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1. OFFICIAL NEWS

1.1. First Call for Papers. 9th Bi-Annual EACES Conference.

EACES announces that its 9th Bi-Annual Conference will be held at the University of Brighton (UK) on September 7-9, 2006.

The general topic of the conference: "Development Strategies – A Comparative View"

All prospective participants are encouraged to submit proposals for papers and/or panels

Deadline for submission of abstracts: January 31st, 2006 Acceptance of submitted abstracts: April 30th, 2006.

Submission of final papers: June 30th, 2006

Prospective participants should send an e-mail containing the title of the proposed paper and/or panel, abstract not exceeding 300 words, and personal contact information (name, title, institutional affiliation, position, e-mail) to:

Marcello Signorelli (signorel@unipg.it) and Jens Hölscher (J.Holscher@Brighton.ac.uk)

The Scientific Committee of the Conference will operate a pre-selection by April 30, 2006.

1.2. EACES Workshop <What has transition taught (or not) to economics>. Amiens (France), June 29-30, 2006

Organisation: The European Association of Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) in collaboration with CRIISEA, University of Picardie.

Scientific Committee

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Local Organization Committee

Joëlle Hadoux, Lyazid Kichou, Agnès Labrousse, Odile Lakowski, Yorgos Rizopoulos.

The radical systemic transformation of the former socialist countries has put in the agenda a number of crucial questions for all branches of economics. The uncertainty, variety, complexity, heterogeneity, irreversibility and contingency of the process question the validity of traditional analytical tools and reasoning. Now, it is established that Intentions and purposeful behavior matter but even pre-designed reforms carry unpredictable elements (open-ended dynamics). What has economic theory learned and not learned from the transition?

More particularly, the following issues call for special attention:

- The emergence and evolution of institutions. The systemic change represents a radical modification of the rules regulating the relations among different groups of interests and it seems to be of asymmetric nature – it leads to winners-losers configurations concerning the access to and distribution of resources. Do institutions (laws and enforcement, property rights, money and monetary regimes, governance...) embody contradictory social interests? If so, power configurations, groups of interest, coalitions and conflicts should play an important role into the diffusion and adoption of new rules shaping a cumulative and endogenous process.

- The links between politics and economics. In this process, social, political and economic crisis have contributed to the emergence of a critical mass of actors converging towards new rules by modifying the gains, losses, perceptions, beliefs and strategies. Often, economic actors have pursued political strategies, aiming to modify their set of opportunities or that of their competitors by orienting, affecting and influencing governmental action in order to create specific non-market advantages. Furthermore, sub-national government issues, federalism and local powers have largely influenced the economic variables. In general, links between economic and political activity seem to be a constituent element of the transformation process.

- The role of organizations and the theory of the firm. The approaches aiming to explain the *raison d'être* of a capitalist firm (and to justify its superior efficiency) do not always offer an appropriate framework to make the major features of post-socialist firms intelligible. Both price co-ordination and organizational authority are, in some cases, undermined by implicit or explicit stakeholders' bargaining in fuzzy

property conditions. Often, insiders are owners as well, and strangely enough prefer their managerial (or employee) rather shareholder status. Their objective function, far from maximizing, seems to incorporate multiple variables depending, among others, on extensive networking and mutual commitment, cooperative and selfish behaviors being combined.

- The nature and forms of capitalism. A by-product of the vanishing of most socialist economies is the relative decline of comparative economic systems analysis and, accordingly, of theories of capitalism. Furthermore, the endogenous dynamic of economic science (extreme specialization, dominance of partial equilibrium analysis, etc.) contributed to evacuate the necessary theorizing of capitalist systems. Yet this very issue was crucial in the past offering a systemic and dynamic view of capitalism and socialism. Thus it seems interesting to revisit the history of economic thought, to build on these approaches and regenerate the contemporary research agenda.

The imperfect understanding of a non-deterministic process as well as the diversity of paths of change raises once more the question of historical specificity. Yet nomothetic approaches remain almost exclusively the sole legitimate method in economics. Is economic theory able to learn from concrete historical experiences? Is the usefulness of inductive or abductive reasoning not underestimated? Is comparative analysis not an important mode of theorizing? Are other epistemic approaches called for?

