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## 1. OFFICIAL NEWS

**1.1 8<sup>th</sup> EACES Conference “EU Enlargement – What Comes After 2004?”, Belgrade (Serbia and Montenegro), September 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>, 2004.**  
 Organisation: Faculty of Economics, Belgrade University (Serbia and Montenegro) and European Association For Comparative Economic Studies (EACES).

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: MARCH 20th, 2004
- Acceptance of submitted abstracts: MAY 1st, 2004
- Submission of final papers: JULY 1st, 2004
- Free papers on other subjects from all areas of comparative economics are welcomed

### PROGRAMM

Theme 1: The New EU Members: How Much Of A Success Story?

- Costs and benefits for the new members in the short, medium and long run
- The role of foreign factors in the accession
- History of trade-offs on the way to accession

Theme 2: How Possible Is Catching Up In The EU?

- How much real convergence is happening?
- Nominal vs. real convergence
- The new members and the Euro - can the adoption of the Euro be the solution?
- Policies for catching up

Theme 3: EU 25. The Issue of Managing Growing Complexity

- Costs and benefits for EU 15
- Does enlargement undermine deepening?
- Needed reforms within EU
- Managing growing economic discrepancies
- How to adapt or reform EU common policies after 2004?

Theme 4: The Next Wave – When and How

- Are the remaining candidate countries prepared to join the EU in 2007?
- What happens with the Western Balkans?
- How will the first wave of enlargement affect the potential second wave?

Theme 5: Comparing Experiences On The Way To EU

- “Stylised facts” of the accession processes
- Comparison of the EU negotiation process in various candidate countries (first and second wave too)
- Comparison of European firms’ strategies in various candidate countries
- The social, political and economic costs: how to alleviate them?

Theme 6: Industrial Networks in An Enlarged EU

- European firms’ strategies
- Inward and outward FDI: dynamics and impact
- Changing organizational patterns?

Theme 7: Labour Relocation in An Enlarged EU

- What trade-offs in employment?
- Analysis of de facto labour mobility within EU
- Reforming labour markets in the EU
- Are foreign remittances an engine of development for second wave candidates?

Theme 8: Demographics in Europe

- Aging and labour markets
- Aging and the welfare system
- Aging, labour markets and labour movements
- The issue of migration
- What reforms are needed to redress the imbalance

Theme 9: Exchange Rate Policies for The Newcomers

- Exchange rate policies for the entrants: taking Euro on board?
- Exchange rate and monetary policies for the aspirant countries

Theme 10: Budget Policies in the New Entrants and Aspirant Countries

- The competing claims on national budgets
- Reforming the welfare system and reforming pensions systems
- How to use best regional funds
- Is fiscal neutrality supportive of catching up?
- Optimal policy mixes (the role of budget policy)

Theme 11: Competitiveness And Specialization in An Enlarged EU

- European industrial networks (*per se* development and compared to other global models)
- Evolution of foreign trade in EU25+
- Vertical vs. horizontal specialization
- Is there a technology gap between EU15, EU25 and EU25+?

Theme 12: Welfare Relocation at Regional Level in An Enlarged EU

- Impact of relocation of EU regional and structural funding
- The future of EY regional and structural funding

Theme 13: The Outsiders: What Are the Chances for Joining the EU?

- Western Balkans
- Former Soviet republics
- What policies are needed to ensure convergence? What is currently being done?

Theme 14 (debate panel): Euro vs Dollar: An Epic Fight

- Trends and perspectives
- Is ECB making the right policies?
- Is the Stability Pact a victim?

Special Theme: The Future of Comparative Economics: Theory in the Making?

- Has the experience of transition changed the field of comparative economics? How?
- Theory and practice: a two way road?
- How to enhance the role of EACES

The General Meeting of EACES will take place on the same occasion.

Detailed schedule will be communicated later.

Abstracts

Prospective participants should send an email message to the EACES Secretary, Liviu Voinea, at the address: [voineal@mailcity.com](mailto:voineal@mailcity.com) or [lvoinea@sar.org.ro](mailto:lvoinea@sar.org.ro) (tel: +40-723-010474, fax: +40-21-2221868) containing the title of the proposed paper, the panel to which it is addressed, an abstract not exceeding 500 words, and personal contact information: name and surname, title, institutional affiliation, position, postal and email address, telephone number.

An EACES Selection Committee will select the abstracts and invite only the authors of selected abstracts to submit the final paper.

Fees

The EACES annual membership fees are:

- Western members – 30 EURO (electronic form) / 40 EURO (hard copy)
- Junior Western members (up to 32 years) – 20 EURO / 30 EURO
- Eastern members – 20 EURO / 30 EURO
- Junior Eastern members (up to 32 years) – 15 EURO / 25 EURO

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Payment can be made by credit card; please download the membership form from the EACES Newsletter, available on the EACES web site

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

or by bank transfer, to Kreissparkasse Freiberg Bank Account No. 311 50 20 626 (German Bank Code 870 52 000)

The conference fee is estimated at 90 EUR for transition countries, and 140 EUR for other countries. This fee includes: a welcome cocktail, three lunches, one dinner, publication of proceedings, transport from hotel to the Faculty during the conference. However, depending on the total number of participants, the fee may be reduced. Further notice will be communicated in due time. The conference fee is payable upon arrival at the conference venue.

