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1. OFFICIAL NEWS

1.1. Briefing on the Eaces Managing Board Meeting, Belgrade, December 1st, 2002.

Three of the four EACES Managing Board members met in Belgrade, December 1st 2002, namely: Daniel Daianu (President), Milica Uvalic (Vice-President), Liviu Voinea (Secretary Executive). The meeting was also attended by Vittorio Valli, who presented an advanced proposal for the EACES e-journal.

The following decisions, subject to approval by the EACES Executive Committee, have been made:

1. The Managing Board supported the initiative for launching an EACES electronic journal, distributed free of charge on-line.

The title suggested for the journal is: *The European Journal of Comparative Economic Studies*. The title is subject to the approval by the Executive Board. The journal will have the logo of EACES to the right and the logo of LIUC to the left.

Editors of the EACES Journal will be Vittorio Valli (LIUC) and Michael Keren (Hebrew University).

Following suggestions were made regarding the Scientific Committee: Irma Aderman, Wlodzimerz Brus, Ronald Dore, Janos Kornai, Marie Lavigne, Angus Madison, (EACES honorary members), Daniel Daianu (EACES current president), Milica Uvalic (EACES current vice-president), Wladimir Andreff, Laszlo Csaba, Bruno Dallago, Mario Nuti, Hans Jurgen Wagener (EACES former presidents) Marek Dabrowski, David Kemme, Jorge Braga do Macedo, Klaus Meyer, Radu Vranceanu.

The EACES Journal will be published, initially, twice a year. In 2003, the first issue is scheduled for mid-year, and the second issue for end-year. The language of publication is English. The Journal will collect two types of articles: invited papers (in charge: Michael Keren) and call for papers (in charge: Vittorio Valli).

The table of subjects comprises:

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For B2, B3 and C1 subjects a minimum pool of 6 referees is deemed necessary. For the other subjects, a minimum pool of 4 referees is required.

The reviewing procedure is the following: the author sends his/her paper to LIUC, where it is randomly resent (without the name of the author) to three referees who are experts on the chosen subject. The positive response of at least two referees makes the paper acceptable for publication and only those filtered in this way are sent to editors. The editors make the final choice and LIUC takes care of publication. The referees have 0-10 points each; 6 points are sufficient for a paper to pass. The paper is acceptable if the sum of the points of the first two referees who answer is minimum 12; otherwise the paper is rejected.

Each member of the Executive Board is kindly asked to suggest at least two names of experts for each of the area subjects identified above.

2. A second point on the agenda was to set a date and a location for a full Executive Board Meeting. A suggestion is Dubrovnik, with the occasion of the EACES conference to be held there in April 2003, 10th to 12th (from Thursday to Saturday). Members of the Executive Board are kindly asked to express their views on this issue.

3. On other topics, the issue was raised on identifying the next seminars/ conferences to be organized by EACES, and on the theme for them; no decision has been made, except for asking Executive Committee members to come up with suggestions on these aspects. The need to attract new members to the Association was also singled out. A list with European Universities will be put together in the future in order to inform them about EACES events. Also, each member of the Executive Board is kindly asked to recommend two young students (name/affiliation/e-mail) from their university/ research center who might be interested in EACES activities.

Daniel Daianu	Liviu Voinea
EACES President	EACES Secretary Executive

2. CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS.

2.1. Seminars in the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (2003).

5 February: - Economic and Social History Seminar (SIPS) Dzerzhinsky and the Cheka, by Iain Lauchlan (Oxford) - Soviet Trade Unions in the 1930s, by Junbae Jo (REES)

5 March: - The Soviet Economy after Stalin by Phil Hanson (CREES) - End of a Tyrant: Remembering Stalin's Death Fifty Years, by Bob Davies and others

7 May: - The Komsomol, by Juliane Fürst (LSE/Oxford) -The Myth of the Cheka, by Julie Elkner (Cambridge). More information:

<http://www.crees.bham.ac.uk/events/forthcoming.htm>

2.2. Does global competition and economic integration lead to changes in social institutions that enhance or decrease trust?; Aspen Institute and the William Davidson Institute, 14-16 March, 2003, Aspen, Colorado (US).

In September of 2001, the Aspen Institute and the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan jointly organized a conference on the "Impacts of Cross-Border Business Interactions on Social Institutions." The theme of the conference was that "international business interactions - including international trade and investment - have great influence on our society, often acting as catalysts, or even the primary forces, that lead to change in social institutions, human behavior, and all dimensions of development." Business and economics research often focuses on the impact of institutions on business and economic behavior. This conference featured discussion of the opposite link: how business and economic concerns lead to changes in social institutions. The angle we adopted was that social institutions represent an equilibrium that changes when the population of players changes. International business interactions are a way for new players to enter the economy, and can thus be a catalyst of social institutional change.

To continue the efforts to understand the effects of international business interactions on social institutions, the organization of conference would like to solicit papers for a second conference:

- Deadline for submission of a 3 to 4 page abstract: Monday, July 22nd, 2002.
- Notification of acceptance: Friday, September 6th, 2002.
- Preliminary conference: Ann Arbor, Michigan, Nov. 15-17, 2002.
- Final Conference: Aspen, Colorado, March 14-16, 2003.

