed that a request to be inserted in Scopus and ISI has already been presented; however, he highlighted some limitations of the above lists (for example with respect to REPEC). In addition, members of the EC-AB discussed possibilities for funding while preserving the open access character of the journal, including some advertisement insertions on the journal web page. Tomasz suggested that the association should probably have links with two journals, as many other associations have. Under this scenario, EJCE would remain an open access journal, while the EC-AB may explore possibilities of deepening links with Economic Systems, in order to find the right formula for cooperation, while preserving autonomy of the editorial board. There was also some discussion on the web visibility data, e.g. measures corresponding to several different categories, including number of hits (that are generated by open search), number of actual openings, and number of different IP addresses from which a given web site was accessed.

5) Martin Myant reported on the preparations for the bi-annual congress of the association in Paisley, 6th-8th of September 2012. The web site and call for papers are now on-line. Paul Hare and Sergei Guriev are confirmed as keynote speakers. Marcello informed that Joe Brada (secretary of ACES) declared his participation and panel proposal. Martin highlighted that the preparations are going well. Various important organizational issues like wi-fi access, medical help, venues, catering are progressing. While Paisley has a very convenient location in the vicinity of Glasgow airport, there are some limits to accommodation. A solution may involve some hotels 2-3 kilometers away by bus transport. A very important issue still to be resolved relates to collection of membership fees since the University of West Scotland is unwilling to cooperate on it, and the association will need to create an on-line system. In addition the link between the conference payment and the membership payment will need to be resolved. Milica highlighted that the new simplified fees structure discussed via email by the EC-AB members will have adverse effects on the participants from the Balkans. After discussion it was suggested that one could aim to counterbalance it with open scholarships targeted at good submissions from candidates with limited funding. Enrico stressed the need to have an increased fee for late registrations. Finally, members of the EC-AB stressed the importance

of individual panel proposals that officers and members of the associations should aim to submit. The conference still has no a definitive "official theme" and the EC-AB members are encouraged to come with proposals. Jens confirmed that the 2014 congress is likely to take place in Regensburg, Germany. All EC-AB members agreed on this possibility.

6) Jens and Tomasz reported on the forthcoming EACES-Managing Economic Transition workshop at the Brunel University (West London) on the 16th of March 2012. A Call for papers is now available on <http://www.ssees.ucl.ac.uk/met-network/forthcoming.htm>. Next EC-AB meeting will be (probably) organized on the following day (17th of March 2012) in London, provided a sufficient number of members can make it. The president will consult the EC-AB members on it in the near future. Marcello also informed that the fruitful collaboration with SIE will continue next year with the organization of a new EACES special session. Enrico informed on the continuation of the collaboration with the Italian Association for Regional Sciences with the organization of a new EACES special session in the next year Conference in Teramo.

7) The EC-AB discussed the situation resulting from resignation of Joachim. Jens was unanimously delegated to take the full responsibility as treasurer until the next congress elections (September 2012).

8) The EC-AB returned to the issue of EACES website. Gratitude was expressed to Horst (and others), who improved it over the last few years. In order to try to further improve the website, it was decided that - within ten days - Horst will transfer access codes to the president, who will then take over responsibility for further development, with a possibility to delegate it further (with clear delimitation of responsibilities for various sections of the website). It was also decided that Horst will also keep the access to EACES website (in order to continue to insert "EACES news" and other useful information). Marcello and other participants highlighted the key importance to realize very soon the possibility for "membership on-line payment" directly from the EACES website.

9) There were no other matters arising.

**December 3, 2011**

**Marcello Signorelli and Tomasz Mickiewicz**

Note: A first draft of the Minutes realized by Tomek and Marcello circulated (by e-mail) to all EC-AB members that attended to the meeting in

Perugia for proposals of integrations/changes (by the end of November). This final version of the Minutes received approval from the following participants (in addition to Marcello Signorelli and Tomasz Mickiewicz): Martin Myant, Ileana Tache, Milena Jovicic, Enrico Marelli, Jens Hölscher, Vittorio Valli and Milica Uvalic.

### 1.3 News from the Treasurer

#### Membership fee can now be paid online!

	One Year	Two Years
Senior membership	30 EURO	50 EURO
Junior* membership	20 EURO	30 EURO
* up to 32 years		

**Pay your membership fee here:**  
<http://www.eaces.net/member.html>

## 2. EACES Award 2012

### EACES Award 2012

#### The best doctoral dissertation in comparative economic systems

The *European Association for Comparative Economic Studies* (EACES) invites proposals for 'EACES Award 2012' for the best doctoral dissertation in the fields of comparative economics and economics of transition. The winner will receive Euro 1000. Moreover, EACES will provide assistance to enable the winner to publish his dissertation in book form. The award will be given to the work that in the opinion of the jury has the greatest potential to impact the field of comparative economic studies in the future. Both theoretical and empirical contributions are appropriate. They may investigate any area covered by the research sponsored by EACES including comparative analysis of different economic systems, (co-)evolution of economic systems and institutions and their impact on economic performance, the transition from central plan to market economy and the interactions between institutional change and the processes of international economic and political integration. It is a condition of the award that the winner presents her or his work in the form of a short lecture to the plenary session of the 12th Bi-Annual Conference. (Travel costs are to be covered by the Euro 1000 award).

**Enquiries and Submissions:** To be eligible for the 'EACES award 2012', the doctoral dissertation must have been accepted for the degree of PhD (or equivalent in continental Europe) between January 2010 and December 2011. Further enquiries may be addressed to the chairman of the selection committee (Prof. Tomasz Mickiewicz), as listed below.

**The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2012.** Applications should be sent by e-mail to Prof. Tomasz Mickiewicz (t.mickiewicz@aston.ac.uk) and include: (i) an abstract in English of no less than one and no more than ten pages (1,5-spaced, normal fonts, incl. exhibits); (ii) the full text of the dissertation (either as pdf or word file); (iii) a nomination letter by one of the supervisors or examiners of the thesis, confirming that the award was granted and recommending the thesis for the award.

### 3. CALL FOR PAPERS

#### 3.1 EACES Bi-annual Conference, University of the West of Scotland, 6-8 September

##### EACES Bi-annual Conference University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK, 6-8 September 2012

###### *Recovery or Lasting Depression? Comparing Economic Prospects*

The 12th EACES (European Association of Comparative Economic Studies) conference will be held at the University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK, on 6-8 September 2012.

Keynote speakers will be Sergei Guriev (New Economic School, Moscow) on *The Macro-versus the Micro- Economics of the Resource Curse and Its Implications for Russia*, and Paul Hare, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland, on *Institutions and Transition - Lessons and Surprises*. The conference will focus on how different economies have developed and how they have fared in the aftermath of economic and financial crisis, some recovering rapidly and some facing deep difficulties.

Diverse reactions and developments in different parts of the world have demonstrated the importance of an open-minded approach to understanding economic developments. Dramatic changes have taken place and are taking place and the outcomes for individual countries and the world economy remain very uncertain. The comparative approach, drawing on experience of studying changing economic systems, can make an important contribution.

The European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) was founded in 1990 as interest grew in the transformation of the former centrally-planned economies. The principal focus of the association was and remains the comparative study of real economic systems, including the economies of East and West, North and South, as well as the economic interactions among systems and among regional areas, such as the EU. The Association is a broadly based organization in which all schools of economic thought can exchange views and ideas on current and prospective research.