Non-EU participants requiring financial support are asked to communicate their requests to the EACES Secretary. Limited financing might be available. Further notice will be communicated in due time

EACES Doctoral Award

EACES perpetuates the tradition to award a prize for the best Ph.D. thesis in comparative economics and related economic fields. Only thesis defended in the years 2002 and 2003 are eligible. Candidates must send by email to the EACES Secretary, Liviu Voinea ([voineal@mailcity.com](mailto:voineal@mailcity.com)), the following information: title of the Ph.D. thesis, when it was defended, the academic institution where it was defended, personal contact information (name of the author, institutional affiliation, position, postal and email address, telephone number), and an abstract of the thesis not exceeding 10 pages, containing: objectives, methodology, main results, original contribution to the respective field of research.

A special EACES Selection Committee will select the best thesis.

Info on organization

The 8<sup>th</sup> EACES Conference is organized in association with the Faculty of Economics, Belgrade University (Serbia and Montenegro). Address of the Faculty of Economics:

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Accommodation in Belgrade

- Hotel Intercontinental \*\*\*\*\*  
Vladimira Popovica 10, tel +381 311 33 33  
Price 175EUR single, 185 EUR double
- Hotel Palace \*\*\*\*  
Toplicin venac 23, tel +38 1 11 637 222  
Price 55EUR single, 80EUR double
- Hotel M Best Western \*\*\*\*\*  
Bulevar JNA 56A, tel + 381 11 3972 560  
Price 55 -90EUR single, 70-110EUR double
- Hotel Metropol \*\*\*\*  
Bulevar kralja Aleksandra 69, tel + 381 11 3230 910  
Price 50 - 70EUR single, 65-106 EUR double
- Hotel Slavija \*\*\*  
Svetog Save 1, tel + 381 11 344 3011  
Price 40 EUR single, 46 EUR double
- Hotel Kasina \*\*\*  
Terazije 25, tel + 381 11 3235 574  
Price 60EUR single, 75 EUR double

Information about all hotels in Belgrade can be found on the web sites:

[www.hotels.co.yu](http://www.hotels.co.yu)  
and

[www.tob.co.yu/english/smestaj/index.html](http://www.tob.co.yu/english/smestaj/index.html)

Alternatively, you can contact UNIS tours (Belgrade), e-mail: [unis@eunet.yu](mailto:unis@eunet.yu), phone number + 381 11 32 44 421, contact person Ljilja Mihailovic.

Participants are encouraged to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

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**1.2 The European Journal of Comparative Economics (EJCE).** The new e-journal, *The European Journal of Comparative Economics* (EJCE), to be published by EACES (European Association for Comparative Economic Studies) and LIUC (Università Carlo Cattaneo – LIUC), is now being launched. The journal will start as a semiannual publication, provided free on the internet to the community of scholars.

The first issue of the EJCE (the European Journal of Comparative Economics) has just been published. You can find it on the site of EACES, the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies:

<http://eaces.liuc.it>

The articles can be downloaded free of charge, but if cited, credit should be given to the authors and the journal. The second issue of the Journal is scheduled for September 2004.

## 2. CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS.

### Summary

2.1	30th Congress of the International Geographical Union: <Transforming Societies: A Global Perspective>	UK	15-20 Aug. 2004
2.2	EURESCO Conference <Vertical Markets and Cooperative Hierarchies: The Role of Cooperatives in the International Agri-Food Industry>	Greece	3-7, Sep. 2004
2.3	15 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference <Conneting societies & markets: communication technology, policy and impacts>	Germany	5-7, Sep. 2004
2.4	19th Annual Employment Research Unit Conference "Management, Work and Organization in Postsocialist Societies"	Cardiff	8-9, Sep. 2004
2.5	The Third International Conference on International Business in Transition Economies	Riga-Latvia	9-11, Sep. 2004
2.6	International Symposium <The Spirit of Innovation John Kenneth Galbraith>	France	21-25, Sep. 2004
2.7	9 <sup>th</sup> International Metropolis Conference "Managing Migration and Migrant Communities: Views from Sending Countries in Post-socialist Europe and Central Asia"	Switzerland	27,Sep.- 1,Oct. 2004
2.8	58th International Atlantic Economic Conference	USA	7-10, Oct. 2004
2.9	Fifth Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Annual Conference Indiana	USA	14-17, Oct. 2004
2.10	65th Anniversary Conference of The Institute of Economics (Zagreb)	Croatia	18-19, Nov. 2004
2.11	30th Annual Conference European International Business Academy (EIBA): "Enlarged European Union: Challenges To The International Business And Management"	Slovenia	5-7, Dec. 2004
2.12	MÉDÉE International Conference <Enlargement of the European Union : What are the Stakes and Potential Effects?>	France	9-10, Dec. 2004
2.13	he 9th International Conference on Global Business and Economic Development Management Challenges in Times of Global Change and Uncertainty	Korea	25-28, May. 2005
2.14	VII ICCEES World Congress "Europe – Our common Home?"	Germany	25-30 Jul. 2005

### 2.1 The 30th Congress of the International Geographical Union: <Transforming Societies: A Global Perspective>, 15-20 August 2004, Glasgow, UK.