The theme for the conference is: "Does globalization lead to changes in social institutions that enhance or decrease 'trust' in managerial behavior?". The schematic thought is as follows. Trust is an important ingredient for successful transactions. Some may argue that trust between strangers is a critical thread in the moral fabric of economically successful societies. Without trust, transacting parties will be in a non-cooperative mode and their interactions will be extraordinarily difficult and inefficient. Critical to sustaining this *general trust* is a complex web of social institutions that include market mechanisms, signaling devices, selection and self-selection mechanisms, public regulations, rules, traditions, norms and standards enforced by self-regulatory bodies like professional societies and communities. These social institutions convert individualistic and non-cooperative behavior into cooperative behavior, and possibly engender the general trust that is essential to the operation of a free market economy. The development of these external means varies from one society to another. Substitution of these external means by

internal organizations (e.g., conglomerates, business groups) is also known to exist. Some may argue that the substitution is no less effective in enhancing trust. Increasing world economic integration and competition can lead to changes in social institutions that change the levels and/or kinds of general trust, and can even redefine acceptable social behavior. Globalization changes the competition level and payoffs to various kinds of behavior. These changes can then in turn change the need to establish "trust" around commercial behaviors. There would be possible changes in domestic and international government regulations, and/or the need for private regulations by quasi-government organizations and professional bodies. All these in turn influence people's inclination to trust and to develop trustworthy behavior. For example, open international competition in capital markets can force governments and regulatory bodies to improve their oversight of financial markets, banks, and other economic institutions. Analogous developments include changing the standards of judicial efficiency, employer-employee relations, product liabilities, intellectual property rights, changes in international regulatory environment and agreements (e.g., bilateral and multilateral treaties governing trade and investment), and numerous other aspects of economic and social development. In addition, these developments or changes in the competition level as a result of increased international openness may lead firms to change the nature of their behavior—and the level of or kinds of trust they display in their behavior. Just as changes in global competition and the entry of new market players may change the level of trust in commercial behaviors, they may also have an impact on other types of trust already present in a society. For example, in settings where most necessary transactions have previously been conducted on the basis of established social relationships, another type of trust, an increased reliance on more arms-length transactions may conceivably increase a reliance on one form of trust while decreasing reliance on the other. Indeed, increased use of arms-length transactions does not have the presumption to enhance inter-personal trust, it may reduce the reliance on personal relationship and trust. It is this complex interplay of impacts to examine.

In this convening, the Conference is interested in deepening our previous discussion in a more focused manner. The Conference would like to focus on identifiable trust exhibited in managerial behavior, including corporate governance, employer-employee relationships, and firm-to-firm behavior (with competitor firms, with suppliers, and customer firms). The Organization of Conference welcomes theoretical and empirical research that focuses on the relationship between these target dependent variables and social institutions, and the relationship between global competition and economic integration and social institutions. In particular, is interested in how globalization changes the target dependent variables via changing social institutions. Also, she is

particularly interested in research results that can influence practitioners in business and in public policies, and that can be integrated into classroom discussions and business school curriculum.

Here is a set of possible research questions:

- Descriptions of instances of international business dealings which have affected the historical development of social institutions in different countries and cultures, and therefore led to changes in managerial behavior and the trust which they reflect.
- Explorations of how openness to the global economy relates to contemporary institutional changes associated with change in trust in managerial behavior. Does the change have a positive or negative effect on economic efficiency? On individual's welfare? Are the effects uniform or individual and firm specific?.
- The analysis of examples, either successful or unsuccessful, of how economic openness has led to the transplanting from one country to another of the social institutions associated with fostering trust in managerial behavior.
- Analysis of which sorts of social institutions are necessary or sufficient to enhance levels of general trust in managerial behavior, and of whether or not these institutions can be successfully transplanted.
- Is a convergence of social institutions necessary to achieve the levels of trust in managerial behavior needed to sustain economic functioning, or can different institutional arrangements foster equally well the required levels of trust to encourage investor confidence in governance and disclosure, and labor confidence in fair treatment, and business-to-business partners confidence in their contractual arrangements? In other words, are there "functional equivalents" to the norms, laws and regulations that are intended to sustain the necessary standard of managerial behavior in developed countries?.
- In depth studies categorizing how international business interactions influence social institutional development (for better or for worse).
- Studies pertinent to developing, emerging, and transition economies are especially welcome.

Submission Instructions: Send an abstract (4 pages maximum) which describes the research question, the theoretical argument, the empirical method and the anticipated results to Svetlana Corr, William Davidson Institute Program Coordinator, at corr@umich.edu by Friday, July 22, 2002. Notification of acceptance will be sent by September 6, 2002.

- *The Aspen Institute's Initiative for Social Innovation through Business*: Founded in 1950, The Aspen Institute is a global forum for leveraging the power of leaders to improve the human condition. Aspen ISIB was launched in 1998 as a policy program of the Institute; its mission is to increase the supply of business

leaders who understand and who seek to balance the complex relationship between business success and social progress.

- *The William Davidson Institute* is a non-profit, independent, research and educational institute dedicated to developing and disseminating expertise on issues affecting firms in transition economies. The Davidson Institute's mission is to understand, support and promote the transformation of transition and emerging market economies into advanced market economies through research, education and outreach initiatives.

2.3. Annual Conference of The British Association of Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES), 29-31 March 2003, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

More information:

www.basees.org.uk

2.4. International Conference "Modernization of Russian Economy: Social Context", April 2 – 4, 2003, Moscow (Russia).

Organisation: State University – Higher School of Economics. The Conference will review interim results of the Russian economic reforms, analyze global challenges in economic and social policy, issues of state modernization, and discuss perspectives of further economic development in Russia and its social orientation. Topics: Macroeconomic Policy, Institutional and Structural Reforms, Social Policy, Modernization of the State and Law, Social Aspects of the Transformation Processes.