**We are inviting proposals for papers and panels, reflecting current and ongoing research, on any theme of comparative economics.**

Information on the conference, on suggested themes and on how to submit proposals, with a deadline of 15 February, can be found on the website [www.uws.ac.uk/eaces2012](http://www.uws.ac.uk/eaces2012). Information on EACES can be found on [www.eaces.org](http://www.eaces.org). Conference registration should be available soon, with a fee of £150 for EACES members, £200 for non-members and £75 for research students (exchange rates could move in any direction, but that means about €175, €234 and €88 respectively). There will be discretionary support for some coming from less-wealthy countries.

As currently planned, we will start in the afternoon of the first day with one keynote speaker, EACES business and elections and the award of a prize for the best PhD in comparative economics ([www.eaces.net/award.html](http://www.eaces.net/award.html)).

On the second day we will run parallel sessions and hear a second keynote speaker, finishing with parallel sessions on the third day.

The two [keynote speakers](#) will be Paul Hare (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh) and Sergei Guriev (New Economic School, Moscow). A Call for Papers and some details on the themes for the conference can be found at <http://www.uws.ac.uk/schoolsdepts/business/eaces2012/call-for-papers.asp>.

Paisley is located just outside Glasgow and is easily accessible by road, rail and air, through Glasgow International airport (less than 3 km away), Glasgow Prestwick Airport or Edinburgh Airport. Venue and travel information is available at <http://www.uws.ac.uk/schoolsdepts/business/eaces2012/venue.asp>.

A full programme of events will be posted soon.

### 3.2 EACES-MET Network Seminar, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012



#### ***Call for Papers: Extended submission deadline 31.1.2012***

It is our pleasure to announce the 26 research seminar of the Managing Economic Transition network, which is organized jointly with the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies [www.eaces.org](http://www.eaces.org).

The research seminar will be hosted by the CEIBIEM research group, Brunel University Business School on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

We look forward to receiving papers which relate to any **economic or international business issues concerning the emerging market countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central/East Asia, including the role of institutional change (transition), both at country and international / EU level.**

The papers or abstracts should be sent to Dr.Grahame Fallon, at: [grahame.fallon@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:grahame.fallon@brunel.ac.uk) no later than on **the 31<sup>th</sup> of January 2012** for inclusion in the seminar. The acceptance decision will be delivered within the two weeks time after this deadline.

Our network seminars are free for all to attend, but we do not cover any transport or other costs that you may incur.

### 3.3 EACES-AISRe Session, September 13-15, 2012



**European Association for  
Comparative  
Economic Studies (EACES)**



**Italian Regional Sciences Association  
(AISRe)  
Italian Section - Regional Science Association  
International**

## **EACES-AISRE SPECIAL SESSION ON *Comparing European Labour Markets in Crisis Time: A Regional Perspective***

University of Teramo (Italy), 13-15 September, 2012

### ***Call for Papers***

This EACES-AISRe session is jointly organised by the *European Association for Comparative Economic Studies* (EACES) and the *Italian Regional Sciences Association* (AISRe), within the context of the 33rd AISRe Conference at the University of Teramo, Italy (September 13-15, 2012).

We invite submissions of empirical and theoretical papers which relate to the Session's theme '*Comparing European Labour Markets in Crisis Time: A Regional Perspective*'. Abstracts offering a comparative perspective are especially encouraged.

Please send a "short abstract" to **Enrico Marelli** (e-mail: [emarelli@eco.unibs.it](mailto:emarelli@eco.unibs.it)), **Laura Resmini** (e-mail: [lresmini@univda.it](mailto:lresmini@univda.it)) and **Marcello Signorelli** (e-mail: [marcello.signorelli@tin.it](mailto:marcello.signorelli@tin.it)) no later than **February 25, 2012**. Information about the acceptance of the proposed abstracts will be sent by March 25.

The Conference fees are the same as for participants at the AISRe Conference (<http://www.aisre.it> and [http://www.inter-net.it/aisre/doc/news/Call\\_for\\_Papers\\_Teramo\\_2012.pdf](http://www.inter-net.it/aisre/doc/news/Call_for_Papers_Teramo_2012.pdf)).

The **AISRe** represents the Italian Section of the **European Regional Science Association** (ERSA: <http://www.ersa.org/>) which, together with the Americas and the Pacific Regional Science Associations make the **Regional Science Association International** (RSAI: <http://www.regionalscience.org/>).

The AISRe publishes the International journal: "Scienze Regionali - Italian Journal of Regional Science" (<http://www.francoangeli.it/riviste/sommario.asp?IDRivista=103>).

### **3.4 Economic and Financial System Development in the Pacific-Rim Region, 16-19 May 2012**

#### **ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT IN THE PACIFIC-RIM REGION**

**HONOLULU, HAWAII  
May 16, 17, 18, 19, 2012**

The Association for Comparative Economic Studies (ACES), the Japanese Association for Comparative Economic Studies (JACES) and the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets (SSEM) invite the submission of papers for, and participation in, a major international conference dealing with developments in the economic and financial systems of the Pacific Rim region and its interaction with the global economy. Empirical and theoretical papers related to the theme of the conference as well as papers dealing with political economy and policy issues are welcome.

Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in symposia or special issues of the journals of the sponsoring organizations:

ACES: *The Journal of Comparative Economics and Comparative Economic Studies*

JACES: *The Japanese Journal of Comparative Economics (in Japanese)*

SSEM: *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*

Paper proposals or full panel proposals, consisting of an abstract of not more than 250 words per paper, should be sent to [josef.brada@asu.edu](mailto:josef.brada@asu.edu), and they will be reviewed by the Conference's scientific committee on an ongoing basis. The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2012. The number of papers that can be accommodated is limited, so please be sure to submit your abstract early.

The registration fee for attendees is US\$200, which includes a cocktail reception on May 16 and a conference dinner on May 18 as well as conference materials. Additional information about the conference, as well as registration and hotel reservation materials, can be found at <http://www.aceecon.org/>

### **3.5 Euro Conference 2012**

#### **Global Economic and Financial Systems: Crisis or Change?**

**Date: 12-14 July 2012**

**Venue: Portoroz, Slovenia**

The Society for the Study of Emerging Markets (SSEM) announces its EuroConference 2012 to be held in collaboration with the University of Primorska Faculty of Tourism (UP FTŠ) and University of Primorska Faculty of Management (UP FM).

Like previous SSEM EuroConferences, this conference serves as forum for academics, practitioners, and central bank and government officials in Europe and all over the world to present and discuss research results about the evolution of the international economy and of the global financial system. Emphasis will be placed on the developments in the European economies, on the fate of the Euro and of the impact of these developments on international trade, finance and regulation as well as on national economies and financial systems. Theoretical, empirical and policy-oriented papers are all welcome. Among the research topics to be considered are: New Economic and Regulatory Architecture for Europe; Implications of the Global Crisis for Emerging Markets; Euro's Future Role in the Global Economy; New EU Members and Euro Adoption; What are the Roles for the IMF, World

Bank, etc.?). Monetary Policy and Currency Crises, Sovereign Debt Management and Related Issues, Financial Market Microstructure and Regulation, Basel III and Bank Risk Management; Corporate Governance; Private Equity, Hedge Funds, and Sovereign Wealth Funds; Transmission of Volatility and Capital Flow Restrictions.

**PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES:** All papers presented at the Conference will be considered for publication in special issues of, or symposia in, the SSCI-indexed journals *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade* and *Eastern European Economics* as well as in *Comparative Economic Studies*. Also, all accepted papers not selected for journal publication will be published in an e-book with an ISSN number that will be available on the Society's web page.

**THE VENUE & ACTIVITIES:** Portoroz (<http://www.portoroz.com/>) is one of Slovenia's most popular resorts on the Adriatic Sea, with many beaches, restaurants, hotels, and nightclubs. At the accommodations web page, you can find information on 4 and 5-star hotels as well as less expensive hotels and student hostels that are close to the conference site and that will offer special rates to conference participants. For information on reaching Portoroz from airports in Ljubljana, Venice or Trieste see the transportation web site. The University is providing a modern conference facility for our meetings and will serve refreshments for participants during coffee breaks. A dinner cruise with food and wine will also be provided by the conference organizers as part of the registration fee.

**KEY DATES:** Deadline for Submission Abstracts: May 1, 2012.

Notification of Abstract Acceptance: One week after receipt.

Final Papers Due: Monday, May 20, 2012.

Registration Deadline: May 20, 2012.

**REGISTRATION FEES:** 200 Euro. Includes 1 year's membership in the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets, conference materials and consideration of your paper for publication in conference journals, publication in SSEM e-book, coffee breaks and boat trip with dinner and wine.

**CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMEN:**

Prof. Dr. Štefan Bojnec, Professor of Economics and Research Professor at the Faculty of Management, University of Primorska. ([stefan.bojnec@siol.net](mailto:stefan.bojnec@siol.net). This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. )

Prof. Dr. Josef C. Brada, President, Society for the Study of Emerging Markets and Editor, *Eastern European Economics* and Co-editor, *Comparative Economic Studies*. ([josef.brada@asu.edu](mailto:josef.brada@asu.edu))

**LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE:** Štefan Bojnec, Ina Lejko, Marijana Pregarac, Marijana Sikošek.

### 3.6 Society for the Study of Emerging Markets (SSEM) Conferences

The Society will hold the following conferences:

- **ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PACIFIC-RIM REGION (Honolulu, Hawaii, May 17-19, 2012).** This is in conjunction with the Association for Comparative Economic Systems (ACES), and the Japanese Association for Comparative Economic Studies (JACES)
- **EUROCONFERENCE 2012 (Portoroz, Slovenia, July 12-14, 2012)**

For more information, visit

<http://emergingcon.org/>

The Society is also participating in many Calls for Papers for Conferences and Special Issues, including:

- **International Finance, Banking, and Insurance Congress, Antalya, Turkey, April 18-22.**  
For details, visit the congress website at [www.fibacturkey.org](http://www.fibacturkey.org)
- **International Congress on Energy and Politics", Antalya, Turkey, April 22-26.**  
Website: [www.epolturkey.org](http://www.epolturkey.org)
- **Conference on East Asian Finance: Crisis and Recovery, Tamkang University (Taipei Campus), Taipei, Taiwan, May 26-27, 2012.**  
Website: <http://www.bf.tku.edu.tw/2012conference>
- **International Conference for the Economic and Financial Challenges and Issues in Pacific-Asia Countries, Chengdu, China, June 29 to July 1, 2012.**  
Website: <http://riem.swufe.edu.cn/conference/>
- **Conference on Institutions, Economic Growth and International Trade- September 7-9, 2012, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.**  
Website: <http://www.cces.cn/ssem/>
- **Emerging Markets Finance and Trade - Special Issue: Chinese Capital Markets and Corporate Finance.** The submission deadline for is **March 31, 2012**,

### 3.7 Conference on Institutions, Economic Growth, and International Trade

"INSTITUTIONS, ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE"

DATE: September 7-9, 2012  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: June 15, 2012  
VENUE: Fudan University, Shanghai, China

#### ORGANIZING INSTITUTIONS

China Center for Economic Studies, Fudan University, China  
The Society for the Study of Emerging Markets, USA

#### AREAS OF INTEREST

Papers in all areas of growth, trade, and institutions concerning both developed and developing countries are welcome. Specific topics include, but are not limited to:

- Economic growth theories and how they may explain different growth patterns in both developed and developing countries, as well as emerging economies.
- Relative contribution of different economic sectors to economic growth patterns
- Institutions and economic growth
- International trade agreements and their impact on growth and employment
- IMF and the World Bank and their changing role in the world economy

#### PROGRAM CHAIRS

Jun Zhang, China Center for Economic Studies, Fudan University, China  
Ali M. Kutan - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, USA

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Josef Brada, Arizona State University, USA (confirmed )

Scott Rozelle, Stanford University, USA (confirmed )

Chenggang Xu, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (to be confirmed)

Jun Zhang, Fudan University, China (confirmed )

#### SPECIAL ISSUE

All conference papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of Economic Systems published by the Elsevier (<http://www.elsevier.com/locate/ecosys>).

#### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$350 and includes all meals. Participants can make payments using the secure link below and noting the "Fudan Conference":

[http://emergingecon.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=68](http://emergingecon.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=70&Itemid=68)

#### SUBMISSIONS AND CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Abstract or complete papers can be emailed to [ccesconference@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:ccesconference@fudan.edu.cn) by no later than June 15, 2012. Conference website is: <http://www.cces.cn/ssem/>

### 3.8 Ersa Congress 2012

## Ersa Congress 2012

### Regions in Motion: Breaking the Path

### Bratislava, 21-25 August 2012

We're excited to announce the launching of the **CALL** for abstracts / papers, of the ERSA Congress 2012 in Bratislava.

The Local Organising Committee and the Slovak Section of the European Regional Science Association is looking forward to welcoming you in Bratislava. University of Economics in Bratislava invites you to the ERSA Congress 2012

Prof. Rudolf Sivák, PhD. Rector of the University and Assoc. Prof. Anettaaplanová, PhD., Chairman of the Local Organising Committee are happy to announce a very attractive Congress programme with an appealing list of themes and Special Sessions' topics to attract top level academics around the world and ensure enriching networking and good steps forward for all.

#### Keynote Speakers

- **Ann Markusen**
- **James P. LeSage**
- **Johannes Bröcker**
- **Peter Nijkamp**

#### Round Tables

- **Regional & Urban Development in an Aging Europe**
- led by the European Investment Bank (EIB)
- **Evolutionary Economic Geography**
- led by Ron Boschma
- Others to follow

#### And MORE ...

**EPSON** will be representing several projects in the following Special Sessions' topics:

- **Knowledge, Innovation and Regional Growth.Territorial**
- **Co-operation and Cross-border Issues**

- **Regional attractiveness, mobility and attraction policies**

The **Urban Economics Association** will once again organise its Special Session at the ERSA Congress.

For, this Congress we will have a special focus on "**Smart Specialisation**" with several Special Sessions, more details to follow.

#### **Submission**

The **abstracts/papers** (for R-Sessions, Young Scientist Sessions, Special Sessions and O-Sessions) are due by **17th February 2012**.

The Scientific Committee will review the abstracts and the papers all together at the same time. For more details on the guidelines for the different types submission, click here:

<http://www.ersa.org/home/> or

[https://www4.eventsinteractive.com/ersa/cm.esp?id=403012&pageid=\\_34P0Q1SN0&showpage=login&src=eiscript&cd=484104528](https://www4.eventsinteractive.com/ersa/cm.esp?id=403012&pageid=_34P0Q1SN0&showpage=login&src=eiscript&cd=484104528)

### **3.9 WIFO Workshop**

# WIFO

## Call for Papers Workshop on Regional Modelling Vienna, 7 May 2012

The Austrian Institute for Economic Research, Vienna, will organize a one day workshop on regional and urban economic modeling. Specific topics include, but are not restricted to, applied general equilibrium modeling, econometric modeling and input-output analysis at a regional level.