Sponsored by the RGS-IBG Post-Socialist Geographies Research Group.

This themed session aims to provide an interdisciplinary forum in which to explore key trends characterising transforming societies in the wake of regime change. It is intended that the session move beyond the regional constraints of post-socialist change with its immediate focus on eastern Europe and Russia in order to draw on the insights gained from work carried out in other world regions.

Themes may include issues of governance (power structures, corporatism, disempowerment, new empowerment, interest representation), inequality (social, socio-economic, gender), identity (social, cultural and territorial), and uneven development (marginalization, migration).

For those interested in taking part in the sessions, please forward abstracts (250 words max) to either Tassilo Herrschel (t.a.herrschel@wmin.ac.uk) or Jonathan Oldfield (J.D.Oldfield@bham.ac.uk) by 30th November 2003.

Further information (accommodation etc.) concerning the Congress can be obtained from the official website: <http://www.meetingmakers.co.uk/IGC-UK2004>

### 2.2 EURESCO Conference <Vertical Markets and Cooperative Hierarchies: The Role of Cooperatives in the International Agri-Food Industry>, Chania, Crete, Greece, 3 - 7 September 2004

Agricultural cooperatives exist in most agro-food industries and in most countries. A large share of the markets for agricultural commodities is handled by cooperatives, and some firms are very large. During the last decade or so, many cooperatives have undergone notable organizational changes. Often hybrid forms have been created, as the cooperatives have adopted characteristics of IOFs (investor-owned firms). At the same time, some cooperatives keep to their roots, remaining collectively organized and monitored. Which are the driving forces behind these diverging trends? Which solutions do the various types of cooperative chose when it comes to ownership and financing, management and control, product and market strategies, etc? What will agricultural cooperatives look like in the years to come, and why so?

Four topics are to be covered:

- Change Patterns in the Agricultural Cooperatives Sector.
- Organisational Principles for Cooperative Enterprises. Even a hasty look at present-day co-operatives reveals that considerable changes are taking place as to
- Supply Chain Management.
- Marketing Strategies and Organisational Set-up.

Dates:

Applications by 01 April 2004

Participants are expected to arrive in the afternoon/early evening of Friday 3 September and to leave after lunch on Tuesday 7 September 2004.

Contact: EURESCO Office or Sally Lewis-Ford for more information.

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Participation: Maximum 100 participants.

Fees: Eur 620-660.

Grants available for young scientists from European Community countries and Associated States.

To apply, fill in an Abstracts should be submitted together with the application form, no later than 1 April 2004. Selection will be made after a referee assessment conducted by the Scientific Committee. A full paper should then be provided at a later stage but only by authors whose abstract will have been accepted.

More information: <http://www.esf.org/>

### **2.3 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference <Connecting societies & markets: communication technology, policy and impacts>, Berlin, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2004.**

Organisation: International Telecommunications Society (ITS).

Deadline for paper: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004

Referee process until: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004

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### **2.4 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Employment Research Unit Conference "Management, Work and Organization in Postsocialist Societies", September 8-9, 2004, Cardiff Business School, Cardiff University**

The dramatic economic and political changes in postsocialist societies have been well documented in academic and media sources. Perhaps oddly, however, the crucial aspects of management change, organizational transformation and employee relations have often been omitted. We know little about how former state owned enterprises have attempted to re-orient themselves towards 'free' markets and how managers and employees have dealt with this new era. This conference aims to address this problem by providing an open environment in which all areas of economic transformation after state socialism can be discussed in a area-focussed, multi-disciplinary fashion.

Papers are invited on all aspects of work and employment, industrial relations, and management transformations in China, the former Soviet Union,

Eastern Europe and other former socialist countries. Contributions towards theoretical development will also be encouraged. Keynote speakers will address the future of management research into postsocialist societies.

Accepted papers will be allocated one of the following streams:

- Transforming Ownership and Management Structures
- Organizational Forms and Inter-organizational Relationships
- Labour Market Changes and Reforming Enterprise Welfare
- Industrial and Labour Relations
- The Realities of Work
- Gender and Work
- Informal or 'Shadow' Economy
- Theorizing Postsocialist Management

There will also be a doctoral stream, and papers from PhD students are especially welcome.

Publications: The organisation anticipate the publication of some of the articles from the conference in a Special Issue of International Journal of Human Resource Management.

Conference submission: An abstract of 500 words should be submitted by 31 March 2004. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified in April/May. Deadlines for full text of accepted papers is 31 July 2004.