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2.5. International Conference titled "The Monetary Policy Role of Currency Boards: History and Practice." April 11-12, 2003, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Organisation: The Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

· *Planning of conference*: The first theme would be a key note speech on the general trends in central banking over the last 20 years, focusing on the decreasing amount of discretion awarded to central banks in the conduct of monetary policy. Second theme would be presentations of specific European country experiences with currency boards. The third theme would contain lessons learned from the Argentinean experience and, lastly, the fourth theme would be on European currency boards and the euro. Other themes: "Flexibility of Currency Boards: An Oxymoron or Reality?" This last session is envisioned as a survey of academic work on the contemporary practices of blending the currency board rules with limited elements of flexibility (e.g. changes in reserve requirement, issuance of bills or lender of last resort functions.). Organisation intends to publish the papers

presented at the conference as well as those selected by the scientific organising committee.

· *Submission invitation*: Proposed papers should be related to this particular aspect of the monetary policy practice of currency boards.

· *Submission items and deadlines*: Abstracts of proposed papers will be evaluated for inclusion on the conference program. The early abstract deadline for submission of an abstract for a proposed paper is January 31, 2003. Higher quality abstracts meeting the early submission deadline will obtain a confirmed slot on the program. The final abstract deadline for submission of an abstract for a proposed paper is February 28, 2003. The paper deadline for the submission of the paper to be presented at the conference is April 1, 2003.

· *Submission format*: Submit paper abstract via email as PDF or MS Word files to conference@cbbh.ba. Any questions should be directed to this address as well.

2.6. International Workshop “Comparing Russian and Chinese Institutions: What Are the Questions?” Seattle, 12 April 2003. Organisation: Research Center for International Economics.

More information:

Judith Thornton

karyiu@u.washington.edu

<http://faculty.washington.edu/karyiu/confer/searc03/index.htm>

2.7. International Labour Networking Conference, May 2-3, 2003. University of Leeds.

Organised by the Leeds Working Group.

The aim of this conference is to provide a forum for a critical discussion of the new politics and practices underpinning the current wave of international labour networking. There is much discussion regarding a new wave of labour internationalism due to economic, political and, not least, technological developments. A range of initiatives, networks and actions appear to be traversing the world of organised labour. However, what is the extent and nature of this new turn in the politics and activity of international labour? A short abstract of 400-500 words is to be sent by 10th January. Papers are to be presented at the conference and subsequently made available through a dedicated website. Edited publications will also emerge from the selected conference interventions. Contributions and case studies will be accepted from academic and activist oriented individuals and organisations. Please send abstracts to the organisers. Further information from: Steve Walker (s.walker@lmu.ac.uk) Leeds Metropolitan University), Social Movement Informatics Research Group, School of Information Management, Leeds Metropolitan University, Leeds LS6 3SQ, UK.

2.8. 8th Annual European Conference on the History of Economics (ECHE 2003) Economics and

Exile: Émigrés in the history of 20th century economics, May 2-4, 2003 Technical University of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal.

The 20th century witnessed large movements of population within Europe and from the latter to the United States, amongst which were people of great creativity in economics and the social sciences. Bringing with them varied scientific, political and cultural backgrounds and personal experience, they arrived in what was often a radically new environment, and, in the course of that confrontation, produced new work. The history of 20th century economics owes a great deal to such émigrés, yet the attention paid here to the particular effects of displacement and exile on creativity has been relatively small, and pale in comparison to the treatment of the topic in the histories of art and science. The conference is offered in the belief that much remains to be discovered about émigrés in the history of 20th century economics. Further information from: José Luís Cardoso (jcardoso@iseg.utl.pt), CISEP-2003 ECHE, Rua Miguel Lupi, 20 P-1200 Lisbon, PORTUGAL Phone: +351- 213 925 981; Fax: +351- 213 967 309; Conference website:

<http://pascal.iseg.utl.pt/~cisep/ECHE/index.htm>

2.9 VII Congress of Economic Transition, 8-9, May, 2003, Valencia (Spain).

Organisation: Unity of Research “Social Formations in Transition”, Department of Applied Economics, University of Valencia.

Inscriptions: Inscription by applying for it through mail or e-mail to the organisation committee in Spain.

Presentation of works. Papers: Papers require compulsory and public defence at the Congress. It cannot exceed more than 20 pages (DIN A4, double space). The Committee of Organisation will send a certificate to the authors in recognition for the defence of the paper. Communications: Communications do not require to be defended at the Congress. It cannot exceed more than 10 pages (DIN A4, double space). The Committee of Organisation will send a certificate to the authors in recognition for the presentation of the paper // The definitive version of the documents should be sent in paper and in diskette (or by e-mail), in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel (for tables) format.

The *deadline* for the presentation of papers and communications. Summary: March, 21, 2003. Definitive document: April, 16, 2003. // The Committee will communicate to the authors the admission of the documents.

Congress dynamics. Every session will consist on the defence of the papers by their authors for a period of 20 minutes. Afterwards, someone, previously designed by the Committee, will start the discussion on the paper presented by pointing out some constructive remarks. Then, the public can participate on an open discussion about the paper. There will be sessions in the morning and in the evening.

The documents to be presented in the Congress will be available for those who are participating. The documents will be sent by e-mail.

Publication of papers. The Committee reserves itself the chance to publish the papers defended at the Congress, with the permission of authors.

More information: UI. Formaciones Sociales en Transición / Departamento de Economía Aplicada / Universidad de Valencia / Edificio Departamental Oriental / Campus dels Tarongers / Avda. Tarongers, s/n / 46022-Valencia / Spain.