The Workshop will be held at the Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO) in Vienna.

Abstracts should be prepared in PDF format and should be sent to [oliver.fritz@wifo.ac.at](mailto:oliver.fritz@wifo.ac.at) by February 13, 2012.

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### 3.10 Fourth Joint IOS/APB Summer Academy on Central and Eastern Europe, 27-29 June 2012

#### Fourth Joint IOS/APB Summer Academy on Central and Eastern Europe

organized by the Osteuropa-Institut Regensburg (OEI, future IOS)  
in cooperation with the Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing (APB)  
and the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES)

# 2012

#### Call for papers

## Recent Challenges in Migration Research: Economic and Broader Development Issues

We welcome scholars from economics and related disciplines (sociology and development studies) to submit extended abstracts or full papers on the following aspects related to migration research:

- Determinants and patterns of migration
- Effects of migration on sending and receiving countries
- Determinants and impacts of remittances
- Economic and social integration of migrants

#### Keynote speakers:

- Alexander M. Danzer (Juniorprofessor of Economics at the University of Munich)
- Christian Dustmann (Professor of Economics at University College London)
- Ira Gang (Professor of Economics at Rutgers University, New Brunswick)

The OEI Regensburg is a regional studies center at the University of Regensburg focusing on emerging east European economies in a global perspective. As of January 1, 2012 the OEI will be merged with a partner institution to form a larger Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS). Situated on beautiful Lake Starnberg, right between Munich and the mountain range, the APB Tutzing has a reputation for organizing social sciences conferences and workshops.

The IOS/APB Summer Academies on Central and Eastern Europe aim to bring together PhD students and post-docs in a workshop atmosphere. In order to ensure lively discussions, the number of participants is limited to 15.

The workshop language is English. For the first time, the 2012 IOS/APB Summer Academy will honor the most innovative paper with a Best-Paper-Award.

The submission to [gatskova@osteuropa-institut.de](mailto:gatskova@osteuropa-institut.de) should include a short CV, an extended abstract (maximum 2000 words) or a full (preliminary) paper and your contact details (name, affiliation, email address).

**Submission deadline:** 1st April, 2012

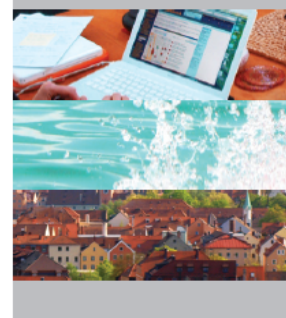
Accepted participants will be notified by 15th April, 2012. Submissions of full papers are expected by 1st June, 2012.

There is a conference fee of 50 € (including accommodation for two nights (single room) and all meals during the Summer Academy).

Further information on the program is available at:  
[http://www.osteuropa-institut.de/ext\\_dateien/summer2012\\_program.pdf](http://www.osteuropa-institut.de/ext_dateien/summer2012_program.pdf)

**Date:**  
June 27–29, 2012

**Location:**  
Akademie für  
Politische Bildung  
Tutzing on Lake  
Starnberg near  
Munich



## Technical Details

### Organizers:

Dr. Barbara DIETZ

Osteuropa-Institut Regensburg

Dr. Wolfgang QUAISSER

Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing

The fee for the summer academy is € 50,--. This includes the accommodation for two nights (single room) and all meals at Tutzing. If you intend to come (leave) the day before (after) the start (end) of the conference, let us know. We will then try to make a reservation at modest additional cost.

### Conference fee: € 50,--

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### How to reach the Academy?

Tutzing is located about 40 km south of Munich on the shores of Lake Starnberg.

By train: You can either take the S-Bahn (S6) from Munich Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) to Tutzing (40 minutes) or you can take a fast train (Eilzug) from Munich Hauptbahnhof to Tutzing (28 minutes).

By car: Take the Autobahn from Munich to Garmisch to the Starnberg exit. From there, take road B2 to Traubing and there turn left to Tutzing. The Academy is located about 400 meters after the yellow "Tutzing" sign post on your left.

From Munich airport (MUC): Take the S-Bahn (either S1 or S8) to Munich Hauptbahnhof (Central Station) and change to S6, direction Tutzing (total travel time: about 90 minutes).

At Tutzing station you will find taxi cabs to take you to the Academy (4 minutes).

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### June 27 to 29, 2012

**INVITATION** The Osteuropa-Institut Regensburg (OEI, future IOS) is a regional studies center at the University of Regensburg focussing on emerging east European economies in a global perspective. Situated south of Munich on Lake Starnberg, the Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing (APB, Academy for Civic Education) has a reputation for organising conferences and workshops in various fields of the social sciences.

In order to foster the exchange of ideas and networking among scholars, the OEI and the APB launched a series of annual Summer Academies. The OEI/APB Summer Academies on Central and Eastern Europe aim to bring together researchers in a workshop atmosphere. Each participant presents an ongoing or recently concluded research project and comments on another one, to be followed by a general discussion. In addition, three keynote lectures are presented. This format should be especially interesting for PhD students and post-docs. More senior researchers, however, are also welcome to participate. In order to ensure lively discussions, the number of participants is limited to 15. The workshop language is English. The topic of the 2012 OEI/APB Summer Academy is **Recent Challenges in Migration Research**. Theoretical or empirical work may contribute – but is not confined – to the following areas:

Determinants and patterns of migration

Effects of migration on sending and receiving countries

Determinants and impacts of remittances

Economic and social integration of migrants

Keynote lecturers include Alexander M. Danzer (Juniorprofessor for Economics at the University of Munich), Christian Dustmann (Professor for Economics at University College London) and Ira Gang (Professor for Economics at Rutgers University, New Brunswick). Dr. Barbara

Dietz OEI Regensburg Dr. Wolfgang Quaisser Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing **Application Deadline:** April 1, 2012. Accepted participants will be notified by April 15, 2012. Submissions of full papers are expected by June 1, 2012. See details in the call for papers, available at: [http://www.osteuropa-institut.de/ext\\_dateien/summer2012\\_call.pdf](http://www.osteuropa-institut.de/ext_dateien/summer2012_call.pdf)

### Wednesday, June 27, 2012

13.30h Arrival of participants – Coffee in the reception hall

14.00 h **Welcome and Introduction**

14.30 h **Keynote lecture 1**

**Christian Dustmann**

Professor of Economics at University College London

15.30h **Presentation of projects by participants**

16.00 h Coffee break

16.30 h **Presentation of projects by participants**

18.30 h Dinner

19.30 h **Informal get-together**

### Thursday, June 28, 2012

8.15 h Breakfast

9.00 h **Keynote lecture 2**

**Alexander M. Danzer**

Juniorprofessor of Economics at the University of Munich

10.00 h Coffee break

10.30 h **Presentation of projects by participants**

12.30 h Lunch

14.00 h **Presentation of projects by participants**

16.00 h **Excursion**

19.30 h Conference dinner

### Friday, June 29, 2012

8.15 h Breakfast

9.00 h **Keynote lecture 3**

**Ira Gang**

Professor of Economics at Rutgers University, New Brunswick

10.00 h Coffee break

10.30h **Presentation of projects by participants**

11.30h **General discussion and brainstorming** with the aim to identify future research topics, potentially as joint work of participants

12.30 h Lunch – end of the conference.