For further information: Leo McCann ([McCannL@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:McCannL@cardiff.ac.uk)) or Gregory Schwartz ([SchwartzG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:SchwartzG@cardiff.ac.uk))

### **2.5 The Third International Conference on International Business in Transition Economies, September 9-11, 2004, Riga- Latvia.**

Celebrating its 10th Anniversary, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga will host The 3rd International Conference "International Business in Transition Economies" on September 9-11, 2004, in the capital of Latvia Riga. As the first two, the 3rd Conference invites papers addressing the key questions of International Business in the transforming economies of Eastern and Central Europe:

- The Changing Institutional, Industrial and Cultural Context of the CEE Economies: Barriers and Opportunities for International Business
- International Trade, Production and Competitiveness of the CEE Countries - Internationalization of Companies and International Marketing in the Transforming Economies
- International Management, Organizational Learning and Change in the Transforming Economies

Conference Theme: International Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Competitiveness in The Transforming (CEE) and Enlarging Europe

The Year 2004 is a historic year for the European Continent as ten new countries are joining the European Union. The European integration has already affected the CEE and other firms in many important

ways. Still, there are many pressing questions in need of answers. Like the two previous conferences, we hope, this Conference will also attract a significant number of scholars who will share their ideas and present research findings on these and related issues.

The deadline for extended abstracts is May 1st, 2004, while complete papers should be submitted by August 10. The papers will be accepted based on the review of the extended abstracts. The authors will be notified about the acceptance/rejection by May 30, 2004. Scholars - not able to meet the deadline for the submission of abstracts, but interested in attending the Conference- are kindly encouraged to send an email to the organizers in order to discuss the deadline extension.

The first two Conferences have resulted in the special issues of international journals such as Journal of East-West Business (JEB), Transformation in Business and Economics (TBE) and Management International Review (in progress). Currently, we are engaged in discussions with several high level international journals. Thus, the Conference journal and other publishing opportunities will be announced very soon.

For information: <http://ibconference2004.sseriga.edu.lv> or <http://www.ciber.lt/ibconference2004>

## 2.6 International Symposium <The Spirit of Innovation John Kenneth Galbraith>, September, 21-25, 2004

Sponsored by Laboratoire Redéploiement Industriel et Innovation. Université du Littoral Côte d'Opale - Dunkerque - France, Groupe IGS (Institut de Gestion Sociale), Paris, Reviews: Innovations, Cahiers d'économie de l'innovation and Journal of Post Keynesian Economics.

This conference will address five areas that have characterised J.K. Galbraith's nonconformist economic thought:

- Galbraith's anti-establishment approach to political economy.
- The economic fluctuations of capitalism Growth and crisis.
- Firms and industrial organisation.
- The regulating institutions of capitalism.
- Development issues

Deadline for propositions of communication: March 15, 2004 (abstract: 3 pages)

Address :

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laperche@univ-littoral.fr

Official languages: French, English

REGISTRATION (Beginning in April 2004):

Researchers: 200 euros (include Program, Coffee breaks, Lunch, Conference Acts)

Students: 70 euros (include Program, Coffee breaks, Lunch)

More information:

<http://www-heb.univ-littoral.fr/rii>

## 2.7 9<sup>th</sup> International Metropolis Conference "Managing Migration and Migrant Communities: Views from Sending Countries in Post-socialist Europe and Central Asia", 27 September – 1 October 2004, Geneva, Switzerland. Organisation: COMPAS (Centre on Migration, Policy and Development), University of Oxford, UK.

The next annual conference of Metropolis – the international forum for research and policy on migration issues – will be convened later this year in Geneva (see <http://www.metropolis2004.ch>). As with previous Metropolis conferences, this promises to be a significant event bringing together several hundred policy-makers, civil servants at all levels of government, and leading academics from around the world.

Key to every annual Metropolis conference are the workshops, where individuals have the opportunity to meet in smaller groups, hear the latest research findings and discuss policy developments across a range of contexts. We write to invite you to make a brief presentation at a Workshop that we are organizing at the conference, described on the following page. Among governments in both migrant-sending and migrant-receiving countries, international agencies and research institutions, we have recently witnessed an extraordinary growth of interest in ways of managing migration for development, poverty reduction and post-conflict reconstruction. Given the range of Metropolis participants (especially set amongst the international agencies located in Geneva), this Workshop will likely attract a highly knowledgeable set of participants who will make for a significant and stimulating discussion.

This workshop will gather together research and policy experts working on post-socialist countries in Central and Eastern Europe, and Central Asia. They will examine the agency of central and particularly local governments whose migration and development strategies involve not only raising funds among the diasporas but also managing and creating migration flows. This workshop will study development policies and their implementation, as affected by, or impacting upon, international migration. The focus will be on the successes and failures of home countries in capturing the developmental potential of either temporary or permanent migration.

The principal aim is to delineate possibilities for integrative management which inserts a development perspective into migration policies and strengthens post-socialist contexts as conducive for the implementation of sustainable development strategies. This will include an examination of country and region specific contexts as well as of overall tendencies in the post-socialist democratic transition in view of Europeanisation and globalisation processes.

Sending countries' policies and research on migration have rarely been linked to developmental processes in

these countries. A number of obstacles prevent these links and they will be discussed in the context of a wide range of socio-economic and political transformations. To name but a few the lack of promising economic development, uneven democratisation, stifling elites and weak non-governmental bodies have prevented positive impacts on migration for development. It remains unclear how do specific logics of post-socialist transformations embody a vision of integrating migration and development. How have the governmental and non-governmental institutions in the home country hindered or created both intended and unintended financial, socio-economic and political capital and knowledge that could mobilise migrants for home country development?