In addition, mediations are required to link the local empirical theories with more abstract ones. In this way, some lessons may be drawn from 'local' transition findings, which are too often marginalized in the field of economic science as applied economics or area studies. At this point, a further methodological question can be raised: at which level is transition to be analyzed (micro, meso, macro or multilevel analysis)?

Besides, it raises the issue of another transition process: the transition to socialism. Some parallels can be drawn between the ways both transitions were conceptualized. Common 'blind alleys' of research may appear too. Further experiences of major socioeconomic change could also be mobilized in a comparative perspective.

The main goal of the workshop is to engage a discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the economic reasoning and tools concerning the analysis of the systemic transformation, and implying to take into account, among others, the influence of political and sociological dimensions upon the economic process. The

papers should associate as tightly as possible these empirical, theoretical and methodological issues.

Working language: English

Publication: The organizers engage themselves to publish selected papers of the workshop in an academic journal (JEL refereed).

Submission conditions: An extended abstract of about 800 words must be sent by e-mail (doc, rtf or pdf format) to Agnès Labrousse (agnes.labrousse@u-picardie.fr). **Submissions will not be considered if received later than February 28, 2006.** Extended abstracts should resemble the introductory section of the paper, including motivation for the research and related literature. In addition, enclose a single and informative page with the following information: Title of paper, name(s) and surname(s) of the author(s), organizational affiliation, mail address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address, JEL codes, key words (up to six).

* Authors of accepted papers will be informed on March 20, 2006.

* The full paper (up to 7.000 words) should be sent, not later than June 1, 2006.

Text: Times New Roman 11, single space, justified, margins 2.5 in all directions. Title 16 bold centered, authors 14 bold centered, affiliation 12 italics centered, footnotes, headings 14 bold, first subheadings 12 bold, second subheadings 12 italics. References: Harvard style, authors in capital letters, journal or book in italics. Format doc, rtf or pdf.

Conference fee: No EACES members – 250 €, EACES members – 150 €

Conference fee covers: Documents, coffee breaks, lunch and diner for the 29th and the 30th of June 2006, as well as participation in the cultural activities.

1.3. The European Journal of Comparative Economics.

The journal is freely available and downloadable on our site, <http://eaces.liuc.it/>.

1.4.- EACES Working Paper Series.

The EACES Working Paper Series is a new European Association for Comparative Economic Studies project. *EACES Working Papers* (ISSN: 1815-0055) is a way of circulating the scientific research of EACES members. The articles to be published in *EACES Working Papers* must be original, but they can later be published or presented in journals, books, etc. EACES encourage the EACES members to submit papers to be

published in the EACES Working Paper. Please, send the papers to <wp-eaces@uv.es>. The next EACES Working Papers are available on line on the EACES web site (www.eaces.org):

Wladimir Andreff: "Corporate Governance Structures in Postsocialist Economies: Toward a Central Eastern European Model of Corporate Control?" *EACES Working Paper*, no.4 (May), 2005.



2.- EACES AWARD 2006. THE BEST DOCTORAL DISSERTATION IN COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC SYSTEMS AND ECONOMICS OF TRANSITION.

The **European Association for Comparative Economic Studies** (EACES) invites proposals for 'EACES Award 2006' for the best doctoral dissertation in the fields of comparative economic systems and economics of transition.

The winner will be awarded Euro 700. He or she will be given the opportunity to present his/her work at a plenary session of the 9th EACES conference in autumn 2006 in Brighton, UK. EACES will furthermore provide assistance to enable the winner to publish his dissertation in book form.

The award will be given to the work that in the opinion of the jury has the greatest potential to impact the field of comparative economic studies in the future. Both theoretical and empirical contributions are appropriate. They may cover any area covered by the research sponsored by EACES including comparative analysis of different economics systems, evolution of economic systems and institutions, and the transition from central plan to market economy.

Enquiries and Submissions

To be eligible for the 'EACES award 2006', the doctoral dissertation must have been accepted for the degree of PhD (or equivalent in continental Europe) between January 2004 and December 2005. Further enquiries may be addressed to the person below. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2006. Applications should send by e-mail to the address given below and include:

- An abstract in English of no more than 15 pages (1,5-spaced, normal fonts, incl. exhibits)
- The full text of the dissertation (preferably as pdf file)
- A nomination letter by one of the supervisors or examiners of the thesis

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Submission hints

It is recommended that the abstract specifies (i) the theoretical or empirical literature that thesis is contributing to (ii) the main contribution made, (iii) details of the methodology employed, (iv) for empirical studies - summary of the data used, (v) for studies with major theoretical part – summary of the theoretical arguments. Moreover, the abstract may contain the contents page of the dissertation and references to already published parts of the thesis, say in international academic journals.