**3.11 15th SCEME Seminar in Economic Methodology – Post Keynesian Economics  
Study Group and Brighton Business School, 12-13 September 2012, Tilton  
House, UK**



**University of Brighton**

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Brighton Business School

**15th SCEME Seminar in Economic Methodology –  
Post Keynesian Economics Study Group  
and Brighton Business School**

**'A Europe starving and disintegrating before their eyes':  
Reappraising Keynes's *Economic Consequences of the Peace***

12 -13 September, 2012  
Tilton House, UK

**Call for Proposals**

The Scottish Centre for Economic Methodology (SCEME) in association with the Post Keynesian Economics Study Group and Brighton Business School would like to invite proposals for contributions to the fifteenth seminar in the methodology of economics series.

*Topic*

Almost a century ago, the Treaty of Versailles marked a new departure in international relations by instituting the League of Nations as the first intergovernmental body explicitly dedicated to peace and stability. At the same time, the Treaty has remained one of the most controversial intergovernmental agreements in history. Keynes, as the principal representative of the British Treasury at the negotiations, famously resigned from the delegation, retiring to Cambridge to write arguably the most eloquent contemporary critique of the Treaty. *The Economic Consequences of the Peace* became a best-seller virtually overnight and remains a lynch pin in the secondary literature on the significance of Versailles in the build-up of the Second World War. Equally, Keynes's *Consequences* have remained a powerful testament to his idiosyncratic prose and its influence.

Seminar contributions are welcome from any perspective shedding light on *The Economic Consequences of the Peace* and its reception and impact, both from a historical and methodological perspective.

*Organisation*

The two-day seminar (Wednesday afternoon to Thursday evening) will take place in Tilton House, Keynes's former country home, and Charleston Farmhouse, country residence of the Bloomsbury circle where Keynes wrote the *Consequences*. The attendance fee (which includes accommodation and catering) will be in the order of £300.00.

*Submit a proposal:*

Proposals should take the form of a one-page outline of the intended contribution, and should be sent, preferably by e-mail, BY 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2012, to Christopher Matthews [c.r.matthews@brighton.ac.uk](mailto:c.r.matthews@brighton.ac.uk)

Jens Hölscher, Brighton Business School, University of Brighton  
Matthias Klaes, Keele Management School, University of Keele

### 3.12 International Scientific Conference on “From Global Crisis to Economic Growth -- Which Way to Take?”

*On the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Faculty of Economics - University of Belgrade  
Announces*

#### *Call for Papers*

***International Scientific Conference  
From Global Crisis to Economic Growth  
Which Way to Take?  
Faculty of Economics  
Belgrade  
20/09/2012 - 22/09/2012***

The key objective of the conference is to bring together scientists, researchers, policymakers and PhD students from various countries and to provide an opportunity for exchange of experiences, research results and new ideas about the problems imposed by the global crisis and post recession trends.

The Conference will cover the scientific fields of Economics, Business and Management and Quantitative Methods and Analysis. Such a broad approach corresponds to the core research interests of the Faculty of Economics in Belgrade that have been pursued and developed throughout its 75 year long history.

A broader list of conference topics will be presented shortly at the conference web-site:

[www.ekof.bg.ac.rs/jubilee-conference](http://www.ekof.bg.ac.rs/jubilee-conference).

English is the official language of the conference. Abstracts and papers will be subject to a double-blind reviewing process by anonymous international referees.

#### ***Important Dates:***

April 15, 2012 - Abstract submission deadline  
April 30, 2012 - Abstract acceptance notification  
June 30, 2012 - Full paper submission  
July 25, 2012 - Paper acceptance notification  
September 20-22, 2012 Conference

#### **Proposed conference topics:**

Global economic crisis has challenged some basic ideas of the mainstream economics, regarding both theoretical and policy concepts, reopening the issue of the sources of cyclic economic downfalls, policies for overcoming the crisis and proper models of sustainable economic growth under the financial and economic globalization. The post-crisis era characterized by slow and insignificant growth imposed new requirements to management sciences, as well as to business, in order to find and provoke new sources of sustainable economic growth.

#### **1. Economics**

The conference will particularly welcome papers that cover some of the following topics in the broader field of Economics:

- *What is to be changed in the dominant economic paradigms?*
- *What is the needed economic policy and what is the role of government in generating economic growth,*
- *Institutions in overcoming the global crisis and generating economic growth,*

- *Industrial and regional policies – what kind of redistributive policy is needed?*
- *Growth and sectoral composition of production – does it matter?*
- *Monetary and fiscal policies during and after the global crisis,*
- *Debt crisis and policy coordination within a common currency zone (the euro zone),*
- *Financial globalization and financial markets in global crisis and in achieving economic growth,*
- *International economic relations: the crisis and catching up – consequences and prospects*
- *Transition and emerging market economies in the global crisis and the post-crisis period (case studies and comparative approach).*

## 2. Business, Management and Marketing

The conference will particularly welcome papers that cover some of the following topics in the broader field of Business, Management and Marketing:

- *Times they are changing: values, boundaries, territories and organizations*
- *Strategic renewal: driving sustained adaptation & change in turmoil environments*
- *Rethinking business curricula from the point of ethical vigilance and moral awareness during and after the global crisis*
- *Management & marketing innovation at a crossroads: new processes, practices, and structures*
- *Emerging behavioral perspectives on corporate governance: boards of directors, top management teams, and worker involvement*
- *Retailing strategies in transition economies: the crisis and catching up*
- *Accounting, auditing and control for sustainability: interdisciplinary perspectives*
- *Responsible leadership in public and private organizations*
- *Corporate venturing and the relationship between entrepreneurship and economic development*
- *Mergers and acquisitions: conceptual, methodological and practical innovations*
- *Internationalizing firms from emerging economies: new challenges and perspectives*
- *Management of emerging technologies for economic and social impact*

## 3. Quantitative Methods and Analysis

The conferences will particularly welcome papers that use specific *Quantitative Methods and Analysis* in some of the mentioned topics in the fields of *Economics* and *Business, Management and Marketing*.

### 3.13 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the International Trade and Finance Association (IT&FA), May 23-26 (University of Pisa)

see the link: [www.itfaconf.org](http://www.itfaconf.org)

### 3.14 74<sup>th</sup> International Atlantic Economic Conference (Montréal, Canada)

4-7 October 2012

Join us in the Cultural capital of Canada!

IAES President Alberto Alesina, Harvard University, and Vice President Reinhard Neck, Klagenfurt University, cordially invite you to participate in the 74th International Atlantic Economic Conference. Economists from around the world will be brought together in Montréal to discuss the challenges of

tomorrow. Through the Society and its international conferences, economists have the opportunity to become better acquainted with each others' work. Past participants have included Nobel laureates, prime ministers, and other high-ranking members of the profession such as Alan Greenspan, John B. Taylor, and John Y. Campbell.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Bonaventure, located in the heart of downtown Montréal.

Mark your calendars now! Abstract submissions open 15 March 2012 and close 30 April 2012. Submit online at <http://www.iaes.org>.

Economists from all areas of specialization are invited to Montréal to discuss cutting edge approaches to the challenges of the world economy. Through the Society and its international conferences, economists from over 40 countries have the opportunity to become better acquainted with each others' work. Papers in all interest areas are eligible.