Specific questions will also address the ways in which governments deal with development and migration issues in the course of democratisation, liberalisation of markets, peace or conflict processes, economic and political decentralisation; particular rural-urban dynamics, the growing feminisation of migration, (the possibility of) increased return migrations, and the multiple effects of brain drain. Particular attention will be paid to migration legislation, local and national economic reforms and business programs, labour exchange programs, social policies, regional and cross-border cooperation, as well as to strategies employed by governments and NGOs as catalysts in the re-involvement of temporary migrants and émigrés through integration in virtual or face-to-face networks.

More information:

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<[Frank.Piecke@compas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Frank.Piecke@compas.ox.ac.uk)>

### **2.8 58th International Atlantic Economic Conference, Chicago, Illinois (USA) 7-10 October 2004.**

One of these sessions will deal with transition issues. Presentation of papers: please submit your abstract (250-500 words, no full papers) by email ([vanderHoek@frg.eur.nl](mailto:vanderHoek@frg.eur.nl)). The submission deadline for abstracts for organized sessions is April 30, 2004. The full paper should be available by August 31, 2004 (6 weeks prior to the conference). More information: ([www.iaes.org](http://www.iaes.org)). Please note that each participant is responsible for her/his own expenses and registration fee (\$125 for members, \$190 for non-members). However, the submission fee (\$80 for members, \$125 for non-members) will be waived for a paper to be presented in an organized session. 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.

### **2.9 Fifth Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Annual Conference Indiana (Indiana University), Oct. 14-17, 2004.**

More information: <http://cess.fas.harvard.edu/>

### **2.10 65th Anniversary Conference of The Institute of Economics (Zagreb) November 18-19, 2004, Zagreb, Croatia**

The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, the oldest economic research institute in South-Eastern Europe is announcing the 65th Anniversary Conference, to be held in Zagreb on 18-19 November, 2004. The objective of the conference is to discuss the main economic challenges facing the European transition economies (EU entrants and other candidates, with a particular focus on Croatia), and to provide fresh insights and ideas on how to approach the common and country specific problems. Analytical, empirical and policy-oriented papers to be presented at the conference should enhance our understanding of economic processes under way, and deliver well-founded recommendations to policy makers and the business community.

Deadline for submission of papers is June 15, 2004.

Conference topics: Growth and development; Fiscal policy, unemployment and demographic trends; Financial sector, inflation and monetary policy; External balances, capital flows and monetary and exchange rate policies; Innovation management; Competitiveness of companies and sectors on the road to the European Union; European economic space - development problems and accession challenges

More information: <http://www.eizg.hr/65.htm#>

### **2.11 30th Annual Conference European International Business Academy (EIBA): "Enlarged European Union: Challenges To The International Business And Management", Ljubljana (Slovenia), December 5-7, 2004.**

Organisation: Centre of International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana.

Topics included:

1. Conference Theme: Competitiveness of the Enlarged EU and Challenges of Adjustments after the Enlargement – Company and Government Perspective
  - Opportunities/gains and threats/costs of EU enlargement
  - Strategies and policies for increased competitiveness in the enlarged EU
  - Changed configuration of competitive advantages due to the EU enlargement
  - Future enlargements; countries that will not accede to the EU
  - Employment policy of EU after the enlargement
2. International Business and Related Economic Theories



-Theoretical approaches to FDI and international business revisited  
 -International trade and international business theories: is there a convergence?  
 -Theoretical aspects of EU enlargement and international business

3. Globalization vs. Regional Economic Integration  
 -Regional economic integration as a stepping-stone or a stumbling block to globalization  
 -Sustainability and limits of the globalization process  
 -Costs of globalization; globalization and inequality/exclusion  
 -Globalization and changing configuration of factors of competitiveness  
 -The performance of EU periphery; European countries not acceding to the EU

4. Knowledge management, technology transfer, R&D and spillover effects in MNCs  
 -Knowledge management, creation and transfer in MNCs; challenges for new EU member countries  
 -National innovation capability as factor of national competitiveness  
 -New EU member countries: free riders or innovators

5. Internationalization Strategies of MNCs  
 -Entry modes; strategic and geographical diversification  
 -Determinants of location; localization of location advantages  
 -New EU member countries in MNCs' location strategies  
 -Leapfrogging multinationals and born globals

6. Management and Organization of MNCs  
 -EU enlargement specific organization and management challenges  
 -Headquarters-subsidiary relations; management of foreign subsidiaries  
 -M&As, alliances and networks – organizational and management challenges

7. International Business and Culture/Ethics and Related Marketing Issues  
 -Political, social and ethical challenges of globalization/internationalization  
 -Social responsibility of firms/leadership  
 -Cultural aspects in management of subsidiaries, M&As, alliances and networks  
 -Cross cultural marketing and human resource management

8. International Finance and Accounting  
 -International investment and the stock market  
 -New trends in portfolio investments and global risk management  
 -Harmonization of accounting standards  
 -Capital volatility, crises and regional/global governance

9. Legal and Policy Issues  
 -Acquis communautaire/directives and MNCs' activity  
 -Regulatory and policy environment for international business: national (host-home country), EU and international perspective.