The nomination letter may be signed by either a supervisor or one of the examiners, whatever is most appropriate in the institutional context. It should contain information when and where the dissertation has been accepted. The letter may be scanned in and send by e-mail (preferred) or by conventional mail or fax.

Past winners and their dissertations

- 2004 Blaszc Eggert (PhD from Université de Paris X – Nanterre)
Le taux de change reel dans la transition des pays d'Europe centrale et orientale; Aspects théoriques et empiriques
- 2002 Daniel Piazzolo (PhD from University of Kiel)
The Integration Process between Eastern and Western Europe
- 2000 Katharina Mueller (PhD from University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)
The Political Economy of Pension Reform in Central-Eastern Europe
- 1998 Klaus Meyer (PhD from London Business School)
Determinants of Direct Foreign Investment in Central and Eastern Europe
- 1996 Bert van Selm (PhD from University of Groningen)
The Economics of Soviet Break-up
- 1994 Wim Swaan (PhD from University of Amsterdam)
Behaviour and Institutions under Economic Reform. Price Regulation and Market Behaviour in Hungary



3. CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Summary

3.1.	International Conference “Understanding Economic Growth: New Directions in Theory and Policy	Cambridge	1-3 September, 2005
3.2.	Autumn Meeting of the Post Keynesian Economics Study Group	London	4 November 2005
3.3.	17th European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) Annual Conference	Bremen	10-12 November 2005
3.4.	Sociology of Education Association 2006 Annual Conference <Social Capital and Educational Achievement>	Monterey Peninsula	24-26 February 2006
3.5.	The Association of American Geographers (AAG) General Conference	Chicago	7-11 March 2006
3.6.	BASEES (British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies) Conference	Cambridge	1-3 April 2006
3.7.	VII International Scientific Conference "Modernization of Economy and the State"	Moscow	4-6 April 2006
3.8.	MATISSE meeting <The State and Social Regulation. How Should We Conceptualize The Coherence of Public Intervention?>	Paris	September 2006

3.1. International Conference “Understanding Economic Growth: New Directions in Theory and Policy. Cambridge (UK), 1-3 September, 2005. Organisation: Downing College

Sections:

- Endogenous Growth Theory
- Monetary Policy
- Regional Growth
- Economic Thought
- Economic Growth in Transition East European Economies
- Growth and FDI

More information: CCEPP, Department of Land Economy, University of Cambridge, 19 Silver Street, Cambridge, CB3 9EP. E-mail: jslm2@cam.ac.uk or mb150@cam.ac.uk

3.2. Autumn Meeting of the Post Keynesian Economics Study Group. London, 4th November 2005.

Organisation: Middlesex University

Papers are invited in any area of economics for the Autumn meeting of the Post Keynesian Economics Study Group. The meeting will take place at Middlesex University on the afternoon of Friday 4th November. Abstracts of no more than 250 words, preferably in Word format, should be submitted to Mark Roberts (e-mail: mr10013@cam.ac.uk), although completed papers are, of course, also welcome. Please also direct any other queries concerning the meeting to Mark Roberts.

3.3. 17th European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy (EAEPE) Annual Conference, Bremen (Germany), 10-12 November 2005.

The topic of the “Research Area I” is “Structural and Institutional Change in Eastern Europe”. Special Session : East and Central European countries in the framework of globalization and New Economy – institutional arrangements, structural adjustments and competitiveness challenge

The countries of Central and Eastern Europe for the last 15 years have to face a double challenge: that of their transition to market economy and, at the same time, their re-integration to the world economy now under the sign of “New Economy”. Facing the reality of modern development based on information, technology and global networks is imposed by the foreign firms investing in the area and by the policies of the European Union most of those countries are already members or are willing to become.

Could they succeed in the “New Economy”? What kind of structural and institutional arrangements would stimulate this, highly positive on global scene, result?

