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1. Official News

A meeting of The EACES Executive Committee took place in January in Amiens. But the resolutions will only be approved at the next meeting in April (Cambridge). Information about it will appear in the next Newsletter.

2. Conferences and Workshops

2.1. Conference on "Labor Markets in Emerging Economies", April 1-6 2002 San Jose, Costa Rica

The Second IZA-WDI International Conference on Labor Markets in Emerging Economies will be held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from April 1-6, 2002. There will be 2 parts to the conference. Part I will focus on Labor Market Dynamics and Public Policy in a Comparative Perspective: Latin America and Eastern Europe (April 1-3). Part II will deal with Job Flows in Transition Economies (April 5-6). For more information, contact Deborah Jahn E-mail: djahn@umich.edu, Research Administrator, Phone: (734) 615-4562, The William Davidson Institute Fax: (734) 763-5850 at the University of Michigan Business School, 724 East University Ave. Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1234, <http://www.wdi.bus.umich.edu>.

2.2. 3rd Annual International Conference: "Modernization of the Russian Economy: Outcomes and Perspectives", 3-4 April 2002, Moscow (Russia)

Organized by The State University – Higher School Of Economics. With participation of World Bank and Bureau of Economic Analysis Foundation.

April 3: Conference Plenary Meeting. Speakers: M. Kasianov, A. Kudrin, G. Gref, V. Geraschenko, Y. Yasin, A. Shokhin, Y. Kuzminov, S. Fisher, J. Linn, representatives of IMF, World Bank, EBRD, OECD and Russian business circles. / April 4: The Conference panels: (1) Macroeconomic Factors and Perspectives of Modernization, (2) Institutional and Structural Reforms, (3) Social Policy and (4) Modernization of the State and Law. Chair of the Program Committee Professor Yevgeny Yasin. The deadline for submissions to the panels is March 15, 2002. Contact person: Irina Maltseva, Tel: (095) 921 51 33, Fax: (095) 928-59-29, E-mail: Maltseva@hse.ru. Mailing: State University - Higher School of Economics, Myasnitskaya, 20, Moscow 101987, Russia. More information on the Conference and on the Higher School of Economics: www.hse.ru.

2.3. British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES) Annual Conference, 6-8 April 2002, Cambridge (UK)

The British Association for Slavonic & East European Studies (BASEES) will hold its next Annual Conference at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, on 6-8 April 2002. A provisional programme including a booking form will be sent to all BASEES members and to other panel members during January, and the first 43

papers are available online at the website www.gla.ac.uk/external/basees/conference2002.html.

Non-members of BASEES are encouraged to join the Association, by filling in the membership form on the BASEES website by 14 February 2002 and sending it with the appropriate payment (cheques made out to 'BASEES') to the Membership Secretary, [Dr David Moon](mailto:Dr.David.Moon), Department of History, University of Strathclyde, McCance Building, 16 Richmond St, Glasgow G1 1XQ, tel: 44 (0)141 548 2732.

2.4. Association for Institutional Thought Annual Conference, 10-13 April 2002, Albuquerque, New Mexico (USA)

In conjunction with the 44th annual conference of Western Social Science Association [WSSA], the 2002 AFIT Conference will have as its primary theme: 1) the current uncertainty and anxiety regarding the future prospects of the U.S. economy; 2) economic policy options for the U.S. economy; and 3) international influences and connections. Anyone interested in attending the AFIT Conference or in finding out more about the organization may visit the AFIT web site at <http://afit.cba.nau.edu>. Further information from: Dell Champlin (cfdpcl1@eu.edu or dpchamplin@hotmail.com), Department of Economics, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL 61920, Phone: (217) 581-6328.

2.5. 6th Congress of Economic Transition; April, 25-26, 2002; Valencia (Spain) and Santiago de Cuba (Cuba); Department of Applied Economics, University of Valencia (Spain) and Faculty of Economics, University of Oriente (Cuba).

The deadline for the presentation of papers and communications. Summary: March, 19, 2002. Definitive document: April, 12, 2002.

Call for papers: <http://www.uv.es/uifst>

E-mail: FSTransicio@uv.es

2.6. Conference on Economic Development and Reconstruction Policies in Southeast Europe: the Role of SMEs Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik, 25th-27th April 2002.

Organizing Committee: Will Bartlett, University of Bristol, UK; Horst Brezinski, Technical University Freiberg, Germany; Iraj Hashi, University of Staffordshire, UK; Xavier Richet, University of Marne-la-Vallée, France; Maja Vehovec, University of Rijeka, Croatia. Sponsored by: American Embassy Zagreb, British Academy, British Embassy Zagreb, Croatian Academy of Arts and Sciences, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Soros Foundation Croatia. Program: Thursday 25th April. I-KEY POLICY ISSUES. Chair: Will BARTLETT (University of Bristol, UK) / Professor Zoltan ACS (University of Baltimore, USA), The Employment Effects of Entrepreneurship / Professor Milica UVALIÆ (University of Perugia, Italy), European Integration and Economic Development in Southeast Europe / Discussant:

Professor Xavier RICHET (University Marne-la-Vallée, France) // II-LESSONS FROM CEE AND CIS. Chair: Iraj HASHI (University of Staffordshire, UK) / Professor David SMALLBONE (University of Middlesex, UK), Policies to Support SME Development in Transition Economies / Professor Horst BREZINSKI (University of Freiberg), Determinants of SME Development in Transition Countries and Insights from the East German Case / Melanie FEAKINS (Jesus College, Oxford, UK), Constructing the Post-Socialist Context: The Transformation Environment Explored through the Agency and Strategies of SMEs / Discussant: Professor Mario NUTI (London Business School). // III-REGIONAL COOPERATION. Chair: Professor Xavier RICHET (University Marne-la-Vallée, France) / Ramina GOUNA (SSEES, University College London, UK), The Current State of the SME Sector in Southeast Europe and Opportunities for Interregional Cooperation / Stoyan TOTEV (Institute of Economics, Sofia, Bulgaria), Cross-border Cooperation in Southeast Europe and the Role of SMEs: The Case of Albania, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Greece / Drago CENGLJE (Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Zagreb, Croatia), A Case Study of SME Development in the Medjmurje County in Croatia / Discussant: Slavo RADOSEVIC (SSEES, University College London, UK).

Friday 26th April. IV-WAR AFFECTED REGIONS. Chair: Professor Zlatan REIC (Faculty of Economics, University of Split, Croatia) / Muhamet MUSTAFA (Riinvest Institute for Development Research), SME Role in Kosovo's Reconstruction and Institutional Barriers / Srećko GOJČIĆ (Faculty of Economics, University of Split, Croatia), Enterprises' Networks as a Model for Economic Recovery of War Damaged Areas / Discussant: Professor Vojmir FRANICEVIC (Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb, Croatia). V-FINANCE FOR SMEs. Chair: Professor Mario NUTI (London Business School) / Francesca PISSARIDES (EBRD, London, UK), Financial Structures to Promote Private Sector Development in South-Eastern Europe / Mirela XHENETI and Lindita LATI (Economics Faculty, University of Tirana, Albania), Finance, Human Resources and SME Growth in Albania / Vladimir BUKVIĆ (GEA College of Entrepreneurship, Ljubljana, Slovenia) and Will BARTLETT (School for Policy Studies, University of Bristol, UK), Financial Barriers to SME Growth in Bosnia, Macedonia and Slovenia / Discussant: Professor Derek JONES (Clinton College, New York, USA). VI-COUNTRY CASE STUDIES – SERBIA AND CROATIA. Chair: Yorgos RIZOPOULOS (University of Picardie, France) / Professor Slavica SINGER (Faculty of Economics, University of Osijek, Croatia), SME Development in Croatia: Without Foreign Aid Difficult, With Foreign Aid Not Easy / Djuro KUTLAČA, Nenad PENEZIĆ and Gordana DANILOVIĆ (Science and Technology Policy Research Centre, Belgrade, Serbia), SMEs in

Yugoslavia: a Driving Force in the Catching-up Process / Mihailo CRNOBRNJA (Belgrade, Serbia), SME's in Serbia: Development under Strange Circumstances / Discussant: Professor Ivo BICANIC (Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb, Croatia). Saturday 27th April. VI-LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. Chair: Yorgos RIZOPOULOS (University of Picardie, France) / Milford BATEMAN (GHK International, UK), The Role of Micro-enterprise Development in Southeast Europe: Rediscovering Community and Cooperation / Florian WISNIEWSKI (Poznan University of Economics), Effectiveness of Assistance for Microfirms and Small Firms - Case Study of Poland / Discussant: Robert McINTYRE (Moscow). VII-SMEs AND SOCIAL CAPITAL. Chair: Professor Horst BREZINSKI (University of Freiberg, Germany) / Andrej RUS (Institute for Social Sciences, Ljubljana, Slovenia), Trust, Contract and SME Development in Southeast Europe / Professor Maja VEHOVEC (Faculty of Economics, University of Rijeka) and Nevenka CUCKOVIC (Institute for International Relations, Zagreb), Informal Norms, Privatisation Process and Social Capital Accumulation / Discussant: Katarina OTT (Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb).

2.7. Cultural Legacies of the Soviet Experience, April 26, 2002; Stanford University, (USA).

Sponsored by the Center for Russian and East European Studies at Stanford University and the Institut of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies. E-mail: iseees@uclink4.berkeley.edu; Internet: <http://socrates.berkeley.edu/~iseees/>

2.8. World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER) Conferences 2002: "The New Economy in Development"; 10 - 11 May 2002, Helsinki (Finland).

(Call for papers closed on 15 January 2002)
Online announcement, poster and application form at: <http://www.wider.unu.edu>

2.9. 4th International Conference <Globalization and Catching-up in Emerging Market Economies>. Transformation, Integration and Globalization Economic Research (TIGER) (WSPiZ) (<http://www.tiger.edu.pl>), May 16-17, 2002; Warsaw, (Poland).

