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OFFICIAL NEWS**1.1. EACES Ec Meeting Vienna 10 May 2008. Minutes of the meeting**

Participants: Will Bartlett (President), Jens Hölscher (Vice-President), Andrei Yakovlev (EC member), Hubert Gabrisch (Secretary), Bozidar Cerovic (EC member), Michael Keren (EJCE). Horst Brezinski joint the meeting by phone in case for consultation on selected issues.

Agenda:

1. Organization of the Moscow conference
2. Evaluation of conference submissions
4. Adjustments to the statute
5. Journals
6. Other business

1. Moscow conference. Report Andrei (see [handout](#))

Andrei Yakovlev presented a comprehensive written report on the organization and administration of the conference. The EC approved the provisions, and discussed the structure of the conference and the Keynote speakers. Keynote speeches will be:

- Alexander Shokhin, President of the hosting university, and of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs,
- Joe Brada, Secretary of the ACES, and
- Mario Nuti, former EACES president.

While the former two will speak at plenary sessions, Mario Nuti will address the General Assembly.

The Executive Committee expressed its thanks to the local organization committee, in particular Andrei Yakovlev and Marina Batalina, for their excellent work.

2. Evaluation of abstract submission

The EC discussed the results of the evaluation of abstract submissions to the Scientific Committee and approved the general findings. It decided in doubtful cases. In these cases, the judgement of a third referee from the EC members present was accepted. In summary: 20 out of 131 individual proposals were rejected. In addition, 6 session proposals including their papers were accepted.

3. Statute amendments

The EC discussed various initiatives for amendments to the statute and to make it complete in order to allow for more transparency and external presentation. The EC decided to present amendments to the General Assembly at its Moscow meeting to approve them. The EC committee, in addition to some minor corrections, suggests

- to make clear that officers are elected for two years terms with the possibility of re-election,
- to determine the quorum for meetings of the Executive committee at 5 persons including the managing board, and

- to insert a new article on elections.

The proposals for amendments are attached below. Vice-President Jens Hölscher will introduce the proposals and the motivations.

4. Personnel affairs

With regard to the EACES Working Paper series: The decision about the future, editorship, and possible reforms of the WP has been left to the new EC.

Vice-President Jens Hölscher will be nominated by the 'old' EC for President.

5. Journals

The EC decided not to agree to the request of 25 Euro per member as a fee for online access to *Economic Systems*, and to cease further negotiations with Elsevier. The EC considered two options: (a) financial support to the *EJCES* as the main, and recently well performing, journal of the association and, (b) more financial support to workshops. The EC left the final solution of the problem to the next EC.

6. Other business

With respect to Marcello Signorelli's proposal to become a member of the International Economic Association, the EC decided to leave the decision to the new EC.

The same applies to the proposal of Giorgio Dominese, President of the *Transition World Research Network-CEEUN*, to establish cooperation with this network.

Hubert Gabrisch (secretary)

1.2. The statute with the amendments proposed by the EC**Article 1. Name and Location**

a. The Association is named:

European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (E.A.C.E.S.) e.V.

Article 2. Purpose of the Association

The Association exclusively and directly aims at benevolent purposes in the sense of the paragraph 'tax favored purposes' of the German tax law.

The general purpose of the Association is to initiate and co-ordinate international collaboration designed to assist the advancement of theoretical and applied knowledge in the field of comparative economic studies in Europe and elsewhere. Its aims are purely scientific.

The principal interests of the association are the theoretical analysis in the field and the comparative study of real economic systems. The areas concerned are the economies of East and West, North and South, as well as the economic interactions among systems and among regional areas, such as the EU.

The Association is envisaged as a broadly based organization in which all schools of analysis

will exchange views and ideas on current and prospective research.

The Association will organize international conferences and workshops, promote the study and application of comparative economics and related subjects, form working groups to further research on particular topics, cooperate with other international groups, such as the International Economic Association, concerned with this and similar fields of research and facilitate translations and publications.

Article 3. Fiscal Year

The fiscal year is the calendar year.