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www.uv.es/uifst

2.10. 4th International Conference "Chemical and Petrochemical Industries of Russia, the CIS and Central & Eastern Europe". 22 - 23 May 2003, The Sheraton Frankfurt Hotel & Towers, Germany.

Conferences organised by Global Business Forums and Fabien Lundy, IFP, France.

This well-established two-day event will provide a comprehensive insight into the current state of the chemical and petrochemical industries in the region. Key industry players from Russia, the CIS and Eastern Europe will address their approach to current industry trends; outline their strategies, plans, objectives and needs for further development, and at the same time highlight areas for collaboration and joint venture partnerships with international organisations and suppliers. More information:

[http://www.gbusforums.com/germany frankfurt/gbfset.frank.htm](http://www.gbusforums.com/germany/frankfurt/gbfset.frank.htm)

2.11. Fifth International Conference "Enterprise in Transition" 22nd - 24th May, 2003. Split, Croatia.

This conference will have two focus areas: 1). Institutions, investment and integrations and 2) New challenges for the enterprise in transition. More information: Phone: +385 21 430 600/430 700, Fax: +385 21 430 701;

<http://www.efst.hr/eitconf> / E-mail: eitconf@efst.hr

2.12. Public Relations – An Instrument for Transformation and Development of Higher Education in Central Eastern Europe. May 23-25, 2003, University of Economics, Poznan, Poland.

This conference will discuss current reforms and development issues as they pertain to higher education and how to forge good working relations ships and create strong competition between public universities and newly established private universities. Proposals papers should be about the image of institutions of higher education, differences in the public relations strategies of private and state-owned schools of higher education, fund raising, differences in the visual identity of private and state-owned schools, role of alumni association as multupliders of a positive images, role of ranking in creating positive images of a university and university newspapers and editing houses.

Deadline for submission: abstract by February 15, 2003 and complete papers by March 15, 2003.

Information: Jacek Trêbecki, Chairman of the Organizing Committee:

kpr@novci1.ae.poznan.pl

2.13. International Conference on Global Regulation, May 29-31, 2003, University of Sussex, UK.

Regulation has recently come back to the centre of public and specialist attention, as testified by major publications, academic and political events, and not least by the prominence of mass protests. Contrary to the prediction of further liberalisation and deregulation, the trend in the past few years has been towards the construction of a thick maze of international regulatory structures and apparatuses. But what is the meaning of global regulation? Is it the harbinger of a proto-global state modeled on Western liberal states? Is it evidence for the entrenchment of a particular transnational class power? The expansion of a managerial discourse and technocratic capitalism on a global scale? Or perhaps none of the above? This conference bring together scholars from a wide variety of disciplines concerned with issues dealing with grounded and theoretical issues pertaining to the regulatory responses to contemporary capitalist globalisation.

· Topics: Codes of Conduct and Corporate Responsibility; Regulation of the Body and Pornography; Communication, Emancipation and the Internet; NGOs, Expertise and Technology; Labour Market Regulation & Migration; Resources and Property Rights; Accountancy and Transparency; Private Military Security.

· Please send abstracts by 20 November 2002 to: Libby Assassi (address below).

· Further information:

RIPE office (RIPE@sussex.ac.uk), Arts E 408, School of Social Sciences, University of Sussex, Brighton, Falmer BN1 9QN Phone: + 44 (0) 1273 678064 Fax: + 44 (0) 1273 673563.

2.14. Workshop on "Interactions between Labor and Financial Markets". May 30-31, 2003, Bonn (Germany).

Call for Papers: It is important to understand interactions between financial and labor markets to explain economic behavior. Moreover, it is interesting to investigate the welfare effects of policies and institutions in either of the two markets taking into account their interdependence. Little research has been done on interactions between labor and financial markets. The goal of the workshop is to bring together researchers working in this emerging area of research. Both theoretical and empirical submissions are welcome.

Please email your draft (a draft of a paper is preferred but abstracts will also be considered) to the address below by January 31, 2003. It is expected that 10-12 papers will be presented over 2 days, 1 hour per paper

including discussants' comments. Travel expenses and accommodations will be covered according to IZA travel guidelines. Organizers: Torben Andersen (University of Aarhus and IZA) and Winfried Koeniger (IZA)

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http://www.iza.org/en/calls_conferences/fin_labor_may_2003

2.15. CEPR/WDI Annual Conference on Transition Economics, July 3-5, 2003, Budapest, Hungary.

You are invited to submit a paper for the Annual International Conference on Transition Economics organized by the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and the William Davidson Institute (WDI) will be hosted by The Institute of Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (IEHAS) and the Economics Department of the Central European University (EDCEU).

The conference will take place in Budapest, Hungary from Thursday 3 July until Saturday 5 July. It will provide a forum for leading economists and other social scientists working on transition and on broader issues of development and institutional change to meet, present new research, develop collaborative relationships, and complete ongoing research. The conference will also bring together key policy-makers in the region with these researchers, facilitating discussion and exchange of ideas.

Funding is available for travel and accommodation expenses, but it is expected that participants with grants will use these to cover their own expenses, and thereby free up space for others. It is anticipated that demand will exceed the space available, so strong preference will be given to those who plan to stay for the entire duration of the conference. We would be grateful if you could inform your colleagues about this opportunity. We would like to attract a diverse group including women, young academics, and researchers from emerging and transition economy countries.