List of contributors and papers: Prof. Douglass C. North, Spencer T. Olin Professor in Arts and Sciences, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo, USA, and the Nobel Laureate in Economics 1993 will present the WSPiZ & TIGER Distinguished Lecture on institutions and development

Papers: (1). Dr. Isher Judge Ahluwalia*, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), New Delhi, India- "Globalization and Health"; (2) Dr. Keith Crane, Director of Research, PlanEcon, Inc., Washington DC, USA - "The Integration of the Non-

Russian CIS into the Global Economy"; (3). Prof. Laszlo Csaba*, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary - "Transformation and Development"; (4) Prof. Gang Fan*, Director of the National Institute of Economic Research, China Reform Foundation, Beijing, China - "Institutional Reforms in a Developing Country: Transition in China"; (5) Prof. Grzegorz W. Kolodko, Director of TIGER, Leon Kozminski Academy of Entrepreneurship and Management (WSPiZ), Warsaw, Poland, and John C. Evans Scholar in Polish and European Studies, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY, USA - "Is There a Human Face to Globalization and How Can One Find It?"; (6) Prof. Tadeusz Kowalik*, Polish Academy of Sciences and WSPiZ, Warsaw, Poland - "Diversity in Time of Globalization"; (7) Prof. Nguyuru H. I. Lipumba*, Senior Research Fellow, The Multi-Environmental Society (MESO), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - "Globalization and Economic Development: Can Sub-Saharan Africa Avoid Marginalization?"; (8) Prof. Alexander Nekipelov*, Director, Institute for International Economic and Political Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia - "Socio-Economic Transformation in the Era of Globalization: the Case of Russia"; (9) Prof. D. Mario Nuti*, University di Roma 'La Sapienza' and London Business School - "Governing Incomplete Globalization"; (10) Prof. Gur Ofer*, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel - "Globalization and FDI in Financial Services to Economies in Transition"; (11) Prof. Masahiro Taguchi, Okayama University, Japan - "Japanese Approach to the Transition Economies"; (12) Prof. Rodrigo Vergara*, Centro de Estudios Publicos and Universidad Catolica de Chile, Santiago, Chile - "Reform and Growth: Lessons from Chile"; (13) George Vojta, President, Financial Services Forum, New York, USA - "Implementing Best Practice Standards To Achieve Systemic Reform: The Fiduciary Responsibilities of The Private Sector".

(*) Members of TIGER Scientific Advisory Board.

2.10. 7th International Post Keynesian Conference, June 29-July 3 2002 and Summer School, June 17-28 2002, Kansas City (USA)

The organizing theme of the Conference is Economic Policy of Financial Markets. Possible topics for discussion include: income distribution, domestic and international; economic growth and development; pricing and industrial structure; saving and investment, banking and monetary policy, managing natural resources. Participants will include economists and policy makers from the Americas, Europe, Asia and Australia as well as people from the private sector, including entrepreneurs and practitioners interested in economic policy. Papers on any topic chosen by proponents will be included in the conference. **Individual paper proposals must be submitted no later than January 31, 2002.** Complete panel proposals are also invited; they should include 3-4

papers, 1-2 discussants and a panel chair. Panel organizers should send a brief letter with the following information: 1) Title of panel; 2) List of participants; 3) E-mail addresses for all panel participants. Each participant in the panel should also submit an individual proposal with the information listed above. All proposals will be reviewed by the program organizers Paul Davidson and Jan A. Kregel. Further information from: Pavlina R. Tcherneva (Tchernevap@umkc.edu), Associate Director, Center for Full Employment and Price Stability, University of Missouri of Kansas City, Economics Department; 211 Haag Hall, 5100 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO 64110, Tel.:816.235.5835, Fax:816.235.6558.

Summer School - The University of Missouri of Kansas City, the Journal of Post Keynesian Economics, and the Centre for Full Employment and Price Stability offer a summer school program that provides a rigorous training in both theoretical and applied aspects of Post Keynesian economic theory. It will also deal with meaningful prescriptive policies relevant to real world phenomena and, in the spirit of pluralism, will provide a forum for intellectual discourse that spans a variety of disciplines. The program is organized by Professors Paul Davidson and Jan Kregel. Admission is open to graduate students and recent Ph.D.'s. The Centre for Full Employment and Price Stability (C-FEPS) has offered to provide a number of scholarships that will cover student tuition fees and room and board. C-FEPS will also make available a number of travel stipends that will cover a portion of the costs of travel to and from the workshop, if participants take advantage of advance airfare bookings. Applicants should send four copies of: their CV, 1-2 page statement of what each student hopes to get out of the Summer School, and a statement indicating familiarity with heterodox and Post Keynesian economics. These materials will serve as the application for both the summer school and for the travel stipends. In addition, students will have the opportunity to attend the Post Keynesian Conference, immediately following the Summer School at a reduced cost. Materials should be sent to Pavlina R. Tcherneva at the address above.. A committee of representatives of the Journal of Post Keynesian Economics and UMKC's Economics Department will screen all applicants and notify participants no later than March 15, 2002. **Application submission deadline: February 15, 2002.**

2.11. High-level Scientific Conference on "Convergence in Europe and the Process of Enlargement and Association (CEPEA)", 17-29 June 2002, Nice (France)

Deadline for Application :February 28, 2002. The Conference (originally scheduled for January/February 2002) will take place in the University of Nice–Sophia Antipolis. The main goal of this program is to discuss and compare theoretical as well as applied studies that have looked at the impact of the process of enlargement and association on the fifteen EU Member

States. Three types of events will take place over a two-week period:

- EuroLab Courses in the morning;
- PHD EuroConferences in the afternoon;
- EuroConference (two days in the middle of this period).