The organisation invites all those interested both in the problems of Central and Eastern Europe and in the external challenges they are confronted with, to take into consideration the following questions:

- How the Central and European countries faced the challenge of "New Economy" up to now? For what reasons the R&D and technology intensive sectors slowed down?

- What was the role of the FDI and of the national policies in easing or hampering entry of "New Economy" into Central and Eastern European countries?

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Central and Eastern European countries with respect to the New Economy? In what manner may they participate in Lisbon strategy?

- What is the role of institutional environment and industrial relations for promoting New Economy in the countries undergoing transition? What new institutional arrangements are needed?

All the proposals related to those questions or others in the framework of the subject of the Special Session are welcome.

Paper proposals (600-1000 words) must be uploaded to: www.eaep.org/conferences-abstracts

sent to both:

Wolfram Elsner (local conference organizer) at iiso@uni-bremen.de

Maria Lissowska (Research Area I Coordinator) at lasso@sg.h.waw.pl

Participants are asked to indicate that the proposal belongs to Research Area I (Structural and Institutional Change in Eastern Europe).

The deadline for all submissions of abstracts is April 15, 2005.

A final version of accepted papers will be requested by August 31, 2005. Further information:

<<http://eaep.org/eaep.php?q=node/view/25>> <http://eaep.org/eaep.php?q=node/view/25>

3.4. Sociology of Education Association 2006 Annual Conference <Social Capital and Educational Achievement>, Monterey Peninsula in Pacific Grove (California, USA) February 24-26, 2006

This year's conference theme focuses on the concept of social capital and its use in explaining and improving educational achievement. The concept of social capital, first developed by Bourdieu and Coleman in the 1980s, represents the actual or potential resources embedded in social networks that may be converted into other manifestations of capital, including material capital, human capital, and civic participation. The Sociology of Education Association (SEA) is interested in theoretical and empirical research papers that examine social capital in families, schools, and communities and the role it plays in contributing to educational outcomes. We also welcome papers that examine the limitations of the

concept. Papers are also welcome on other topics in the sociology of education, but priority will be given to papers related to this year's theme.

The conference will aim for a balanced presentation of theoretical and empirical research on this broad topic while providing both formal and informal venues for discussion and exchange of views. The conference will take place at the beautiful Asilomar Conference Center, adjacent to the Pacific Ocean.

Instructions for paper submission. Those desiring to present should submit a detailed 2-3 page précis that includes a brief discussion of the topic, research literature, methods, and significance of the paper. The submission deadline is October 15, 2005. Papers will be reviewed by the SEA Board of Directors and authors will be notified by November 15, 2006. All submissions must be sent via email to: Russell W. Rumberger (russ@lmri.ucsb.edu)

3.5. The Association of American Geographers (AAG) General Conference. Chicago, March 7-11, 2006

The Russian, Central Eurasian, and East European Specialty Group of AAG will organise some sessions of the Conference. RCEEE SG includes scholars doing research in many different areas of geography. RCEEE SG would like to encourage submissions on the topics listed below (of course, all other submissions are welcome). these topics are:

- The nature of post-socialism? Challenging neo-liberalism in post-socialism
- Geographies of gender and sexuality in post-socialism
- Post-Soviet and post-socialism cultural geographies

People who are interested in the presentation of papers in a session organized by this specialty group, please submit the abstract at the AAG registration website (www.aag.org) and then send your PIN number, your name, affiliation, email address, paper title and paper abstract to Marianna Pavlovskaya (mpavlov@hunter.cuny.edu) by October 1, 2005. Please use the same format as required by the AAG. I will group papers into sessions according to their topics. This year the AAG plans to make a big effort to increase student participation in specialty group scholarship.

3.6. BASEES (British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies) Conference. Cambridge (UK), 1-3 April 2006.

Organisation: Fitz William College. Proposals for paper or panel sessions should be submitted to the appropriate member of the conference organising committee by 1st October 2005.

More information concerning the 2006 conference, together with both panel and individual paper application forms can be found at: <<http://www.basees.org.uk/~conference/>>. The organisers are particularly keen to hear from postgraduate students who may wish to present work-in-progress. All postgraduate members of BASEES who deliver conference papers are eligible to apply for financial support towards registration and accommodation costs.

3.7. VII International Scientific Conference "Modernization of Economy and the State"

Moscow, April 4 - 6, 2006. Organisation: State University - Higher School of Economics, with participation of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. The Organizing Committee is chaired by Professor Evgeny Yasin, SU-HSE Academic Supervisor.