Article 4. Membership

a. Each individual person and institutional body can become a member of the Association. The Managing Board decides on the applications.

b. Membership expires by withdrawal, death or exclusion. The announcement of withdrawal of a member will come into effect at the end of the current fiscal year and has to be declared in writing to the Executive Committee by December 1. The obligation to pay membership fees ends in any case at the end of the current fiscal year.

c. Members who have failed to pay membership fees for two consecutive years will be suspended and may be excluded. The Executive Committee decides on the exclusion of members.

d. The Association is not responsible for actions of its members and their consequences.

Article 5. Membership Fees

a. Membership fees will be determined by the General Assembly.

b. Surpluses can be used only for purposes consistent with the Statute. Members cannot receive part of the surplus and they cannot receive any other donations or reimbursement from the resources of the Association, neither during the life of the Association nor upon its dissolution.

c. No member may be favoured by administrative expenditures inconsistent with the purpose of the Association. Members cannot under any circumstances be paid for services rendered to the Association.

Article 6. Organs of the Association

a. The Executive Committee and the General Assembly of the members are the organs of the Association. Unless specified differently, their decisions are taken with the vote of the simple majority of the members present.

b. Each individual and institutional member has right to one vote in the General Assembly. Only individual members have both active and passive voting rights. Institutional members have only right to one active vote.

Article 7. Officers of the Association

a. The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the Association. Members are elected by the General Assembly for two years; re-election is possible. The Committee meets at least once a year. The quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee is 5 persons, including the Managing Board.

b. Nominations for elections to the Executive Committee can be put forward either by the Executive Committee or by any member seconded by another member. Nomination of candidates can be made one month before the meeting of the General Assembly by notification to the secretary.

c. The Executive Committee is responsible for the management and administration of the Association. It functions on an honorary basis.

d. Within the Executive Committee exists a Managing Board, which consists of the following:

1. President
2. Vice-president
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

Secretary and Treasurer can be the same person. The Executive Committee consists of 13 officers, including the members of the Managing Board.

e. According to the provisions of [[section]] 26 BGB (German Civil Code) the members of the Managing Board represent the Executive Committee. Two members of the Managing Board are authorized and are obliged to represent the Association in legal, judicial and extrajudicial affairs. **One of these persons has to be the President or any other officer of the association appointed by the President. One of these persons has to be the President or any other officer of the association appointed by the President.** Concerning internal affairs of the Association, the Managing Board is subject to the decisions of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee.

f. If a member of the Executive Committee retires during the period of office, the Executive Committee can designate a substitute for the rest of the period of the office, taking into consideration the results of the previous elections.

g. The dismissal of a member of the Executive Committee is possible only for extraordinarily important reasons. Only extraordinary General Assembly can decide on this.

Article 8. General Assembly

a. An ordinary General Assembly will take place at least every two fiscal years. The Executive Committee will determine the agenda.

b. The President or his/her substitute as stated in Art. 7 [[section]] f. in agreement with the

majority of the Executive Committee calls and presides over meetings of the General Assembly (ordinary and extraordinary). Extraordinary meetings of the General Assembly must be called if at least one fourth of the members or two thirds of the Executive Committee request this in writing and specify the reasons.

c. Calls for General Assemblies must be in writing and sent four weeks before the date called on, specifying the location and the agenda. The Secretary must make a written report on the proceedings of the General Assembly. Properly called general assemblies can make decisions regardless of the number of members present. Changes of the statute require a qualified majority of two third of the members present.

d. The Executive Committee is obliged to give a report on its activities to the General Assembly.

Article 9: Elections

clause a. The Executive Committee nominates the Vice-President to the General Assembly, for election to the office of President. Nominations for these post can also be made by any members of the Association according to procedures outlined in Clause 7.

clause b. President and Vice-President are elected on separate ballot papers, by simple majority.

clause c. The Treasurer and Secretary are elected separately on a proposal of the President; voting can occur by acclamation.

clause d. Other officers of the Executive Committee are elected on a single ballot paper. In the order of votes, candidates enter the Executive Committee until the new Committee, excluding the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, consists of nine members.

Article 10. Dissolution of the Association

a. Only an extraordinary General Assembly can decide on the dissolution of the Association. This decision requires a three fourth majority of the members present at that meeting.

b. In case of dissolution of the Association its assets will be used directly and only for scientific or charitable purposes, if possible in accordance with the Association's purposes. Decisions on the specific utilization of the assets are taken by one representative of the Technical University of Freiberg, one of the town of Freiberg, and two members of the Association designated by the dissolving General Assembly.