The program is opened to young researchers in Economics, nationals of the European Union and of the countries candidates for the membership, already advanced in their PhD. This training will consider as acquired the mastery of theoretical and econometric elements to focus on the most advanced researches within the scientific community. More information at : <http://www.unice.fr/CEPEA>

2.12. Fourth International Workshop on Institutional Economics "How do Institutions Evolve?"; 3-5 July 2002. Organised by the Centre for Research in Institutional Economics, University of Hertfordshire, UK. Including lectures by major international speakers. This residential workshop will be held in Offley Place, Great Offley, Hertfordshire, (UK).

This workshop is designed to provide in-depth discussion of cutting-edge issues in institutional economics, in a forum that permits the attention to detail and definition that is often lacking in larger, conference-style events. The maximum number of participants will be 40. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Great Offley is a beautiful Hertfordshire village. It is a 4-mile taxi ride from London Luton Airport (with cheap flights by Easyjet – see www.easyjet.com) and a 3-mile taxi ride from Hitchin railway station (with regular trains from London Kings Cross). There are regular bus services connecting London Luton Airport with London Heathrow and London Stansted airports.

"How do Institutions Evolve?" draft programme.
 Wednesday 3 July 2002: Registration / Opening and Welcome / Seminar 1: Geoff Hodgson (University of Hertfordshire) "Is Social Evolution Lamarckian or Darwinian?" / End of session. // Thursday 4 July 2002: Seminar 2: Geoff Hodgson (University of Hertfordshire) "Darwinism in Economics: From Analogy to Ontology" / Coffee / Seminar 3: Robert Aunger (University of Cambridge) "Taking memes seriously" / Lunch / Seminar 4: Thorbjørn Knudsen (University of Southern Denmark) "Evolutionary Explanations in the Social Context: Development or Population Change?" / Tea / Seminar 5: Jack Vromen (Erasmus University) "Co-evolution: How do different types of evolutionary process interact?" / End of session. // Friday 5 July 2002: Seminar 6: Markus Becker (University of Southern Denmark) and Nathalie Lazaric (CNRS, Nice) "Defining Routines" / Coffee / Round table session and discussion / Lunch / End of Workshop.

For further information, see our web site on <http://www.herts.ac.uk/business/esst/Staff/g-hodgson/CRIE.htm> or go to

<http://www.herts.ac.uk/business> and either click on "Research" or find Geoff Hodgson's web site in the directory of staff.

2.13. 11th Conference of the International Association for the Economics of Participation (IAFEP), 4-6 July 2002, Brussels (Belgium)

A conference will take place at the Brussels Catholic University on "Participation World-Wide". The major themes of the conference will be: the development and combination of forms of workers' participation around the world; the theoretical and empirical studies on the economic and social effects of participation; workers' participation across borders, in a transnational and global context; employee participation and EU enlargement; employee ownership in transition economies; workers' participation and the social economy in developing countries; workers' participation, social dialogue and civil society. Submissions are invited from all relevant fields of study, including labour economics, comparative economic systems, industrial economics, organisational studies, management studies, economic sociology, institutional economics, evolutionary economics, development economics, and studies of economies in transition. *Presentations in the following areas are welcome:* co-determination, works councils, European works councils; other forms of workers' participation in decision-making; employee ownership; self-management, labour-managed firms; cooperatives; profit-sharing; economic and industrial democracy; social enterprises in welfare services. Proposals for papers to be presented at the conference should be sent electronically in the form of an abstract of up to 300 words. **The deadline for receipt of the abstracts is 28 February 2002.** They should include full details of institutional affiliation and a mailing address. Abstracts should be sent to the following e-mail address: Daniel.Vaughan-Whitehead@cec.eu.int. They may also be sent to: Daniel Vaughan-Whitehead, Avenue du Pesage, 127, B-1050 Bruxelles, Belgium.

2.14. History of Economic Thought Society, 5-8 July 2002, Davis (USA)

Proposals for papers or sessions on all aspects of the history of economic thought are welcome. **Submit** an abstract of no more than 200 words for a paper or no more than 400 words for a session **before 15 February 2002**. Selected papers from the meeting will be published in a special issue of the Journal of the History of Economic Thought. Proposals may be submitted on the web (<http://eh.net/~HisEcSoc>) at the Kevin D. Hoover, Professor of Economics and Chair Department of Economics, University of California, Davis, California 95616-8578.

2.15. INEM (International Network for Economic Methodology) Biannual Conference, 1-2 September 2002, Stirling (UK)

Offers of papers are invited in the form of a 300 word abstract, sent by **end of February 2002** to Sheila Dow, University of Stirling, (s.c.dow@stir.ac.uk). For more information check out the web-site at: <http://www.econmethodology.org>.

2.16. UK HET Conference, 2-4 September 2002, Stirling (UK)

Offers of papers are invited in the form of a 300 word abstract, sent by **end of February 2002** to Sheila Dow, University of Stirling, (s.c.dow@stir.ac.uk).