Contact: Janet Seabrook (jseabrook@cepr.org) or by fax at (44 20) 7878 2999. All applications must reach Janet by Monday 10 February 2003. Those who would like to submit a paper should include a one-page abstract and copy of the paper with your reply form. Your participation will be confirmed in March.

More information:

(www.wdi.bus.umich.edu/research/call/).

2.16. First International Confederation of Associations for Pluralism in Economics (ICAPE) Conference: The Future of Heterodox Economics, June 5-7, 2003, Linda Hall Library, UMKC, Kansas City, USA.

Founded in 1993, ICAPE is a consortium of 40 organizations working cooperatively to foster pluralism in the analytical perspectives, methods, policy

discourse, and education of professional economists. Now, almost ten years on, ICAPE is sponsoring its first conference: on the future of heterodox economics around the world. This conference will afford unique opportunities for dialogue among diverse schools of thought and across intellectual generations: among "elders" (senior scholars who have inspired the revival of heterodox economics over the past 20-30 years), "youth" (innovative younger scholars, including those associated with the Post-Autistic Economics movement and the authors of the open letters issued recently from Cambridge University and the AFEE Summer School), and many others in between. In all, the purpose of this conference is to create new resources - energy, ideas, debates, alliances, and projects - for the future of heterodox economics, and indeed of economics itself, internationally. The conference fee is \$120 (including lunches, tea/coffee/juice, and a conference dinner) and is payable upon acceptance of your proposal. No fee is required to submit a proposal. If your journal or organization would like to join ICAPE, please contact John T. Harvey (j.harvey@home.net), Professor of Economics, TCU Box 298510, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX 76129 or visit our web site: (<http://www.econ.tcu.edu/icare/main.html>). Further information from: Rob Garnett (r.garnett@tcu.edu), Department of Economics, Box 298510, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX 76129.

2.17. Second IZA/SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, June 5-8, 2003, Bavaria, Germany.

IZA Fellows and Affiliates as well as members of the Society of Labor Economics are invited to submit abstracts of papers they wish to present to Ticke Maurer, IZA, P.O.Box 7240, D-53072 Bonn, Germany. The deadline for submission is January 31st, 2003. You may email your abstract to maurer@iza.org or fax it to (+49) 228-38-94-180. Only an abstract is necessary. A paper is not required at this stage. The program committee exists of Daniel S. Hamermesh, 2001 Past President of SOLE, and Gerard A. Pfann, IZA Research Director. Decisions of acceptance or rejection will be taken by the program committee and will be announced no later than April 15th, 2003. More information: (<http://www.iza.org/>).

2.18. Fifth International Workshop on Institutional Economics "Explaining the Firm: Transaction Costs or Capabilities?", 25-27 June 2003, University of Hertfordshire, UK.

Organisation: Centre for Research in Institutional Economics. Further information: (www.herts.ac.uk/business/esst/Staff/g-hodgson/CRIE.htm) or (www.herts.ac.uk/business) and either click on "Research" or find Geoff Hodgson's web site in the directory of staff.

2.19. International Conference “Resource Politics and Security in a Global Age”, June 26-28, 2003, University of Sheffield, UK.

Organisation: Political Economy Research Centre.

In a world marked by insecurity and interdependence the struggle for control and exploitation of key material resources lies at the heart of much international conflict and diplomacy. It is a source of tension between advanced capitalist states and between poorer, ‘developing’ states and, of course, quintessentially between the two categories of states. Security and prosperity in the former state depends crucially on maintaining resource availability. Development, and sometimes survival, in the latter states depend just as much on access to and exploitation of key resource endowments. Many of the clashes of interest which characterise the post-Cold-War global age thus revolve around what might be called ‘resource politics’. We are seeking papers in three main areas: 1) Case studies of particular strategic resources and the conflicts around them. Examples include oil and water as well as other energy sources, diamonds, bauxite, crops, fish, and land; 2) Case studies of particular cockpits of tension in respect of resources (such as Central Asia, the Middle East, and Southern Africa); 3) Analytical reflections on: i) the definition and measurement of resources; ii) the problems faced by advanced capitalist states in planning for security in the light of their strategic vulnerability in relation to certain resources; iii) the opportunities opened up for states that control strategic resources; iv) the overall consequences of tensions over resources for existing and prospective international regimes. Abstracts must be submitted by 1st March 2003. Further information from: Sylvia McColm (s.mccolm@sheffield.ac.uk), Political Economy Research Centre, Elmfield, Northumberland Road, Sheffield S10 2TY, United Kingdom. Tel: +44 (0) 114 222 0660; Fax: +44 (0) 114 275 5921 More details of conference timetable etc can be found on the conference website at

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/~perc/resourcepol/>

2.20. Inaugural History of Economic Society Workshop on Teaching Undergraduate History of Economics, July, 5-6, 2003, Duke University, USA.

The inaugural History of Economics Society Workshop will be held in conjunction with the HES meetings at Duke University. The workshop will begin Saturday, July 5 at 6pm with a keynote speaker, and will end with the HES banquet on Sunday, July 6. The Workshop is being organized by the Society's Committee on Undergraduate Education (Avi Cohen, Jerry Evensky, Sherry Kasper), which was created out of concern for the future of the history of economics, given its declining presence in the undergraduate economics curriculum. Further information: Avi J. Cohen (avicohen@yorku.ca). Details, registration fees and other information are also be posted on the Society website

(<http://www.eh.net/HE/HisEcSoc/>).

2.21. 5th Annual Conference of the Association of Heterodox Economics, July, 8-9, 2003, Nottingham Trent University, UK.

