

EACES Biannual Conference, 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. Information on EACES can be found on 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.

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