2.17. Seminar on "The Lender of Last Resort: Experiments, Analyses and Controversies", 23-24 September 2002, Paris (France)

Organised by the Center of History of Economic Analysis and Representations (Universities of Paris I and Paris X), the LED-EPEH (University of Paris VIII) and Forum (University of Paris X) in association with "Les Cahiers d'Economie Politique. The classical doctrine of the lender in last resort (formulated by Thornton and developed by Bagehot) justifies the need for emergency loans by central banks, and expresses the normative principles on which they ought to be based. The debate on this doctrine resurfaced in the 1980s, under the joint influence, on the one hand, of the reappearance of recurring banking crises in a context of liberalisation of financial systems, and on the other hand, of the progress of microeconomics of information applied to banking economics. At the same time, the ways in which the lender in last resort can intervene have become more diversified, and have also been criticised both at national and international levels. These observations call for a reflection on the theoretical foundations of the concept of the lender in last resort as formulated in Thornton's writings. The bicentenary of Thornton's Paper Credit provides an opportunity to present papers on his works (from an history of economic thought or economic history perspective), as well as to contribute to current debates on the lender in last resort, both at a national and an international level. For further information, contact Dominique Plihon (Dplihon@aol.com) Paris-Nord University.

2.18. Conference on the History of Heterodox Economics in the 20th Century, 26-28 September 2002, Kansas City, Missouri (USA)

Heterodox economics is meant to include Marxism, Institutionalism, Social Economics, Post Keynesian Economics, Sraffian Economics, Feminist Economics, Georgist Economics, Evolutionary Economics, Historical Economics, and Austrian Economics. The conference will include (but not be restricted to) the following points: 1. the history of college and university economic departments vis-a-vis the teaching of heterodox economic theory. 2. history of heterodox academic and non-academic economic journals. 3. history of heterodox economic associations and other kinds of communities and groups of academic and non-

academic heterodox economists. 4. discrimination against the hiring and retaining of heterodox economists at academic institutions as well as at government and other non-academic organizations. 5. discrimination against the publishing of heterodox papers and books. 6. the use of state power to silence heterodox economic views and heterodox economists, such as McCarthyism in the United States, military regimes in Latin America, and the suppression of dissidents in Stalinist Eastern Europe and in China. 7. biographical histories of well-known and not-so-well-known heterodox economists and their contributions towards building a community of heterodox economists. 8. the teaching of Marxism, Georgist Economics, and other heterodox economics to workers and the general public at schools and institutes outside of colleges and universities. 9. the role of historical events in promoting interest in heterodox economics and the establishing communities and groups of heterodox economics--such as the rise of the New Left, Vietnam War, and the Great Depression. Conference Fee: \$120.00 (Includes lunches, tea/coffee/juice, and conference dinner). Further information from: Fred Lee (leefs@umkc.edu), Department of Economics, 211 Haag Hall, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri 64110, USA; John King (j.king@latrobe.edu.au), Department of Economics and Finance, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria 3086, Australia

2.19. World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER) Conferences 2002: "Poverty, International Migration and Asylum"; 27-28 September 2002, Helsinki (Finland).

Call for papers: submission by 30 April 2002. Online announcement, poster and application form at: <http://www.wider.unu.edu>

2.20. International Conference on the "Evolution of Institutions and the Knowledge Economy"; 4-5 October 2002.; Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the University of Debrecen; Debrecen (Hungary).

Call for papers. New information and communication technologies are transforming the whole economic system, the way we produce, the way we do business, and consume. In these economic activities knowledge is playing an ever increasing role both as input and as output. "Economic distance" is decreasing, technology is developing further, which opens up the road to the more integrated and globalized world economy. These exciting phenomenon and processes pose new challenges for economic theory and related sciences. To study these issues, the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the University of Debrecen will host its.

The conference provides a platform for Hungarian and foreign researchers to present and discuss their results on the relationship between the evolution of institutions and the knowledge economy and for an exchange of

views on approaches of these new phenomena. Because of the interdisciplinary character of the problems the organization committee will invite the membership of three international economic organizations and will co-operate with them: institutional economists and their organization ISNIE, comparative economists and their organization EACES, economic psychologists and their organization IAREP. Papers should focus on the following topics: (1) The Institutions of the Knowledge Economy. We invite the membership of ISNIE to take part in the work of this session. Chairman: Dr. Katalin Szabó, professor (University of Debrecen and University of Economics of Budapest). (2) Regionality, Economic Systems. This session will be organized in co-operation with EACES. Chairman: Dr. László Csaba, professor (Central European University and University of Debrecen) (3) Behavior and Institutions. We invite the membership of IAREP to take part in the work of this session. Chairman: Dr. László Garai, professor (University of Sciences of Szeged)

The conference will be held in Debrecen, Hungary (Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the University of Debrecen). Language: English. The deadline for submissions is May 20, 2002. The 1 page (max. 2500 characters) abstract of the paper must be attached.

For enrolment in advance the conference fee is 120 EUR, in case of submission after 20 May it is 150 EUR, enrolment at the conference is 170 EUR, which covers all costs, except for travelling and accommodation costs, including the costs of the conference dinner, the welcome reception and the conference proceedings. For Hungarian and eastern European participants reimbursement will be offered.