Participation of high-level Russian Government officials, representatives of the President's Administration, and high-ranking officials of the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, heads of largest Russian and foreign companies is traditionally planned for the plenary meeting.

Workshops and round tables of the Conference will be devoted to following priority problems:

- State, Public Governance and Civil Society
- Institutions and Demand for Law
- Education, Science, Innovations and Modernization of Economy
- Social Processes and Social Policy
- Political Economy of Reforms
- Economic Development and the Influence of State
- Economic and Social Cooperation between Business and Public Authorities
- Effectiveness, Efficiency and Modernization of State Institutions

Additional sections and round tables may be held in case of papers applications for registration.

The VII International Scientific Conference will be followed by the Students' Scientific Conference, where the best SU-HSE students' papers in Economics, Management, Law, Sociology, and Political Science will be presented.

The working languages of the Conference will be Russian and English. Plenary and section meetings will be provided with simultaneous translation.

We invite Russian and foreign specialists in the field of modernization of economy and modernization of state to participate in the Conference.

Applications for presentations at section meetings should be mailed to SU-HSE by

December 10, 2005, at: interconf@hse.ru. The application should include the following data: full name of the reporter, job and current position, address, contact phone, fax, and e-mail address, title of the presentation, and section for which it is intended. The application is to be followed by the summary of the proposed presentation in RTF or Word format up to 3 printed pages long, at interval 1,5 (about 7,000 characters).

Team (group) applications for organization of session, panel, round table are welcomed besides personal applications. A team application should include:

- Titles of proposed event;
- Titles and short abstracts of reports (not exceeding two-three abstracts, each about 1 standard page or up to 2500 characters long);
- Full names, jobs and positions of reporters and discussants (opponents);
- Full name, postal address, phone and fax number, E-mail address of the event coordinator.

Sessions duration is 1,5 – 2 hour.

Russian citizens, no-Moscow residents invited to present reports by the Conference Organizing Committee might be provided with accommodation in the SU-HSE guesthouse free of charge. Expenses of invited reporters from the CIS and Eastern Europe might be partially covered by the World Bank Office in the Russian Federation, Moscow.

The Organizing Committee decision on including the presentations and sessions/panels/round tables in the Conference program will be made by February 1, 2006.

Applications for participation in the Conference without making a presentation should be mailed to SU - HSE by March 10, 2006 at: interconf@hse.ru. The application should contain the following data: full name of the reporter, job and current position, address, contact phone, fax, and e-mail address, as well as the preferred Conference section. The application form may be found on the Internet www.hse.ru/ic7. Due to limited number of seats in the plenary and section meetings halls and SU-HSE auditoriums, we reserve the right to accept not all applications received.

Programmes and papers of the international scientific conferences devoted to problems of economic modernization organized by SU-HSE in the previous years are available on <http://www.hse.ru/inter/conf.shtml>.

5.- 4th International Conference on European and International Political & Economic Affairs. Athens, Greece, May 29-31, 2006.

The European Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research

(AT.IN.E.R.) organizes its 4th international conference on International and European Political & Economic Affairs, May 29-31, 2006. The registration fee is €250 (euro), covering access to all sessions, 2 lunches, coffee breaks and conference material. Special arrangements will be made with local hotels for a limited number of rooms at a special conference rate. In addition, a one-day cruise to picturesque Greek Islands and a Greek Night with live music will be organized. The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars and students of political and economic studies. Political sessions will be devoted to Comparative Politics, European Union Politics and Enlargement, NGO, International Organizations, Intergovernmental Relations, Political Parties, Democracy, Government (Federal and Local) and Political Ethics. Economic sessions will be organized in the areas of International Economics (Trade, International Factor Movements and International Investment), International Financial Economics, Economic Development, Technological Change, Growth, Economic Systems, Agricultural & Natural Resource Economics, Urban, Rural and Regional Economics. Selected papers will be published in a Special Volume of the Conference Proceedings. You may participate as panel organizer, presenter of one paper, chair a session or observer. Selected papers will be published in a Special Volume of the Conference Proceedings or Edited Books. For Books and Proceedings of previous conferences you may visit www.atiner.gr for table of contents and order forms. Please submit a 300-word abstract by December 8th, 2005, by email (atiner@atiner.gr) or mail, to: Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, Director, Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), 8 Valaoritou Street, Kolonaki, 10671 Athens, Greece. Tel. + 30 210 363 4210 Fax: + 30 210 3634-209. Abstracts should include: Title of Paper, Family Name(s), First Name(s), Affiliation (Institution), Current Position, an email address and at least 3 keywords that best describe the subject of your submission.