Building on the success of previous conferences, this year the AHE conference returns to Nottingham, location of its inaugural meeting. All economists are encouraged to come together and hear a diversity of papers on topics not well represented in mainstream economics. Papers from a plurality of perspectives and topic areas are encouraged. Please send an abstract of up to 500 words for your proposed paper (one per person) to the address below. Please note that the deadline for submission is 1st March 2003. The Conference will take place over two days, with four parallel tracks and two plenary sessions. Further information: Association of Heterodox Economics, c/o Veronica Forster (Veronica.Forster@ntu.ac.uk), Department of Economics and Politics, Nottingham Trent University, Burton Street Nottingham, NG1 4BU, UNITED KINGDOM and see (www.hetecon.com).

2.22. International West-East Conference “Accounting and Finance in Transition: European and Asian Experiences and Public Policy Considerations”, 10-12th July 2003, London, UK.

The University of Greenwich, in collaboration with its long-standing Chinese partners Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Beijing Renmin University of China and Jinan University, is organising a major international conference devoted to current issues facing accounting and finance during periods of rapid economic and social change. The conference will examine not only issues related to the transition from a command to a market-oriented economy and its implications for accounting and finance, but also all other aspects of accounting and finance in times of rapid social and economic change. Papers in any area of accounting and finance are welcome, especially those that address issues such as the failure of classical models and methodologies to grasp the nuances of emerging markets. Privatisation is also a natural topic for consideration, particularly if the authors relate the influence of privatisation to the development of the accounting and finance profession, and its processes and procedures. Papers on accounting and finance issues in the EU are also welcome. These may address the role of the EU as a major regulatory player, and also issues related to the EU's influence on the development of accounting frameworks throughout Europe, in both EU member countries and those countries that are existing and prospective candidate for entry to the EU. Papers in International Business (International Finance and Financial Strategy) are also welcome, as well as those dealing with the future of accounting/finance profession(s). Comparative studies on the development of the accounting profession in emerging markets are of particular interest for one of the conference tracks. The above list of topics is by no

means exclusive, and any paper dealing with any issue facing the accounting and finance professions in the 21st century will find a positive response from the International Programme Committee. The International Programme Committee comprises over thirty scholars from Eastern and Western Europe, China and SE Asia, the USA and Australia, including a number of editors of learned journals, with a background in accounting, economics, finance, law and other social sciences. We believe that the composition of the Programme Committee demonstrates our commitment to select papers that provide both traditional and multi-disciplinary approaches to accounting and finance, and which may come from various disciplines. Comparative, cross-cultural and multi-disciplinary approaches are strongly encouraged.

Authors are invited to submit a full paper (in triplicate and electronically) by 15th April 2003, although it would be desirable if they could contact the Organising Committee regarding their intention to submit a paper prior to this date. Notification of acceptance will be sent to all successful authors by 31st May 2003, while completed papers, taking into consideration referees' comments, will have to be submitted by 5th July 2003. All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings and on CD-ROM. It is also expected that a selection of revised papers will appear in a book published by a reputable academic publisher and in a symposia issue of a journal. Currently the organisers agreed symposia issue of: *Managerial Finance*, *MOCT-MOST* and the *European Journal of Management and Public Policy*. Selected authors have to agree to work closely with the editor(s) to ensure that their contributions are produced on time and reflect advice given by the anonymous referees and the editors. There is no submission fee, but all accepted authors are expected to pay a discounted conference fee (10 per cent discount). There is additional 5 per cent 'early bird' discount for those who register and pay the conference fee before May 1st 2003.

The Conference will have a number of tracks, including (tentatively): The EU and its influence, Central and Eastern Europe, Public Finance and Public Policy, the Future of the Profession and Accounting Methodology, China and Asia and, Young Scholars. It is also possible that one track will be organised and presented in Chinese (Mandarin).

The Conference will take place in the historical setting of the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich (London), which is now the home of the University of Greenwich Business School, between 9th and 12th July 2003. Participants will be housed in single/double ensuite rooms in the newly built University's Cutty Sark Halls of Residence in Greenwich, Southeast London. The University will also be able to assist participants in booking a room in one of Greenwich's hotels or bed and breakfasts (BBs), if they choose to do so. All accepted participants will be sent information on accommodation and other technical issues with the acceptance letter. It is expected that the full conference

fee will be GBP 545 (which covers lunches, dinners, refreshments and a social programme during the conference, four nights accommodation in the University Halls of Residence, along with all the conference materials). 'Conference only' fee will be GBP 295.

A conference web site will be up and running in late February 2003, where all up-to-date information will be posted. Registration for conference will commence on 1st March 2003. Meanwhile, please contact the Organising Committee if you require any further information. More information:

Acc-Conf.2003@gre.ac.uk
and fax: +44-(0)20-8331-9005.

2.23. 21st International Conference of the System Dynamics Society "Economic Dynamics", July, 20-24, 2003, New York, USA.