Papers will be published in a conference proceeding. Submission of papers should be made via E-mail to: uik@economics.econ.klte.hu

Organization committee: Chair of the organization committee: Dr. Balázs Hámori, hamorib@economics.econ.klte.hu, tel: 36 52 416 580 / 7041; Secretary of the conference: Dr. Judit Kapás, jkapas@economics.econ.klte.hu; tel: 36 52 416 580 / 7070; Manager: Balázs Sági, sagib@economics.econ.klte.hu, tel: 36 52 416 580 / 7041

Programme. October 3: Registration / Welcome reception // October 4: Registration / Opening by Dr. László Muraközy, dean / Keynote lectures / Debate / Launch / The Institutions of the Knowledge Economy (Chairman: Dr. Katalin Szabó), Session presentations and debate / Behavior and Institutions (Chairman: Dr. László Garai), Session presentations and debate / Conference dinner // October 5.: Regionality, Economic Systems (Chairman: Dr. László Csaba), Session presentations and debate / Closing thoughts by Dr. Balázs Hámori.

2.21. ACES 2003 Winter Meeting. Association for Comparative Economic Studies, January, 2003; Washington, D.C. (USA).

Call for Papers and Panel proposals. The Association for Comparative Economic Studies is soliciting proposals for panes and paper presentations for the meetings in January 2003. In pursuit of a broad representation of the state of research in the field, theoretical as well as empirical and policy contributions are encouraged. Preference will be given to complete, thematically coherent panes, although several sessions may be organized for outstanding individual papers, including a paper competition form younger scholars (within 6 years of the PhD).

To be considered, submissions must be either papers supported by an abstract of 200 words to one pages, or complete panel with a chair, alt least 3 presenters an 1 discussant, and an abstract of each proposed papers. Submissions to the paper competition must be clearly indicated as such.

The deadline form submission of proposals is 15 April 2002. Submissions may be made by regular or electronic mail. Please send all submissions to: Richard Ericson, President, ACES / The Harriman Institute / 420W.118th Street, MC3345 / New York, NY 10027 / (212) 854-5124 / ree3@columbia.edu.

3. Fellowships and Competitions

3.1. Research Studentship on "The Evolution of Institutions"

An advertisement for a research studentship appeared in the Times Higher Education Supplement on 30 November 2001 (page 46). It is for someone do to research under the direction of Professor Geoff Hodgson on "The Evolution of Institutions", leading to a PhD (subject to University of Hertfordshire regulations). The research studentship is tenable for three years. An annual bursary is payable, which is currently 8100 GBP, and University registration fees are waived. The successful candidate must possess good first degrees. **The closing date for applications is 10 January 2002.** For further details and an application form please contact Mrs Ruth Grillo, Business School, University of Hertfordshire, Mangrove Road, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG13 8QF. Email r.grillo@herts.ac.uk. Telephone (44) 1707 285 516. To discuss the proposed research with prospective candidates, contact Geoff Hodgson, Research Professor, University of Hertfordshire, Email g.m.hodgson@herts.ac.uk. Telephone (44) 1223 290 251. Mailing Address: Malting House, 1 Burton End, West Wickham, Cambridge CB1 6SD, UK.

3.2. William Davidson Institute Research Competition

The William Davidson Institute will support research by U.S. scholars on the following topics: (i) Business development and performance, and (ii) Public policies which affect the development of markets. Research

should focus on, but need not exclusively address, the Balkans. One to three grants between the amounts of \$10,000 and \$35,000 will be awarded. Grants will be awarded for up to, but not exceeding, 19 months beginning June 1, 2002. Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate cost sharing. Grant recipients may be asked to present their findings at Davidson Institute and U.S. Department of State policy forums.

Applicants must have completed a PhD degree or be a current PhD candidate, and must show a demonstrated commitment to the study of transition economies in Central and Eastern Europe. Collaborative projects are eligible, but only if the non-U.S. collaborator is funded from other sources. Grant funds may be used for travel, summer support or salary replacement, research assistants and data acquisition. The research papers resulting from the grants will be added to the Davidson Institute Working Paper Series, and data accumulated under the grant will be deposited at the Davidson Institute Data Center and made available to other researchers within a negotiated time frame.

Application Deadline: 28 February 2002

Competition guidelines and application will soon be available on the website at <http://www.wdi.bus.umich.edu/research/call.htm>. For queries contact Deborah Jahn, Research Administrator, at djahn@umich.edu or (734) 615-4562. Content questions should be directed to Anna Meyendorff, Project Director, at ameyen@umich.edu or (734) 936-6996.

4. Other Issues

4.1 The European Center of the International Center of Economic Growth (ICEG) has prepared its first monthly review of the recent macroeconomic developments in Eastern Europe. The review of the latest developments will be published monthly in its News of the Months series, which include 4-5 short studies about the recent important macroeconomic developments, policy discussions in the region and/or in individual economies.

The News of the Months studies as well as our Annual Report in full and by chapters and other studies can be downloaded from our web-site too at www.icegec.org. Information: Pál Gáspár, Regional Director, ICEG European Center, H-1118 Budapest, Dayka Gábor street 3 (Phone:+36-1-248-1160, Fax:+36-1-248-1161).

4.2 The Amiens Conference "Institutional and Organisational Dynamics in the Post-socialist Transformation", (January 24-25, 2002).

The CRIISEA (University of Picardie, France) and the OEP (University Marne-la-Vallée, France), with the support of the EACES, the EAST-WEST Journal of Economics and Business, the French Ministry of Research, the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (Paris, France) and the Centre Interuniversitaire d'Etudes Hongroises (Paris, France) have organized a conference on the "Institutional and organisational

dynamics in the post-socialist transformation", held in Amiens (France), on January 24-25, 1999.