Appendix: The adjustments to the statute proposed by the EC in detail:

Article 4, clause e: delete it without substitution
Article 7, clause a: "The Executive Committee consists of the officers of the Association. Members are elected by the General Assembly for two years; re-election is possible. The

Committee meets at least once a year. The quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee is 5 persons, including the Managing Board.

clause b. "Nominations for elections to the Executive Committee can be put forward either by the Executive Committee or by any member seconded by another member. Nomination of candidates can be made one month before the meeting of the General Assembly by notification to the secretary."

clause c. (former clause b.)

clause d: (former clause c.)

clause e: (former clause d:) New: "One of these persons has to be the President or any other officer of the association appointed by the President."

clause f: former clause j.

clause g: former clause k.

NEW: Article 9: Elections

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Article 10: former article 9.

1.3. EACES Awards 2008.

The **European Association for Comparative Economic Studies** (EACES) proudly announces the winner of the '2008 EACES Award' for the best doctoral dissertation in the fields of comparative economics and economics of transition. A total of ten dissertations have been submitted. In a two-stage selection process, the following candidates were short-listed in stage one (in alphabetic order):

Sanjaya Acharja, PhD from Erasmus University, Rotterdam

Venla Sipilä, PhD from University College London

Michael Troilo, PhD from University of Michigan

Zhao Wei, PhD from Institut de Recherche pur le Developpement, Bondy

Based on expert evaluations of these dissertations, the following dissertation has been selected as a winner:

Sanjaya Acharja, Erasmus University Rotterdam

"Pro-Poor Growth and Liberalisation: CGE Policy Modelling"

Dr Acharya's dissertation analyzes the interaction between liberalization, growth and poverty on the basis of a computable general equilibrium (GCE) model using Nepalese 'Social Accounting Matrix' data. The work demonstrates great analytical rigour in applying sophisticated quantitative techniques to questions of high policy relevance in an under-explored empirical context. A wide range of liberalisation and internal policy reform simulations were carried out, leading to policy implications on how the economy could attain higher and pro-poor growth following alternative strategies of economic restructuring. In addition, he has been able to explore and find that staged external liberalisation is superior to a strategy where all liberalisation policies are implemented simultaneously, in terms of both growth and distribution.

The winner is expected to present his work in the form of a short lecture to the plenary session of the 10th EACES conference to be held in Moscow, Russia, in the autumn of 2008.

EACES would like to use this opportunity to thank the following colleagues for their contribution to selecting the winner: Wladimir Andreff, Will Bartlett, Simon Burke, Bozidar Cerovic, Jens Hoelscher, Bruno Merlevede, Klaus Meyer, Koen Schoors, Marcello Signorelli, Wim Swaan, Urmas Verblane.

1.4. EACES Conference

The 10th bi-annual EACES <Patterns of Transition and New Approches to Comparative Economics>. Higher School of Economics, Moscow. August 28-30, 2008

Deadline for submission of abstracts: MARCH 15TH, 2008

Acceptance of submitted abstracts: APRIL 30TH, 2008

Submission of final papers: JUNE 30TH, 2008

Prospective participants are invited to submit abstracts of their original research papers for presentation at the Conference on-line at: <http://EACES-conf2008.hse.ru> The application should include the following information: the title of the proposed paper, an abstract not exceeding 300 words, and personal contact details (full name, job title, institutional affiliation, current position, postal address, contact phone, fax, and e-mail address). Abstracts should be in RTF, Microsoft Word or

PDF formats, should include three key words, and indicate to which theme it is submitted.

Group applications for organizing a session (panel proposal) are welcome as well as individual applications. The panel proposal should include the following information: title of proposed session; titles and short abstracts of papers (not more than 3 or 4 papers for one panel, up to 2,500 characters per abstract); full names, job titles, institutional affiliation and current positions of presenters and discussants (opponents); full name, postal address, phone and fax number, e-mail address of the session coordinator. Sessions will last for 1.5 - 2 hours each. The deadline for group applications is also March 15, 2008.