Further information: Michael J. Radzicki (mjrads@wpi.edu), Associate Professor of Economics, Department of Social Science & Policy Studies, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609-2280, USA; Tel: (508) 831-5767 (Office: WPI); (508) 831-5896 (Fax: WPI) and

www.systemdynamics.org

2.24. Research Conference "Microeconomic Analyses of Labor Reallocation", Kalamazoo, Michigan, August 21-23, 2003.

Studies of labor reallocation have been spurred by a number of recent developments: the perceived increasing pace of structural change, the availability of new microeconomic data (particularly involving the demand side of the labor market), and the example of drastic shifts and dislocation in the transition economies of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. This conference is sponsored jointly by IZA (Institute for the Study of Labor), Upjohn Institute for Employment Research; and WDI (William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan Business School) to promote applied research that uses micro-level data from a variety of economies, including the U.S. and other industrialized countries, and developing and transition economies. Examples of themes that could be addressed include: 1) Interfirm flows of jobs and workers, 2) Labor reallocation and productivity growth, 3) Firing costs and labor demand, 4) Other forms of adjustment costs, 5) Institutional and policy constraints on adjustment, 6) Worker mobility, 7) Restructuring and downsizing: firm and worker behavior, 8) Business start-ups and job creation, 9) Restructuring existing firms versus starting new ventures, 10) International comparisons.

Paper proposals: please send these (preferably as electronic PDF files) to Joanne Lowery (lowery@upjohn.org) by April 15, 2003. Either full papers or abstracts may be submitted, but the former will be given priority, and accepted papers in final form must be sent to discussants by August 1. Notification of acceptance will be given by May 15,

2003. The selection committee consists of John Earle and Randall Eberts (Upjohn Institute for Employment Research), Hartmut Lehmann and Gerard Pfann (IZA), and Klara Sabirianova and Katherine Terrell (WDI). All travel and accommodation costs of paper presenters will be borne by the three sponsoring organizations. Conference venue: Brook Lodge (www.hfs.msu.edu/brooklodge), a conference center developed around the late Dr. W.E. Upjohn's summer cottage in the early 20th century. About 20 minutes from Kalamazoo, 60 minutes from Lake Michigan, and 80 minutes from Ann Arbor.

More information: John Earle (earle@upjohn.org), Hartmut Lehmann (h.lehmann@hw.ac.uk), and Katherine Terrell (terrell@umich.edu).

2.25. Annual Conference History of Economic Thought, September, 3-5, 2003, University of Leeds, UK.

Please send a 300-word abstract to the conference chairperson, Giuseppe Fontana by 4 July 2003. Please use "HistEcon03Abstract" as the message header in your e-mail.

More information: (lubswww.leeds.ac.uk/UKHET/) or Giuseppe Fontana, Chairperson 2003 HET Annual Conference, Leeds University Business School, Maurice Keyworth Building, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, United Kingdom. Tel. +44 (0)113.3434503; Fax: +44 (0)113.3434465; E-mail: gf@lubs.leeds.ac.uk.

2.26. Cambridge Journal of Economics Conference Economics for the Future: "100 years of Cambridge Economics", September, 17-19, 2003, Cambridge, UK.

What is the future of economics? This question is the theme for a major conference organised by the Cambridge Journal of Economics in celebration of the centenary of the Cambridge Economics degree. The conference will feature a series of debates on the following areas: The Future of the Global Financial System The Future of Industrial Capitalism The Future of Development The Future of Economics' Relationship with other Social Sciences The Future of Economics Teaching Papers are invited in the areas of unemployment, inflation, industrial organisation, corporate behaviour and the financial system, distribution, class conflict, underdevelopment, uneven development, globalisation and international economic integration. Papers may be from a theoretical, applied, interdisciplinary or methodological perspective and the emphasis should be on realism of analysis, the development of critical perspectives, the use of empirical evidence and the construction of policy. The conference will include a 'young economists' session and a special session on 'the legacy of Joan Robinson and her circle'. As well as economics, the conference programme aims to include contributions from a range of disciplines including Geography, History, Law, Management, Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology.

Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be submitted before 31 December 2002 to: The Programme Committee, Economics for the Future Conference, Cambridge Journal of Economics, Faculty of Economics and Politics, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge CB3 9DD, UK. Papers accepted by the Programme Committee must be received by 31 June 2003. Papers should not exceed 8000 words - and, if author's wish, may be considered for inclusion in a special issue of the Cambridge Journal of Economics.

2.27. Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Fourth Annual Conference, October 2-5, 2003, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

The Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) invites panel and paper proposals for the Fourth CESS Annual Conference, October 2-5, 2003, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The event will be held at Harvard University, hosted by the Program on Central Asia and the Caucasus at Harvard's Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies. Panel and paper topics relating to all aspects of humanities and social science scholarship on Central Eurasia are welcome. The geographic domain of Central Eurasia extends from the Black Sea and Iranian Plateau to Mongolia and Siberia, including the Caucasus, Crimea, Middle Volga, Afghanistan, Tibet, and Central and Inner Asia.

Submissions of pre-organized panels are strongly encouraged and will be given some preference in the selection process. Individual papers are also welcome and will be assigned by the program committee to an appropriate panel with a chair and discussant. We also welcome attendees who do not wish to participate in a panel (see the Pre-registration Form on the conference website). The Conference Committee accepts only electronic submissions -- either by webform or by e-mail form in the case of those who don't have web access. Please contact CEES to receive the e-mail submission forms in MS Word or PDF format (please specify your preference). The following information is required for submissions; we suggest that you prepare the text before accessing the website so you can simply paste the information into the form: For paper presenters: 1) Name, 2) Current institutional affiliation, 3) Title/position, 4) E-mail, 5) Postal address, 6) Telephone, 7) Fax, 8) Title of Paper, 9) Abstract of Paper (a summary of the paper not exceeding 200 words), 10) Any audio-visual equipment requests (specify: overhead projector, slide project, video player), 11) A one-page CV which contains educational background and other information which the panel chair may require for introductions. If you are accepted and participate in the conference, your abstract will be published, so please write it carefully to avoid errors and ensure that it conforms with the criteria for a good abstract (see Guidelines for Writing Abstracts on the conference website). For panels: Proposals may be submitted for regular panels (with presentation of scholarly papers) and roundtables