3.8. MATISSE meeting <The State and Social Regulation. How Should We Conceptualize The Coherence of Public Intervention?>. Paris, September 2006.

Throughout history and at the different stages of the production process, the scope and the nature of state intervention have evolved. In

the majority of industrialized countries, the 20th century saw a rise in social protection, in labour market regulations (employment laws, collective bargaining, employment policy), in public services (in particular education policy) and macro-economic policies designed to support activity and employment. The economic and political circumstances have led these four elements to combine in different ways for different countries, forming the four pillars of what we call the "social state". This great transformation had hardly been planned. It was a pragmatic and multiform reaction to society's need for protection in the face of destruction induced by a generalised market-oriented thinking.

The section 6 of the meeting paid attention to the transition: Social state, transition, and development. From an international perspective, contributions considering specific factors at work in transition countries, on the one hand, and developing countries, on the other hand, would be equally useful. Is there a relation between public intervention in matters of social regulation and the various trajectories of the emerging and developing countries? Is it correct to consider that the least advanced countries, for example, including those of Sub Saharan Africa, suffer in the first place from the lack of a social state, or even of any state? Is there a specific model of social state in the emerging countries? What about the developing ones? What distinctive problems in matters of social regulation arise in the transition countries? Conditions of entry of the CEECs in the European Union could be discussed (is it justified to speak about a model of socio-fiscal competition, etc.?)

Calendar

- End of October 2005: submission of projects of communications (5.000 to 10.000 characters, spaces included). Title of the communication, abstract, key words, and complete address(es) of the author(s) have to be sent to the Scientific Committee by e-mail or mail:

e-mail : ColloqueEtatSocial@univ-paris1.fr

Postal address: Colloque Etat social - Matisse, MSE, 106 Bld de l'Hôpital, F - 75013 Paris

-End November 2005: the scientific committee will answer the contributors.

-Beginning July 2006: submission of communications (final drafts)

September 2006: meeting



4. FELLOWSHIPS, COMPETITIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

4.1. Unicredit Group, Italy. Research Fellowship in Economics and Finance Applications are invited for a Research Fellowship in Economics and Finance starting in October 2006.

Job Qualifications: Applicants must be Italian citizens who have attended a PhD in Economics or Finance and who intend to continue their research activity in Italy. The Fellow can choose to pursue his/her own research interests in one of over 20 Economics Department that have expressed willingness to host him/her.

Salary: The salary is Euro 50,000 per year (before taxes) and the overall length of the fellowship is 4 years (2 years renewable).

Application Procedure: Applications should be received before December 1, 2005. They should include a curriculum vita, at least one paper, and two letters of reference.

Contact: Mr Carlo Boccaperta Email: carlo.boccaperta@unicredit.it

For further information, see:

<http://www.Unicredit.it>

4.2. University Of Copenhagen. Department of Economics. Two Post Doc Positions in Development Economics. The University Of Copenhagen, Department of Economics, DERG invites applications for two post Doc positions in Development Economics.

About the Department:

Situated in the heart of Copenhagen, the Department of Economics at the University of Copenhagen is a highly research-oriented department within Denmark's premier university. The Department aims at being one of the leading economics departments in continental Europe and offers courses at Bachelor, Master's and PhD levels. The Department is well-resourced and offers excellent faculty support including conference funding, outstanding library facilities and research assistance. Closing date: October 21, 2005

Job Qualifications: Successful candidates will have a research record in Development Economics at PhD level, and be capable of, and willing to make general contributions to the academic work at the Department and to the work of the Development Economics Research Group (DERG) in particular. Candidates must have a thorough command of English and knowledge of Portuguese/Spanish is an advantage. Experience with the design, implementation and analysis of field surveys in developing countries (including the use of modern micro-econometric methods) is a

requirement, and field experience from Vietnam and Mozambique would be an asset.