-MNCs – Government relations; MNCs and market structures

10. Emerging Markets and Transition Economies  
 -FDI and company restructuring in emerging markets and transition economies  
 -Outward FDI from emerging markets and transition economies  
 - Performance of domestic versus foreign-controlled enterprises  
 -Catching up/real convergence and FDI  
 -FDI and MNCs in transition countries not acceding to the EU

11. Small Countries/Companies in EU and Global Economy  
 -Internationalization processes of small countries/companies  
 -Strategies of small member countries and companies in the enlarged EU  
 -Strategies of small non-member countries and companies in the enlarged EU

Schedule 2004:  
 15 July: Deadline for submission of papers  
 30 July: Acknowledgement of the receipt  
 15 September: Notification of acceptance of papers  
 15 October: Deadline for registration  
 1 November: Full papers available on the web page  
 5 December: Doctoral Tutorial  
 5-7 December: 30th Annual Conference  
 Submission format: Please follow the guidelines of International Business Review  
[www.elsevier.com/inca/publications/store/1/3/3](http://www.elsevier.com/inca/publications/store/1/3/3))  
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[www.ijs.si/slo/ljubljana](http://www.ijs.si/slo/ljubljana)) or  
[www.matkurja.com/eng/country-info](http://www.matkurja.com/eng/country-info))  
<http://guests.fdv.uni-lj.si/eiba/>)

**2.12 MÉDÉE International Conference  
 <Enlargement of the European Union : What are the Stakes and Potential Effects?> Lille, France : 9 and 10 December 2004.**

Organisation: Mécanismes Économiques et Dynamiques des Espaces Européens (MÉDÉE) and the Faculty of Economics (University Corvinus, Budapest, Hungary)

Work components:

- Workshop 1. The macro-economic impact of EU enlargement on the European and global economy
- Workshop 2. Firms strategies and enlargement: opportunities and prospects for the enlarged EU territories
- Workshop 3. European integration from the point of view of regions and peoples: regional and social impacts of the enlargement for Europe
- Workshop 4. Political and institutional aspects of the enlargement: what will the new forms of governance at the European and global levels look like?

Languages: French – English.

Dates:

Deadline for the proposals : March 31, 2004. 5 pages at the most. The abstract should include: The title, the author's name and address, the aim and the original aspects of the paper, the method used, the expected results, the references (between 5 and 10 items), the JEL classification

Decision of the scientific committee : June 30, 2004

Papers to be handed in on: September 30, 2004 (deadline for inclusion in the Congress CD-Rom). 50 000 signs, included the appendixes and bibliography. The final paper could be selected for publication

Fees:

(including attendance, lunches and coffee-breaks and the communications CD). Early registration (before October 15) : 100 Euros (Students: 50)

Late registration (from October 15): 130 Euros (Students: 65)

Proposal and final paper should be sending by e-mail (attached file) or by postal mail to:

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### **2.13 The 9th International Conference on Global Business and Economic Development Management Challenges in Times of Global Change and Uncertainty, May 25-28, 2005**

Seoul, Korea. Organisation: The Center for International Business, School of Business, Montclair State University, New Jersey, USA and Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea.

Uncertainty is one of the most powerful forces shaping today's business environment. As this environment unfolds, traditional approaches to globalization built on multilateral collaboration are being transformed at the local, national, and regional levels. In this context, public and private institutions and businesses are faced with the challenge of developing policies and programs to facilitate the flow of investment, trade and resources. Asia, which is home to more than half of the world's population, has emerged as a competitive region in accelerating the diffusion of new technologies and entrepreneurship and knowledge-based businesses are in the threshold of becoming global players. To examine how uncertainty affects both Asia and the rest of the global community, the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference invites research papers, case studies, and panel sessions on the following issues:

Global Business & Regional Issues (include: Challenges of the Expanded European Union; Transitional Economies: Challenges & Opportunities; Market Reforms on Central Asian & Russian Economies; China and other Emerging Markets)

FDI, Financial Markets & Entrepreneurship:  
Emerging Technologies & New Delivery Systems:  
Managerial Issues:

International Trade, Marketing & Accounting (include Marketing in Emerging Economies)

Business Risks & Security Issues:

Sustainable Development

Submission Format: The initial proposal should be limited to two pages, including bibliography. Final papers, including case studies should not exceed 15 pages (single spaced), including tables, charts and bibliography. Electronic submissions are accepted. Please submit your paper as an e-mail attachment using MS Word. All submissions will be blind reviewed and accepted papers will be published in the refereed proceedings on a CD-Rom format. At least one of the authors should register and present the paper to qualify for publication in the proceedings. Accepted papers should be prepared using APA format. For more information on formatting guidelines, please visit the conference website (submission guidelines).

Submission Dates:

Abstracts/proposals: September 30, 2004

Acceptance decision of abstracts by Regional Coordinators: November 15, 2004

Final Paper Submission: January 25, 2005

Confirmation of Final Acceptance: March 15, 2005

More information: <http://sbus.montclair.edu/cib> or Conference Secretariat (Mildred Quiogue <[cib@mail.montclair.edu](mailto:cib@mail.montclair.edu)>)

### **2.14 VII ICCEES World Congress "Europe – Our common Home?" Berlin July 25<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2005**

Organisation International Council for Central and East European Studies.