From the 110 papers, theoretical or empirical-oriented, submitted by senior and young researchers from Europe and the USA, 43 were selected for a presentation.

The Conference was opened by two invited key-speakers. Brian Loasby (University of Stirling) provided a stimulant theoretical framework concerning the cognitive basis of institutions and Claude Ménard (University of Paris-I) proposed an in-depth analysis of the role of micro-institutions in a neo-institutionalist perspective.

During the session "Institutions and economic development", Yelena Kaluyzhnova and Jim Pemberton (University of Reading) presented a paper on the institutional dimension of the economic growth in Kazakhstan, Jose de Sousa (University of Paris-I) and Geomina Turlea (Institute of World Economy, Bucarest) modelled the question of the institutional determinants of wages in the Romanian industry and, Dimitrios Giannias and Panagiotis Liargovas (University of Thessaly) examined leading indicators enabling to monitor a balanced development in the transition countries.

Bernard Chavance (University of Paris-VII) reviewed the underlying factors of the different national trajectories of post-socialist transformation, while Yves Citoleux (University of Paris-I) provided an overview of the origins and consequences of the institutional lag in China and Louis Baslé (University of Picardie) discussed the articulation of the coordination modes during the transition process, in the panel "Transformation trajectories and institutions".

Three contributions composed the "Firm behaviour and structure" session. Olga Tretyak (Moscow State University) discussed the Russian enterprises' behaviour and Magalie Mollet (University of Marne-la-Vallée) examined the development of the small subcontracting firms in Hungary, focusing especially on the similarities with the Spanish model. The paper of Irina Savchenko (Moscow State University) aimed at uncovering and explaining the enterprise associations for small business in Russia.

The links between "Institutional change and organisational action" were developed by the contributions of Laurence Amblard, Jean-Philippe Colin and Françoise Simon (Ensa.M, Moisa) on the transformation dynamics in the Romanian agriculture, Agnès Labrousse (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin) on the East-German institutional reforms and Nikolay Nenovsky (BNB and University of National and World Economy, Sofia) and Yorgos Rizopoulos (University of Picardie), on an extreme monetary regime change, such as the Currency Board introduction in Bulgaria.

Eric Magnin (University of Paris-VII) has focused on the importance of institutions during the transformation process, Antonio Sanchez-Andrés and José March-Poquet (University of Valencia) proposed an institutionalist approach of the transition toward a

market economy in Russia, while Michael Berlemann (Dresden University of Technology) and Nikolay Nenovsky (BNB and University of National and World Economy, Sofia) have drawn the theoretical lessons from the Bulgarian financial crisis of 1996/97.

Concerning FDI and industrial restructuring, Xavier Richet (University of Marne-la-Vallée) analysed the relation of governance and firms' strategy in the Russian car industry, while Hua Wang (University of Grenoble-II) focused on the impact of policy reforms and FDI on the Chinese automotive industry.

Conceptual issues regarding institutional change with focus to the institutional matrices framework was the topic of Svetlana Kirdina (Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering, Novosibirsk). In the same session, Caroline Vincencini (University of Paris-I) explored the usefulness of the path-dependence concept concerning the evolution of ownership structures and, Lyazid Kichou and Christian Palloix (University of Picardie) presented the institutional and organisational arrangements in Algeria.

In the panel "State, FDI and economic growth", the role of globalisation in improving governance was discussed by Frederico Bonaglia, Jorge Braga de Macedo and Maurizio Bussolo (OECD), while Katerina Lyroudi, John Papanastasiou and Thanassis Vamvakidis (University of Macedonia) established some links between FDI and economic growth. Jennifer Foo (Stetson University) and Jane Sung (Truman State University) made an assessment of the governance obstacles, the State capture and foreign investment in the transition economies, then Madeleine Andreff (University of Marne-la-Vallée) and Wladimir Andreff (University of Paris-I) estimated the comparative attractiveness of CEE and Maghreb countries to French firms.

Firms as organisations, governance, control and contractual arrangements was the main issues developed by Bruno Dallago of the University of Trento ("Corporate governance, governance paradigms and economic transformation"), Yorgos Rizopoulos of the University of Picardie and Leonidas Maroudas of the University of the Aegean ("The Russian firm in an organisational perspective"), Tatiana Dolgopiatova of the Higher School of Economics of Moscow ("Corporate control in the Russian industry. Actors and mechanisms") and Svetlana Avdasheva of the Higher School of Economics of Moscow too ("Tolling contracts in Russian industries: an institutional perspective).

Interesting insights was developed by Cécile Grégoire-Borzeda (University of Paris-I) regarding a multidimensional approach of restructuring as an institutional and organisational innovation and by Petia Koleva (EHESS) on the enterprise restructuring determinants, while the learning process of contractual relations in Hungary was the topic discussed by Frédéric Sechaud (CNAM). Barbara Despiney (University of Paris-I) proposed a neo-Marshallian interpretation of the Polish regional development and,

Natalia Agapitova and Pascal Chauchefoin (University of Poitiers) analysed the regional dimension of contractual and conventional networking in Russia.