The Scientific Committee of the Conference will complete selection of papers by April 30th, 2008.

THEMES

Patterns of Transition (East and West: similarities and differences in transition paths; The Russian transition economy: normal, abnormal or...? China and the speed of transition; Transition and EU integration; BRIC countries: a comparative perspective)

New Agenda for Comparative Economics (Comparative Economics and the 'Mainstream'; New Comparative Economics: research issues and methods; New Economic History; The varieties of capitalism paradigm; Research methods in Comparative Economics)

Globalization in Comparative Perspective (Political economics of protectionism; Economics and politics of the resource curse; The impact of globalisation on transition economies; FDI in transition economies; Financial crises and transition economies)

Comparative Economic Development (Theories and empirical evidences; Formal and informal sectors; Two emerging economies: China and India; Regional disparities; Sustainable development)

Institutions and Comparative Economic Systems (Comparing governance across the borders; Comparative institutions in the EU and the contribution of transition to the advances of economics; Democracy vs. order: which is more conducive to growth? Federalism in comparative perspective; Government at the end of transition; Corruption and development)

Comparative Studies of the Firm (Corporate governance: international perspectives; Boundaries of the firm and forms of enterprises; SMEs and entrepreneurship; Firm behavior and the modernization of the economy; Corporate finance, banking and financial markets)

Education and Labour Market (Human capital and labour market; Comparative labour market performance; Higher education and

labour market; School to work transition; Efficiency and equity in education and labour market)

Public Policy and the Policy Process (Comparative law and economics; Comparative issues in competition and deregulation; Bureaucracy and governance; Public-private partnerships; Pension system and healthcare design)

Innovation Systems and Path Dependency (National and regional innovation systems; Path dependency; Late-comer advantages; Evolution of innovation; Knowledge transfer from higher education institutions to industry)

Please note that papers and panels on other topics from all areas of comparative economics are also welcome

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Conference Registration Fees

The conference fee for the EACES members is estimated as follows:

for non-EU transition countries: 120 Euro (150 Euro – after June 30th, 2008)

for new EU countries: 160 Euro (200 Euro – after June 30th, 2008)

for EU and other developed countries: 200 Euro (250 Euro – after June 30th, 2008)

The EACES annual membership fees are not included in the Conference registration fee.

The fee includes the reception, the conference dinner, catering during the conference, and administration. Depending on the total number of participants, the fee may be reduced. Further notice will be communicated in due time.

Non-EU participants requiring financial support are asked to communicate their requests (specifying estimated costs) when submitting proposals for papers/panels. Limited financing may be available.

Payment details for transferring registration fees to the EACES treasurer are available at the EACES web (www.eaces.org) and at the Conference web (at: http://EACES_conf2008.hse.ru.)

EACES Membership Fees

One year fee

Western members: 30 euro
Junior western members: 20 euro
Eastern members: 20 euro
Junior eastern members: 15 euro

Two year fee

Western members: 50 euro
Junior western members: 30 euro
Eastern members: 30 euro
Junior eastern members: 20 euro

EACES treasurer: Horst Brezinski, erichter@vwl.tu-freiberg.de (Fax ++49 3731 392733). Membership application forms and payment details are available at the EACES web (www.eaces.org).

EACES Doctoral Award

The EACES invites proposals for 'EACES Award 2008' for the best doctoral dissertation in the fields of comparative economics and economics of transition. Further information is available at the EACES web (www.eaces.org). Enquiries may be also addressed to Professor Klaus Meyer, <k.meyer@bath.ac.uk>. The deadline for submissions is January 31, 2008.

Conference Organization

The 10th EACES Conference is organized in association with the State University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia. The Higher School of Economics (HSE), was established in 1992 on the initiative of renowned Russian economists (Evgeny Yasin, Yaroslav Kuzminov) and members of the Russian Government (Yegor Gaidar, Alexander Shokhin, and others) with the purpose to promote economic reforms in Russia through education of a new generation of researchers and practitioners, production and dissemination of modern economic knowledge among Russian business and government, as well as giving rise to new ideas for economic and social reforms and formation of new corporate strategies. The HSE is a new-type university project, conceived by professional community with support of the Russian State and business. In cooperation with leading European universities it established itself as a leading university in Russia in the field of Economics and Social and Political Sciences. The HSE strategy is targeted at its transformation into a research university of international standing.