The Congress will take place at the *Humboldt Universität*, in the centre of the city. The opening and closing ceremonies will be held at the *Haus der Kulturen der Welt/Kongresshalle* (House of World Cultures/ Congress Hall) located in a beautiful park, the *Tiergarten*. The *Haus der Kulturen der Welt/Kongresshalle* can easily be reached by public transport. The local organiser is the *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde* (German Association for Eastern European Studies).

The International Programme Committee (IPC) for the VII World Congress invites all interested persons to submit proposals for panels, papers and roundtables which show results of new research in all fields and disciplines in the study of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The theme of the congress is "Europe – Our common Home?". Some 15 years after the change of regime in the countries of Central and East Europe, the IPC wants to offer an opportunity to examine the state of the continent concerning all aspects of European integration processes. It takes into regard that some countries from the former Eastern Block will already have joined the European Union. How far has the idea of a common home Europe already been realised?

Which are the new common features and values within Europe, and where are new divides?

These notes for conference participants are meant to give some indications for their presentations at the congress. They do not exclude any theme or field of research which fits into the main theme of the congress. Everyone should feel invited to contribute with a presentation of his or her research results to the work of the congress which will offer a forum for a broad range of themes and of disciplines.

Fields of research: Baltic States, Caucasian States, Central Asia, Cultural Studies, Economy, European Integration Processes, Gender Issues, Geography, History, Jewish Studies, Language/Linguistics, Law, Literature, Pedagogical Sciences, Politics, International Relations, Security, Religion and Philosophy, Sociology, South-East Europe.

Conditions for proposals?

1. All proposals have to be of an academic character.
  2. All proposals have to be approved by the IPC. Only approved papers will be part of the official congress programme.
  3. Proposals for panels include usually a chair, up to three speakers and a discussant.
  4. Panels must have an international composition. There will be no panels with participants from one country only.
  5. The panels last for 90 minutes. It is highly recommended that no speaker will have more than 15 minutes for his or her presentation.
  6. Whoever proposes a panel is expected to obtain the prior approval of all panelists he or she wishes to propose. No one may be proposed without his/her knowledge and consent.
  7. No person may propose more than one panel. No person may participate in more than two panels.
  8. Individual papers may be included in the congress programme by decision of the IPC. They may be presented in special sessions, attached to existing panels or accepted as posters.
  9. The IPC has the right to attach individual papers to panels. The chair will be asked to allow the speakers of such attached papers 5 minutes to present their paper from the floor.
  10. There will be an opportunity to display and present posters in a designated area at the conference venue. Proponents of individual papers may indicate that they are interested in presenting a poster.
  11. The official congress languages are English, Russian, German and French. All parts of the programme must be in one of these languages. The congress organisation will not provide translation (except for the opening and closing ceremonies where simultaneous translation between English, Russian and German will be available).
  12. The congress administration language is English. All correspondence, proposals etc. have to be in English. During the congress, there will be stewards around with knowledge of the congress languages.
- Procedure for proposing papers.

1. Proposals may be sent in in electronic form only. Proposals have to be submitted in English, regardless of the language of the panels during the congress. The address is <http://www.iccees2005.de>. Inquiries concerning registration formalities should be made to [info@iccees2005.de](mailto:info@iccees2005.de).

2. The deadline for proposals is February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004. However, proponents are asked to send in their proposals as early as possible.

3. The IPC will meet in spring 2004, decide about all proposals and compose the final programme.

4. By summer 2004, all proponents whose papers were accepted, will be informed about the decision of the IPC. They will get official letters of invitation which may serve for getting funds and obtaining visa.

5. For all accepted papers, an abstract in English has to be sent in by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005. The abstract shall not exceed one page. All abstracts will be published in an abstract-book which all participants will receive when they register. No paper without abstract can be part of the official programme.

6. Abstracts will be printed in the form in which they are sent in. There will be no correction or change. Proponents will have to take care that their abstracts are in correct English.

7. Each abstract must indicate the language in which the paper will be presented.

8. Each abstract has to contain an email-address so that the proponent may be easily contacted.

9. All accepted papers are eligible for publication in the congress proceedings. The decision whether a paper can be published will be made by the editor of the congress proceedings.

Please notice that all participants are expected to register officially and to pay the registration fee. Additionally, they have to cover all their own costs for travel, accommodation and meals. For registration fees, see the attached list.

The organisation will try to obtain a certain number of travel grants for participants from Central and East European countries. If you are interested in such a grant, please tick the respective box in the electronic registration form ("travel grants") and register in advance. The grants will only be for participants from Eastern Europe who present a paper at the conference. They probably should not be older than 35 years and have to be working at a university/ have taken a doctor's degree. These last named conditions for grants might change, i.e. the registration is only provisional. However, we will have information about the availability of such grants (which will be limited in number, anyway) not earlier than in late 2004/beginning of 2005.