Areas of Special Interest Include:

1. Can the Tobin tax save the EU?
2. Spain's centralization and economic reform
3. Pacific rim studies
4. Has the European Central Bank's role changed?
5. International integration
6. China and India's growing economic role
7. Environmental valuation and the green economy
8. Emerging markets
9. Privatization
10. Political economy of International trade
11. Experimental economics

The submission fee for abstracts is \$85 for members and \$140 for non-members. All conference attendees are responsible for paying the conference registration fee. [Click here](#) for additional information regarding membership packages.

#### [Programme Committee Members Sought](#)

Join the Programme Committee by organizing a session with 4 to 6 papers. Paper submission fees are waived for sessions organized by Program Committee members. Not more than 50 percent of the session's authors or co-authors can be from the same department or center and a person cannot author or co-author more than one paper in the same session. Send an outline of your proposed session to John M. Virgo, Ph.D., Program Chair, at [iaes@iaes.org](mailto:iaes@iaes.org).

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [iaes@iaes.org](mailto:iaes@iaes.org)

Website: [www.iaes.org](http://www.iaes.org)

## 4. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

### 4.1. 2012 Bi-annual EACES Conference

University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK, on 6-8 September 2012

#### *Recovery or Lasting Depression? Comparing Economic Prospects*

The 12th EACES (European Association of Comparative Economic Studies) conference will be held at the University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK, on 6-8 September 2012.

Keynote speakers will be Sergei Guriev (New Economic School, Moscow) on *The Macro-versus the Micro- Economics of the Resource Curse and Its Implications for Russia*, and Paul Hare, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland, on *Institutions and Transition - Lessons and Surprises*. The conference will focus on how different economies have developed and how they have fared in the aftermath of economic and financial crisis, some recovering rapidly and some facing deep difficulties.

Diverse reactions and developments in different parts of the world have demonstrated the importance of an open-minded approach to understanding economic developments. Dramatic changes have taken place and are taking place and the outcomes for individual countries and the world economy remain very uncertain. The comparative approach, drawing on experience of studying changing economic systems, can make an important contribution.

**We are inviting proposals for papers and panels, reflecting current and ongoing research, on any theme of comparative economics.**

Information on the conference, on suggested themes and on how to submit proposals, with a deadline of 15 February, can be found on the website [www.uws.ac.uk/eaces2012](http://www.uws.ac.uk/eaces2012). Information on EACES can be found on [www.eaces.org](http://www.eaces.org). Conference registration should be available soon, with a fee of £150 for EACES members, £200 for non-members and £75 for research students (exchange rates could move in any direction, but that means about €175, €234 and €88 respectively). There will be discretionary support for some coming from less-wealthy countries.

As currently planned, we will start in the afternoon of the first day with one keynote speaker, EACES business and elections and the award of a prize for the best PhD in comparative economics ([www.eaces.net/award.html](http://www.eaces.net/award.html)). On the second day we will run parallel sessions and hear a second keynote speaker, finishing with parallel sessions on the third day.

The two [keynote speakers](#) will be Paul Hare (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh) and Sergei Guriev (New Economic School, Moscow). A Call for Papers and some details on the themes for the conference can be found at <http://www.uws.ac.uk/schoolsdepts/business/eaces2012/call-for-papers.asp>.

Paisley is located just outside Glasgow and is easily accessible by road, rail and air, through Glasgow International airport (less than 3 km away), Glasgow Prestwick Airport or Edinburgh Airport. Venue and travel information is available at <http://www.uws.ac.uk/schoolsdepts/business/eaces2012/venue.asp>.

A full programme of events will be posted soon.

Martin Myant, University of the West of Scotland, UK

## 4.2 Promoting the Understanding of Cooperatives for a Better World (Venice, March 15-16, 2012)

### Aim

Drawing on recent studies, the aim of the Conference is to promote a better understanding of the specificities of cooperative enterprises.

The Conference is the final step of a reflection on cooperatives carried out by leading scholars who were asked to write in-depth analyses on relevant issues. Euricse researchers will deliver a summarizing document based on such analyses. All the materials produced - focused analyses and summarizing report - will be ultimately presented on the occasion of a final Conference that is scheduled for March 2012. The summarizing report will be subsequently disseminated worldwide during conferences that will be held in year 2012.

### Keynote contributors

Sir Partha Dasgupta, Henry Hansmann, Avner Ben-Ner, Stefano Zamagni, Johnston Birchall, Derek C. Jones and many others.

### Target

The Conference is addressed to the research community and to a selected group of policy makers and international donors.

### Venue

Isola San Servolo – Venice (Italy)

### Duration

2 days (Thursday/Friday), the Conference is organized in 4 working sessions.

### Dates

15 -16 March 2012

### To register

<http://conference2012.euricse.eu/>

### Introduction

Year 2012 has been declared the International Year of Cooperatives by the United Nations in order to increase public awareness on cooperatives, promote consciousness of the global network of cooperatives and their efforts in community building and peace, support the formation and the growth of cooperatives and encourage governments and regulatory bodies to establish policies, laws and regulations conducive to cooperative formation and growth.

Cooperatives play a crucial role both in the production of general-interest services (e.g. social, health, work integration, educational) and in a number of traditional sectors (e.g. banking sector, agriculture), where they register outstanding results that often outperform for-profit and public enterprises. In many countries and especially in local areas, cooperatives are a significant component of the production structure. During the recent economic and financial crisis, credit cooperatives have continued to provide loans to enterprises; agricultural cooperatives have continued to successfully transform and trade the commodities of their members; workers cooperatives have in several cases managed to face the reduction of the demand through a redistribution of work among their members. In various countries, cooperatives have continued to support employment and in different contexts cooperatives have proved to be able to build constructive relations, support trust among workers and users, and enlarge the supply of goods and services.

However, notwithstanding the significance of the cooperative sector and the increasing awareness of the need of better identifying the roles, potential, and limits of cooperatives, convincing and shared interpretative frameworks are lacking. Social sciences have limited themselves to study cooperatives in a non systematic way, drawing on hypotheses that are not consistent with their constitutional

characteristics, failing thus to provide an interpretation able to account for the real size and importance of the sector. This lack in understanding of cooperatives has hampered the visibility of such enterprises and has made it even more difficult to define strategic choices and development projects, as well as elaborating adequate support policies that can sustain the growth and consolidation of these organizations.

Against the background of a general disregard of cooperatives by mainstream social sciences, new theoretical developments have recently helped not only explain the recent strengthening of cooperatives, but also argue that these organizations could perform a much greater role than the one they currently play, and contribute to the creation of a different and better economic and social system. Neo-institutionalism has investigated the role of enterprises in facing market failures with special regard to the role played by the different ownership structures in facing the various market failures. Evolutionary economics has challenged the conventional conception of the firm, which is not anymore conceived of simply as a profit maximizing mechanism, but rather as a routine aimed at solving collective problems. Behavioural as well as experimental economics have suggested to regard cooperatives as organizations that are characterized by other than self-seeking motivations.

Given this situation and drawing on the findings of recent studies, this initiative intends to commemorate the UN International Year of Cooperatives by creating a discussion forum that can promote a better understanding of cooperatives' rationale, roles, potential, and impact.

#### **Programme WEDNESDAY March 14 · 2012**

**18.00 > 20.00**

#### **THURSDAY March 15 · 2012**

9.00 > 11.00 a.m.