(featuring discussion of a current topic in the field). Regular Panels: In addition to the information for paper presenters (as indicated above), the following are also required: a) a panel title, and b) name, affiliation, and contact information of the panel chair and discussant. Panels should have four or five paper presenters, a chair, and a discussant. The program committee can accept panel submissions which lack up to two of these; the other panel participants will be filled in as necessary. Pre-organized panels should be thematically coherent and may be organized by a scholarly organization (though this is not required). Roundtable Panels: A roundtable has four to six presenters and a chair/moderator. For roundtable proposals, the organizer must provide a paragraph describing the panel objectives and providing justification for use of the roundtable format. The same information is required of each participant as for regular panels with the exception that abstracts are not required.

Best Paper Award: There will be an award in the amount of \$500 given to the best graduate student conference paper submitted to the Awards Committee for consideration. See the CESS awards webpage for details

(http://cess.fas.harvard.edu/CESS_Awards.html), or contact the Awards Committee Chair, Prof. Gregory Gleason <ggleason@unm.edu>.

Deadline for submission of panel/paper proposals: April 4, 2003.

Notification of acceptance: June 2, 2003.

Pre-registration deadline: September 1, 2003.

Papers should be submitted to chairs/discussants: September 15, 2003

Further information:

(cess.fas.harvard.edu/CESS_Conference.html)
or (CESSconf@fas.harvard.edu).

2.28. 56th International Atlantic Economic Society Conference, 16-19 October, 2003, Québec, Canada.

Topics: public finance, public administration, transition issues and the economics of natural resources.

Submission of papers by email (vanderHoek@frg.eur.nl). The submission deadline for abstracts for organized sessions is May 15, 2003. Authors need to submit (by email) a 250-500 word abstract (no full papers) including: 1) Title (60 character limit); 2) Objectives; 3) Data/Methods; 4) Results/Expected Results; 5) Conclusion. On a separate cover page list: 1) Conference location; 2) Name; 3) Academic rank or title; 4) Affiliation; 5) Mailing address; 6) Phone and fax numbers and e-mail address; 7) Category number of topic (see listing in the Journal of Economic Literature); 8) Indicate if the paper has primarily a macro or micro focus. The full paper should be available by September 1, 2003 (6 weeks prior to the conference). More information:

www.iaes.org

2.29. International Conference “WTO, China, and the Asian Economies, II”. Beijing, China, December 17-18, 2003.

Organisation: Research Center for International Economics, University of Washington, U.S.A.; Business School, Renmin University of China, China; East-West Center, U. S. A.; Research Center for International Economics, University of Washington, U.S.A.

Economists are invited to submit papers, which provide theoretical analysis or empirical studies of the following issues, for consideration for presentation in the conference: effects of China's accession to the WTO on its own economy and/or other economies, especially other Asian economies; trade and investment relations, rivalry, and interdependence between China and other Asian economies; trade issues faced by developing countries, with or without relevance to the WTO; China and other Asian economies before, during, and after the Asian crisis; trade and currency policies of China and other Asian economies WTO and developing countries. If interested, please submit a draft of your paper (or an extended 500+ word abstract), preferably by e-mail to both Xu and Wong, stating your affiliation, academic rank, mailing and e-mail addresses, and fax and phone numbers by March 31, 2003 to: for people in Mainland China: Xu Ermin, Business School, Renmin University of China, 175 Haidian Road, Beijing, China. <emxu@public3.bta.net.cn> for people elsewhere: Kar-yiu Wong, Department of Economics, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-3330, U. S. A. <karyiu@u.washington.edu> If a paper is accepted for presentation, a final version is due on October 30, 2003. While people are encouraged to find their own funding for attending the conferences, subsidies are available to a limited number of participants to cover part of the travel/accommodation expenses. If in need, please send to Xu or Wong a note, stating the amount needed and the lowest airfare between your place and Hong Kong.

More information:

<http://faculty.washington.edu/karyiu/confer/beijing03/>
Call for papers. Comparative Economic Studies will organize a special issue on the effects of IMF programs on emerging financial markets. The focus will be on related issues, including moral hazard and the potential wealth and risk effects of IMF lending and programs in such markets. The deadline for submission is May 2003. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged. Submitted papers will go through a blind referring process. The complete papers can be submitted to: Professor Ali M. Kutun, Co-editor Comparative Economic Studies, Economics and Finance Department Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1102 (akutan@siue.edu)

3. OTHER ISSUES

3.1. Call for papers: Special edition of European Accounting Review on Transitional Economies and changing notions of accounting and accountability.

Papers are requested addressing these subjects. Contributions are welcomed from behavioural, organisational, social and more technically oriented perspectives. They may be empirical and/or theoretical in orientation. All papers will be subject to double blind review and authors are encouraged to contact the guest editors in advance should there be any matters on which they require clarification or guidance. The special issue will be published in 2004. Submissions (three copies) should be sent to Pat Sucher by 1st June 2003. More information:

Dr. Pat Sucher, School of Management, Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham, Surrey, TW20 0EX, UK (p.Sucher@rhul.ac.uk).

3.2. 54th Summer School of the University of Vienna, July 12 - August 9, 2003.

Total cost (tuition, lodging and food) for the 4 week session of euro 2.500. There are two different deadlines. Applications for scholarships must be received by February 28, 2003, the deadline for applications for the course is April 30.

More information:

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