Applications/Further Information: Applications cannot be based on this extract. The announcement in full text can be found at: <http://www.econ.ku.dk/Department/Jobs>

4.3. Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies Center for Civil Society Studies International Philanthropy Fellows Program call for applications academic year 2006-2007.

The Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies, Center for Civil Society Studies is pleased to announce a call for applications for the International Fellows in Philanthropy Program for the 2006-2007 academic year. This program based in Baltimore, Maryland, USA, affords an opportunity for advanced study, research, and training for up to eight participants each year who are involved in studying or managing private nonprofit, or philanthropic organizations outside of the United States, or working as NGO liaisons in the public or commercial sectors. Fellowships, are available for either an academic year or one semester. Special funding is available for Fellows from East Africa. Application deadline is February 25, 2006.

Eligibility: We are soliciting candidates who:

- 1) have demonstrated a high degree of interest, experience, and professional competence in research, management, or general leadership related to the voluntary, nongovernmental, nonprofit, or philanthropic sector; or
- 2) nonprofit liaison officers established by governments and multinational organizations who play a role in linking with nonprofit organizations through project partnerships, legal reform initiatives, and a variety of other activities.

Candidates are expected to have attained a university diploma equivalent to the American Bachelors of Arts or Science degree and be capable of carrying out independent research and inquiry. A high degree of English fluency is required as demonstrated by a score of 600 or higher on the TOEFL exam.

There are no restrictions as to nationality (except that US citizens are excluded from eligibility). Fellows are required to attend the annual International Fellows in Philanthropy Conference prior to their fellowship year and are strongly encouraged to participate in subsequent annual conferences. The 2006 conference will be held in Romania.

For more information, or to download an application, visit: www.jhu.edu/philfellow or contact Carol Wessner (cwessner@jhu.edu).

4.4. Grant Competition. The EERC Economics Research Network (www.eerc.ru) and the Economics Research and Outreach Center (EROC) at the Kyiv-Mohyla School of Economics (www.eerc.kiev.ua) are pleased to announce the Fall 2005 round of Economics Research Grant Competition.

Application deadline is October 17, 2005. Proposals are solicited in the following five areas with relevance to current policy concerns in the CIS: -- Enterprises and product markets -- Labor markets and social policy -- Macro, financial markets and open economy -- Public economics -- International trade and regional integration

Note: We encourage proposals for policy relevant research On The Border Of Economics And Other Disciplines, such as political science, sociology, demography, geography and ecology. The best research teams will be invited to present their projects at the EERC Research Workshop (16-18 December 2005, Moscow). Heads of projects must attend the workshop in order to be considered for a grant. Grants up to \$14,000 are awarded to individual researchers or small research teams (up to 3 persons) for up to 18 months. Grant size depends on the number of participants and specific budget requirements of the project. Additionally, young researchers and researchers based in the periphery whose projects show promise may be awarded development grants (up to \$2,000) and training opportunities in the framework of EERC's Research Development Program. In addition to a small stipend, and literature and data allowance, these grants may be coupled with an opportunity: -- to take courses and receive guidance from the New Economic School (NES, Moscow, www.nes.ru), or the Center for Economic and Financial Research (CEFIR, Moscow, www.cefir.ru).

-- Ukrainian, Belarusian and Moldovan scholars can be offered stays at the Kiev-Mohyla School of Economics (KMSE, Kiev, www.eerc.kiev.ua), both to follow courses at the MA program and/or visit the KMSE research and outreach center (EROC). Upon completion of research, authors of the best papers may be offered follow-on grants to develop policy briefs for presentation and discussion at policy roundtable meetings organized by the EERC. Funding for a subset of projects originating in Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova will be provided by the Economics Research and Outreach Center (EROC) at the Kyiv-Mohyla School of Economics.

You can find guidelines for application and application forms in Russian and English on <http://www.eerc.ru/default.aspx?id=247>. You can also apply on-line.

Please feel free to share this information with your colleagues.

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4.5. Award Oesterreichische Nationalbank.

Oesterreichische Nationalbank has established an award to commemorate Olga Radzyner, former Head of the OeNB's Foreign Research Division, who died in a tragic accident in August 1999. This year, the Olga Radzyner Award is to be presented for the sixth time. It will be bestowed on young economists from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, the Slovak Republic and Slovenia for excellent research focused on topics of European economic integration.