**11.00 > 11.30 a.m.**

11.30 > 13.00 p.m.

**13.00 > 14.00 p.m.**

**14.00 > 16.00 p.m.**

#### **Welcome cocktail**

Opening

Chair: **Carlo Borzaga**, University of Trento / Euricse

**Pauline Green**, President of International Cooperative Alliance

**Luigi Marino**, President of Italian Cooperative Alliance

**Coffee break**

#### **General introduction**

**Romano Prodi**, former President of the European Commission and former Prime Minister of Italy

“Setting the Context: Changes in the Global Landscape”

**Sir Partha Dasgupta**- University of Cambridge (UK)

New frontiers of cooperation in the economy

#### **Lunch break**

1st SESSION: Interpreting the roles and economic importance of cooperative enterprises

Chair: **Benedetto Gui** - University of Padua (Italy)

**Henry Hansmann**- Yale Law School (USA)

The contribution of neo-institutionalism to interpreting cooperative enterprises

**Avner Ben-Ner**- University of Minnesota (USA) and **Matthew Ellman**-Institute for Economic Analysis, Barcelona – IAE (Spain)

The contribution of behavioural economics

to explaining cooperatives' emergence and development

**Vera Zamagni** - University of Bologna (Italy) Interpreting the roles and economic importance of cooperative enterprises in a historical perspective

Discussants: *Ermanno Tortia*, University of Trento (Italy); *Vladislav Valentinov*, *Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe*, Halle, (Germany); and *Sara Depedri*, Euricse (Italy).

16.30 > 16.45 p.m

**Coffee break**

## 5. PUBLICATIONS

### 5.1 Journals' Information

#### EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF COMPARATIVE ECONOMICS

Web site: <http://eaces.liuc.it/>

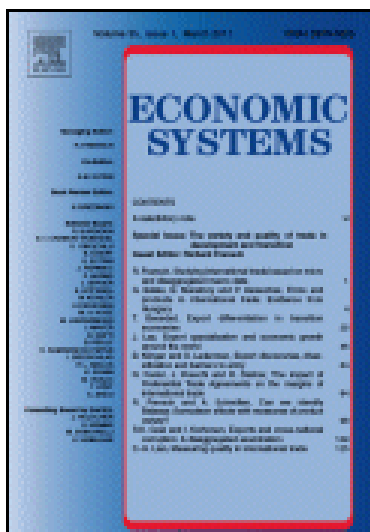
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### Report on Vol. 35 (2011) of Economic Systems

*Economic Systems*, as was its predecessor publication, the *Jahrbuch der Wirtschaft Osteuropas*, has been published for the Osteuropa-Institut (OEI) for more than forty years. Effective 1 January this year, the OEI is merged with the also Regensburg-based Südost-Institut to form the Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (*Institut für Ost- und Südosteuropaforschung*, IOS) at the University of Regensburg, with quite high-flying ambitions to grow into an internationally renowned interdisciplinary research center. Accordingly, website and printed issue of our journal from now indicate *Economics Systems* to be “Published on behalf of the Institute for East and Southeast European Studies.”

By the end of 2011, Wilhelm Kohler and Jörg Mayer ended their terms according to our rotation scheme. They are succeeded by Jozef Damijan (University of Ljubljana and Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana), Ugo Panizza (UNCTAD, Geneva), Peter Sanfey (EBRD, London), and Jun Zhang (China Center for Economic Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai). Jenny Henzen (for Elsevier), Ali Kutan and I very much want to take this opportunity to welcome the new board members and thank those leaving for the excellent collaboration over the past.

Table 1: Editorial info

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
(1) First round submissions	88	78	88	117	112
(2) Final acceptances	25	9	25	37	30
(3) Final rejections	45	42	47	66	76

*Notes:* including special issues and symposia. Submission not rejected or accepted over time are either still under review or have been withdrawn.

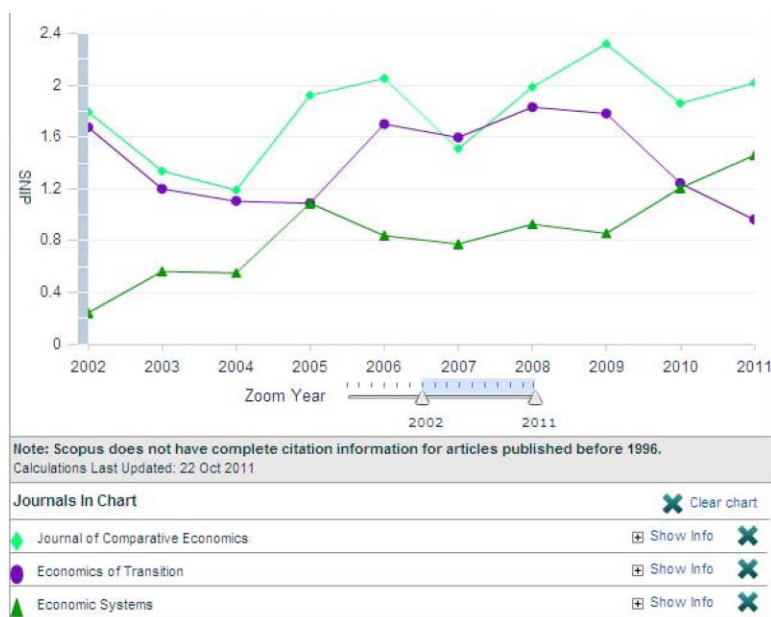
In terms of quality, in my judgement 2011 has been our strongest year so far. Also, we had built up quite a backlog of accepted papers a year ago, which we were able to reduce during 2011. On this, Ali and I could agree with Elsevier on some page budget flexibility in order to hold issue volume at ten papers per issue during 2012 to further reduce backlog.

You may have noticed that our Elsevier website (<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/economic-systems>) has

been considerably re-designed. I hope you like it as much as I do.

Given our recent performance, Elsevier is trying hard to promote our coverage in ThomsonReuters' Journal Citation Report (former Social Science Citation Index). In fact, as the figure below shows, we seem to be in a position to seriously compete with *Economics of Transition* for second place within the field of comparative economics.

The figure contrasts developments of *Economic Systems* with those of the two leading journals in the field of comparative economic studies, the *Journal of Comparative Economics* (the journal of ACES, also



published by Elsevier) and *Economics of Transition* (published for the EBRD, London). Developments are shown for the past decade, i.e. since our changing to Elsevier. The figure shows a clear-cut upward trend for our journal during this period, on the basis of Scopus' SNIP (source normalised impact per paper, for a full legend see end of text). Specifically, we are by now in a position to seriously compete with *Economics of Transition* for second place in this sort of journal ranking within the field of comparative economics. Not in the figure are the

many other journals in the field; e.g., the second ACES journal, *Comparative Economic Studies*, features a SNIP of below 0.5 for 2011 so far on Scopus (*Economic Systems*: 1.5).

Finally, as always, please let me assure you that I would welcome any comments and suggestions from your side. Especially, ideas for symposia, special issues, and survey articles (our recent ones have been heavily downloaded and so far well cited!) in subsequent volumes are most welcome.