In the last plenary session on "Budget constraints and fiscal reform" three papers were discussed. In an analytical contribution, Andrei Shastitko and Vitali Tambovtsev (State University of Moscow) discussed the soft budget constraints theoretical framework. Greetje Everaert (University of Louvain) and Antje Hildebrandt (Humboldt University of Berlin) presented a model for firm level evidence of soft budget constraints in Bulgaria and Romania. Andrei Yakovlev of the Higher School of Economics of Moscow focussed on the informal tax competition at the regional level in Russia.

In parallel, a round table was organised on the regional cooperation and the Stability Pact in the Balkans. Daniela Heimerl (Documentation Française) presented an in depth analysis of the EU politics in this region, Dusko Lopandic (Institute for Economic Sciences of Belgrade) questioned the institutional framework for cooperation in the Balkans and Assen Slim specified the national trajectories in the Balkan transformations. Debates were stimulating and the general atmosphere of the Conference was favorable to both scientific and social contact. The event was also a timely opportunity to boost ties with the Association.

The conference proceedings will be published on CD-ROM and selected papers will be published in the EAST-WEST Journal of Economics and Business.

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5. Bibliographic Information.

This section aims to identify the most important journals, using the "impact factor" from the Journal Citation Reports (JCR) of the Social Sciences Citation Index. A quality analysis of these kinds of journals is not the intention.

During the second part of the 1990's the structure of the journals about the Economics of Transition changed. For instance, some journals have consolidated their influence, for example Post-Communist Economies, Economics of Transition, China Economic Review and Economics of Planning. We can group the journals about the Economics of Transition which appear in the Journal Citation Reports into three blocks. In the first, Post-Soviet Affairs and Journal of Comparative Economics. Of the journals about the Economics of Transition, they frequently appear in the two highest position in the citation report (for instance in 2000 24th. and 42nd) In the second, we find Post-Communist Economies, Economics of Transition, China Economic Review, Europe-Asia Studies y Post-Soviet Geography and Economics which generally occupy average positions. In the third, the last journals can usually be found in the lower positions in the list and the case of Economics of Planning, Revue d'Etudes Comparatives Est-Ouest, Eastern European Economics and Problems of Economics Transition.

The latter journal is made up of a selection of papers, published in Russian journals and translated into

English and in the year 2000 it wasn't included in the JCR list.

The Economics of Transition through the journals included in the Journal Citation Reports of the Social Sciences Citation Index, 1996-2000.

Journals	2000		1999		1998		1997		1996	
	Impact Factor	No. (*)	Impact Factor	No. (*)	Impact Factor	No. (*)	Impact Factor	No. (*)	Impact Factor	No. (*)
Post-Soviet Affairs	1116,1	24	679	56	781	40	639	52	1273	17
Journal of Comparative Economics	884	42	917	38	688	48	717	43	1270	18
Post-Communist Economies (**)	538	78	475	81	462	80	333	43		
Economics of Transition	418	98	551	69			318	101		
China Economic Review	409	101	440	91	500	75	333	97		
Europe-Asia Studies	394	106	308	117	574	63	771	38	1009	29
Post-Soviet Geography and Economics	362	114	551	69	655	53	758	40	709	43
Economics of Planning	130	153	91	152	227	130				
Revue d'Etudes Comparatives Est-Ouest	115	156	213	134	55	156	117	146	286	105
Eastern European Economics	62	162	103	152	98	149	163	136	245	109
Problems of Economic Transition			0	163	27	159	16	158	36	138
Total of journals per year (in the Economics section in JCR)		166		165		161		161		140

(*) N° is the ranking of the journal in the Economics section in the JCR.

(**) Post-Communist Economies and Communist Economies and Economic Transformation are one and the same so in the listing for 2000 the impact factor has been amalgamated.

Source: Own elaboration from Journal of Citation Reports (years 1997-2001).

Some details can be underlined about these kinds of journals. The two journals in the first block are American. Post-Communist Economies, formerly Communist Economies and Economic Transformation has become one of the most important journals about the Economics of Transition. Similarly, the Economics of Transition (journal edited by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development) has usually been placed in a good position.

China Economic Studies was created in 1991 and first appeared in the JCR during the second part of the 1990's. Europe-Asia Studies, formerly Soviet Studies, is one of the oldest journals that specialises in the socialist economies and, in particular, in the Soviet economy. Up until the first part of the 1990's, the contents of Post-Soviet Geography and Economics was characterised by Geography, but in more recent years the number of papers published about economy have increased. Economics of Planning is a journal with a long tradition about the studies of planned economies yet it only appeared in the JCR after 1998. Revue d'Etudes Comparatives Est-Ouest is the only French journal to be found in the JCR and Eastern European Economics analyses the transition in the Central and Eastern European countries excluding Russia.

It should be repeated that the aim of this work is not to analyse the quality of the journals specialised in the Economics of Transition. This work simply tries to confirm that some journals present a relevant impact in the academic world when considering the level of citation of the papers which are published. In this way,

these journals have a special interest. Due to this, the intention of this work is to present a new section for the EACES Newsletter where papers published in the last issues of those journals and selected in the JCR, will appear.

6. Up-dating the Association Website

The Association Website

<<http://eaces.gelso.unitn.it/eaces/eaces.htm>>

is now very much out of date. Members are invited to send or update their own details (cvs, publications etc.) and any other relevant information. Information may be sent either directly to the site or to the Secretary at <chapman@lumsa.it>. Members are also invited to contribute items of information for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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