There will be organised tours offered for the days before and after the congress. You will get a list of tours of one or more days with the official programmes. These tours are not part of the congress programme, but will be organised by the Congress Agency CTW. With the list of the tours, you will receive a price list for these tours.

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### 3. FELLOWSHIPS, COMPETITIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

#### 3.1 CEEL Program In Adaptive Economic Dynamics. Fifth Trento Summer School Intensive Course In Institutional Economics, June 28 - July 9, 2004.

The relationship between institutions and economic analysis is a two-way street. In one direction, institutions serve as guides or constraints that theory must take into account; in the other direction, economic theory provides a set of tools that can help explain the nature and origins of social institutions. This course will travel in both directions, and occasionally turn down some scenic side roads. The goal of this year's intensive course is to provide a wide and thorough survey of the place of institutions in economics.

TOPICS: Here are some of the topics: - What are institutions? - The "Old" and the "New" Institutionalism - Institutions and economic rationality - Complexity, spontaneous order, and economic evolution - Organizations and institutions - Modularity, near-decomposability, and the design of institutions - Institutions and economic growth - Institutions in economic history.

PROGRAM DETAILS: The course will be taught by Richard Langlois of the University of Connecticut. Guest lecturers include Peyton Young of Johns Hopkins University; Nicolaas J. Vriend of Queen Mary's College, University of London; Scott E. Page of the University of Michigan; Meir Kohn of Dartmouth College; Axel Leijonhufvud of UCLA and the University of Trento; Ugo Pagano of the University of Siena; and Enrico Zaninotto of the University of Trento. The course will take the form of morning lectures by the principal instructor and some of the guest speakers. In the afternoons, other prominent guest speakers will introduce students to cutting-edge approaches to the economics of organization, including evolutionary game theory, experimental economics, and agent-based simulation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Interested graduate students and post-docs are encouraged to apply by submitting a curriculum vitae, a two-page essay describing their interest and background in institutional economics. Applicants should also submit a course transcript from their PhD program, including advanced examinations passed, and two letters of recommendation. Applications are due by May 1,

2004. We encourage electronic submissions: <http://www-ceel.economia.unitn.it> Admissions decisions will be made and announced by 26 May 2004. All applicants will be informed by e-mail about the results.

LOCATION: The school will be held at Sardagna (Trento, Italy), a beautiful retreat, accessed by cable car, in the Dolomite Mountains. All student participants are asked to stay for the entire duration of the conference. Food and accommodation at the conference will be completely covered (participants will have to cover travel to the conference). Please direct logistical questions to the Summer School Secretary: Email:

MAILT:([ccschool@economia.unitn.it](mailto:ccschool@economia.unitn.it)) (<http://www-ceel.economia.unitn.it>)

#### 3.2 CASE Newsletter (Center for Social and Economic Research).

CASE is an independent, non-profit institute based in Poland, dealing with problems of post-communist transition, European Integration and the world economy. More information: (<http://www.case.com.pl>)

#### 3.3 Call for papers for the Advances in the Economic Analysis of Participatory and Labor-Managed Firms, volume 9, is out.

"Advances" is an edited annual volume for original high-quality research in the area of economics of participation, published by Elsevier. All published articles are subject to normal refereeing process. The special themes for the 9th volume are:

1. Employee participation and firm performance.
2. Employee participation and technological change.
3. Employee participation and employee ownership in economic transitions and in developing economies.
4. The viability of co-operatives and other forms of stakeholder firms in market economies.

The call in its entirety may be viewed at the publisher's website:

[http://www1.elsevier.com/homepage/sae/econworld/econbase/call\\_advances9.htm](http://www1.elsevier.com/homepage/sae/econworld/econbase/call_advances9.htm)

Alternatively:

<http://www1.elsevier.com/homepage/sae/econworld/menu.htm>

Previous volumes can be viewed at [http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/bookseriesdescription.cws\\_home/BS\\_PLMF/description](http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/bookseriesdescription.cws_home/BS_PLMF/description)

The 9th volume will be edited by Mark Klinedinst and myself. The deadline for submitting papers is September 30, 2004. The volume is due to appear in 2005. Please check the submission guidelines from the links above.

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#### 3.4 Call For Papers: East-West Journal of Economics and Business

Topics : "Enlarged European Union: Globalization, Competitiveness and Transition"

- Policies for increased competitiveness in the enlarged EU
- Benefits and costs for the new EU members
- Institutional dimensions of the enlargement
- Monetary and financial issues
- Managing incomplete globalization
- Perspectives for future enlargements
- Employment policy of EU and labour markets after the enlargement
- Regional consequences of European integration
- Business strategies in the enlarged Europe
- FDI and MNCs in member and non-member transition countries

Paper submissions to Dimitrios A. Giannias, Department of Economics, University of Thessaly, Argonafton & Filellinon, 382 21 Volos, Greece; e-mail: giannias@uth.gr or to Yorgos Rizopoulos, CRIISEA, University of Picardie, 10, Placette Lafleur, 80027 Amiens, France; e-mail: yorgos.rizopoulos@u-picardie.fr.

Contributors are encouraged to submit their papers of 7,000 words maximum by e-mail in a single attached Word file, which includes all tables, graphs etc. The deadline for all submissions is: September 30, 2004.

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