Further information about hotel accommodation, conference venue, and other details will be placed at: http://EACES_conf2008.hse.ru in due time.

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1.5. The European Journal of Comparative Economics.

1.2.1. General information. *The European Journal of Comparative Economics* staff is proud to inform that the journal has been accepted for indexing and abstracting in the following services:

- EconLit, JEL on CD and e-JEL (Journal of Economic Literature)
- IBSS (International Bibliography of Social Sciences),
- EBSCO Business Source Premier
- DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals)

1.2.2. EJCE, vol. 5 , n. 1, 2008. Contents.

The Determinants of Actual Migration and the Role of Wages and Unemployment in Albania: an Empirical Analysis by Cristina Cattaneo (pp.3-32)

(<http://eaces.liuc.it/18242979200801/182429792008050101.pdf>)

Comparing Direct and Indirect Taxation: The Influence of Framing on Tax Compliance by Robert Ullmann ; Christoph Watrin (pp.23-56)

(<http://eaces.liuc.it/18242979200801/182429792008050101.pdf>)

Formal and Informal Institutional Change : the Experience of Postsocialist Transformation by Bernard Chavance (pp.57-71)

(<http://eaces.liuc.it/18242979200801/182429792008050103.pdf>)

The Euro's Effects on Trade in a Dynamic Setting by Sergio de Nardis ; Roberta De Santis ; Claudio Vicarelli (pp.73-85)

(<http://eaces.liuc.it/18242979200801/182429792008050104.pdf>)

Determinants of Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from Russian Regions by Svetlana Ledyeva ; Mikael Linden (pp.87-105)

(<http://eaces.liuc.it/18242979200801/182429792008050105.pdf>)

Twin Crises in Turkey: A Comparison of
Currency Crisis Models

by Hakan Yilmazkuday (pp.107-124)

(<http://eaces.liuc.it/18242979200801/182429792008050106.pdf>)

Book review on: "The European Labour Market
Regional Dimensions", Floro Ernesto Caroleo
and Sergio Destefanis (editors) by Peter Huber
(pp.125-129)

(<http://eaces.liuc.it/18242979200801/182429792008050107.pdf>)

The European Journal of Comparative
Economics, is available online
(<http://eaces.liuc.it/>).



1.6. The EACES website. The Association
Website <<http://www.eaces.org/>> is now very
much out of date. Members are invited to send

or update their own details (cvs, publications
etc.) and any other relevant information.



2. CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Summary

2.1.	Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data (CAED)	Budapest (Hungary)	22-24. May 2008
2.2.	Innovation and Social Development Cognitive capitalism – What Are The Conditions For Social Development?	Dubrovnik (Croatia)	23-25 May 2008
2.3.	International conference Institution Building and Economic Development in Central Asia.	Almaty (Kazakhstan)	5-6 June 2008
2.4.	12TH Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE)	Toronto (Canada)	20-21 June 2008
2.5.	Business and Management Research in a Changing, Globalised World: Current Challenges from a European Perspective	Budva (Montenegro)	24-26 June 2008
2.6.	10th Anniversary Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics	Cambridge (United Kingdom)	4-6 July 2008
2.7.	International Conference of the School of Economics and Business in Sarajevo: “Transitional Challenges of EU Integration and Globalization”	Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)	9-10 October 2008
2.8.	International conference on “Innovation, Competitiveness and Growth”	Zagreb (Croatia)	27 November 2008

2.1. Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data (CAED). Budapest (Hungary), 22-24. May 2008

The Upjohn Institute is organizing the 8th international research conference on Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data (CAED), together with the Central European University and with the support of several national and international sponsors. CAED invites submissions of extended abstracts and session proposals for research using enterprise micro data. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to, reallocation, productivity, ICT, innovation and R&D, competition, transition, development, labor, adjustment costs, environment, corporate governance, trade, and linked employer-employee analysis.

Paper abstracts should be 400-600 words, including a description of the data used in the analysis. Session proposals should be short summaries of the topic, data, and authors. Submission indicates that the presenter of an accepted paper will be willing to serve as a discussant. To promote the comparative agenda of CAED, preference will be given to papers using data from multiple countries and to proposals for sessions that contain papers on the same topic in different countries.