Richard Frensch  
Regensburg, January 2012

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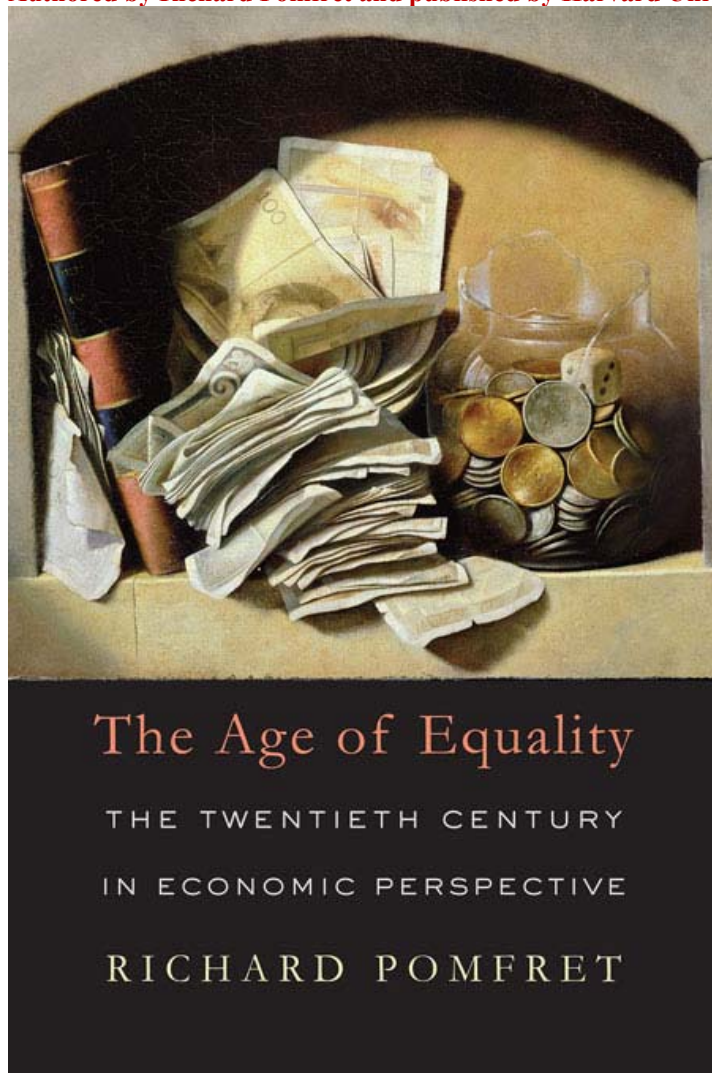
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### THE AGE OF EQUALITY

#### The Twentieth Century in Economic Perspective

A Foreign Affairs Best Book of 2011 on Economic, Social, and Environmental Subjects

Authored by Richard Pomfret and published by Harvard University Press, September 2011



In 1900 the global average life expectancy at birth was thirty-one years. By 2000 it was sixty-six. Yet, alongside unprecedented improvements in longevity and material well-being, the twentieth century also saw the rise of fascism and communism and a second world war followed by a cold war. This book tells the story of the battles between economic systems that defined the last century and created today's world.

The nineteenth century was a period of rapid economic growth characterized by relatively open markets and more personal liberty, but it also brought great inequality within and between nations. The following century offered sharp challenges to free-wheeling capitalism from both communism and fascism, whose competing visions of planned economic development attracted millions of people buffeted by the economic storms of the 1930s. *The Age of Equality* describes the ways in which market-oriented economies eventually overcame the threat of these visions and provided a blueprint for reform in nonmarket economies.

This was achieved not through unbridled capitalism but by combining the efficiency and growth potential of markets with government policies to promote greater equality of opportunity and outcome. Following on the heels of economic reform, rapid catch-up growth in countries such as China, India, Indonesia, Brazil, and Poland helped to reduce global inequality.

At a time when inequality is on the rise in nations as disparate as the United States and Egypt, **Richard Pomfret's** interpretation of how governments of market economies faced the challenges of the twentieth century is both instructive and cautionary.

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PANELISTS PRESENTATIONS OF CASE 7<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 2011 AVAILABLE ONLINE

#### PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

- Determinants of Obtaining Formal and Informal LTC across European Countries
  - The Failed Political Economy of the Euro Crisis

#### PROJECT ACTIVITY

*CASE obtains three new projects:*

- CASE helps prepare the evaluation of the Small Business Act for Europe implementation
  - Financial Participation of Employees in Companies' Proceeds
    - Poland - Meeting 2020 Social Inclusion Targets
- Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment in support of negotiations of deep comprehensive free trade areas (DCFTA) between the EU and respectively Georgia and the Republic of Moldova

*CASE closes three projects:*

- The retrospective evaluation of elements of the VAT system
- Law in support of women entrepreneurship in Poland. Recommendations for amendments
  - Russia's WTO accession and its implications for nanotechnologies

#### LATEST SEMINAR

- Itzhak Goldberg: Igniting Innovation: Rethinking the Role of Government in Emerging Europe and Central Asia

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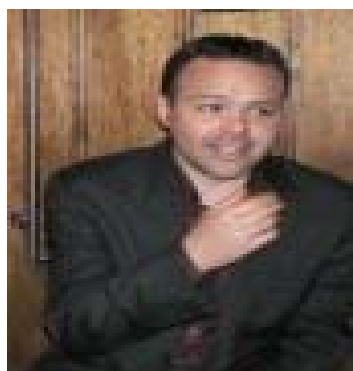


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## *Editorial:*

This 60<sup>th</sup> issue of the EACES Newsletter highlights the agenda and decisions of the EACES EC-AB meeting held in Perugia, Italy, on 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2011. EACES has now developed the online system for the payment of the institution's membership. Section 1 also presents news from the treasurer regarding this system. Section 2 reiterates the call of application for the EACES Award 2012.



Section 3 presents rich information on calls for papers ranging from 12<sup>th</sup> EACES Bi-annual Conference to be held at University of the West of Scotland during 6-8 September, 2012, to EACES-MET Network Seminar (Brunel University, London, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2012), EACES-AISRe Session (University of Hawaii, Honolulu, 16-19 May 2012), Economic and Financial System Development in the Pacific-Rim Region and Euro Conference 2012 (Portoroz, Slovenia, 12-14 July 2012).

Moreover, this section also presents the information regarding series of conferences to be organized by the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets (SSEM) during 2012. Likewise, also inclusive in this section are the information regarding conference on Institutions, Economic Growth, and International (Fudan University, Shanghai, China, September 7-9, 2012), Ersä Congress 2012 (Bratislava, 21-25 August 2012), WIFO Workshop (Vienna, 7 May 2012), Fourth Joint IOS/APB Summer Academy on Central and Eastern Europe (APB, Academy for Civic Education, Germany, 27-29 June 2012), 15<sup>th</sup> SCEME Seminar in Economic Methodology (University of Brighton, 12 -13 September, 2012), International Scientific Conference on From Global Crisis to Economic Growth (Belgrade, 20- 22 September 2012), 22<sup>nd</sup> Conference of the International Trade and Finance Association (University of Pisa, 23-26 May 2012), and 74<sup>th</sup> International Atlantic Economic Conference (Montréal, Canada, 4-7 October 2012).

Further information regarding the forthcoming 12<sup>th</sup> EACES Bi-annual Conference, especially logistics and other important information, has been provided in Section 4. Reminder of the conference on Promoting the Understanding of Cooperatives for a Better World (Venice, 15-16 March 2012) is also inclusive in this section. In addition to the usual contents on recent issues of the journals and the book publication of the EACES members, we have also incorporated information regarding the publication of CASE e-Newsletter.

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