For more information on the conditions for participation please follow the

<http://www.oenb.at/en/ueber_die_oenb/foerderung/stipendien/radzyner/teilnahme/teilnahme.jsp>

4.6. EFES Newsletter - 30.8.2005

European EOLE Programme - European Programme for Employee Ownership Learning & Education. The European EOLE Report is now available on http://www.efesonline.org/eole/european_eole_report.pdf. Many companies are reevaluating their use of company share ownership and participation. It is now proven that companies performance can be better when employee ownership plans are well designed. To be fully successful, employee ownership and financial participation need education and training. A lot of communication, training and education programmes are now available through EOLE database, the three main fields being: ownership culture, business management and corporate governance. The European EOLE Report is the final report of the Fifth European Meeting of Employee Ownership (Brussels, 16-18 June 2005). Programme européen EOLE -

Programme européen pour la formation et l'éducation à l'actionnariat salarié Le Rapport Europeen EOLE est à présent disponible sur http://www.efesonline.org/EOLE/EUROPEAN_EOLE_REPORT.pdf De nombreuses entreprises sont en train de réévaluer leurs pratiques en matière d'actionnariat salarié et de participation. Il est maintenant démontré que la performance de l'entreprise peut être sérieusement améliorée quand les plans d'actionnariat salarié sont développés convenablement. Pour réussir, l'actionnariat salarié et la participation demandent une éducation et des formations adaptées. De nombreux programmes de formation et d'éducation sont disponibles via la base de données EOLE, se répartissant en trois grands domaines: culture actionnariale, gestion d'entreprise, gouvernance. Le Rapport européen EOLE est le rapport final de la Cinquième Rencontre Européenne de l'Actionnariat Salarié (Bruxelles, 16-18 juin 2005). Marc Mathieu Secretary General EFES - European Federation Of Employee Share Ownership FEAS - Federation Europeenne de l'Actionnariat Salarie Avenue Voltaire 135, B-1030 Brussels Tel/fax: +32 (0)2 242 64 30 E-mail: marcmathieu@marcmathieu.be Web site: www.efesonline.org EFES' objective is to act as the umbrella organization of employee owners and all persons, companies, trade unions, experts, researchers, institutions looking to promote employee ownership and participation in Europe.

4.7. Journal of Accounting & Organisational Change. Call for Paper for a Special Issue on "Management Accounting in Less Developed Countries".

Less developed countries (LDCs) are gaining increased attention from policy makers and academics due to their increasing dependence on the West, globalisation, indebtedness, and international trade reforms. Policy agendas, backed by studies from funding agencies such as the World Bank and the Overseas Development Institute, are often driven by notions of "good-governance" as a condition for economic liberalisation. However, they are criticised for neglecting politics, cultural factors, and local histories when explaining relative failures and successes. Accounting change is an essential component of market-based development policies promulgated by international agencies. However, frequent

failures have cast doubt on whether Western management accounting practices can be effective, especially without adjustment to local circumstances. Work in this area is growing but is still in its infancy. The aim of this special edition of Journal of Accounting & Organisational Change is to promote informed debate to establish a more realistic understanding of management accounting in LDCs. We invite historical, theoretical, empirical, practical, and review papers, whether quantitative or qualitative, from scholars across disciplines on the following issues affecting management accounting and accountability in Asian, African and Latin American LDCs and transitional economies.

Topics of papers

- The impact of structural adjustment programmes and international financial agencies.
- New public management initiatives in organisations such as hospitals, schools, utilities, and public services.
- The effects of privatisation.
- Civil society and management accounting within NGOs.
- Changes wrought by multinational corporations.
- The role of consultants.
- Intellectual and social capital.
- Gender, culture, ethnicity, wars, and history.
- Education, training, and the role of professional accounting bodies.
- Consideration of rural entrepreneurship and agriculture and indigenous management accounting practices.
- Management accounting, socio-economic development, and poverty reduction.

Deadline for submissions

These themes are only indicative. Papers outside them with relevance to understanding management accounting practices in LDCs are welcomed. The deadline for submissions is 31 May 2006. Accepted papers will be published in the November 2006 issue. Please prepare your manuscript according to JAOC guidelines. For details, visit <http://www.deakin.edu.au/buslaw/aef/publications/index.php>. All enquiries and electronic submissions of papers should be sent to Dr Danture Wickramasinghe.



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