The conference will be held at the Central European University (www.ceu.hu) in downtown Budapest. It will begin on Thursday evening, May 22, with a reception and a panel on “The Future of CAED.” The program on

Friday and Saturday (May 23-24) will include keynote speeches, a plenary panel on “Getting Access to Business Micro Data: New Approaches,” and parallel and poster sessions. The conference will conclude with a Danube River dinner cruise on Saturday evening. Deadline for submissions: December 15, 2007.

Key Dates

The deadline for general submissions and special sessions is December 15, 2007.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by January 31, 2008.

The deadline for completed papers is May 1, 2008.

Please direct any questions regarding the conference to CAED@upjohn.org.

More information: <http://www.upjohn.org/CAED/>

2.2. Innovation and Social Development Cognitive capitalism – What Are The Conditions For Social Development?. Dubrovnik (Croatia), 23-25 May 2008.

IUC - Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik (Don Frana Bulica 4, HR-20000 Dubrovnik, CROATIA, Phone (+ 385 20) 413-626, http://www.iuc.hr/k_detail.php?konfid=113)

Conference Directors: Richard Blandy, University of South Australia, Australia; Jasminka Lažnjak, University of Zagreb, Croatia; Željka Šporer, University of South

Australia, Australia; Jadranka Švarc, Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar, Zagreb

Conference Description/ Call For Papers

The conference works as an inter- and trans-disciplinary workshop. Its focus is generally on the key role of innovation in the knowledge society and its consequences for development at global, regional and local levels. Creation and dissemination of new knowledge, its commercialisation and human capital development have become crucial factors for economic development. Taking into account different models of socioeconomic development through history, a variety of patterns of production, application and commercialisation of knowledge emerge. Our fourth conference will continue to discuss all relevant aspects of this relationship with special emphasis on concept of cognitive capitalism. Contributions dealing with other issues related to innovation and development are welcome as well.

The pervasive changes global capitalism has gone through have made some researchers argue it has outgrown a phase of industrial capitalism and entered a new one - cognitive capitalism. Unlike industrial capitalism, where production of knowledge has been subordinated to production of goods, the two spheres have now swapped places and become more interdependent. Cognitive capitalism coincides with the emergence of a 'knowledge-based economy', but is not its synonym. Changing relationship between capital and (division of) labor, financialisation of global economy, demonopolization and socialization of inventions and innovations as well as its influence on technical progress are only some of the spheres where we should seek reflections of this metamorphosis.

Some of the questions considered at the conference will include the following:

Is there a (European) alternative to the US model of capitalism or perhaps a convergence? Emerging or submerging economies of "New Europe" -quo vadis?

Innovations for whom? From private benefits and social costs to social benefits and costs? From social productivity to private profits?

How does financial capital articulate and captivate knowledge?

What are the various scenarios of capital-labor relationship and social protection in new capitalism?

Selected papers will be published in a book edited by Andrea Fumagalli, Carlo Vercellone and Vladimir Cvijanović within series Socio-Economic Perspectives in South-Eastern Europe by Peter Lang Publishing Group. The book is planned for autumn 2008.

Paper Submission

January 31, 2008 - deadline for abstract

March 1, 2008 – notification of abstract acceptance

Conference fee is 40€ and is payable upon arrival.

Guidelines for Abstracts

The abstracts should be sent in word (preferred) or PDF format and should be up to 500 words long.

Please make sure they include your name, affiliation(s), as well as postal and e-mail addresses and your phone number. Send your abstract to one of the contact persons listed below.

Other information on the conference (accommodation, programme, etc.) will be available soon at

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2.3. International conference Institution Building and Economic Development in Central Asia. Almaty (Kazakhstan), 5-6 June 2008.

Organisation: International School of Economics (ISE)

Central Asia – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan – is a pivotal region in both economic and political terms. In spite of similar socio-economic characteristics in the early 1990s the region has become diversified inter alia due to the uneven endowment with natural resources, individual approaches to transformation from plan to market, and different formal and informal institutions governing economic activity. The conference takes stock on economic transformation and institution building and asks for the development prospects of the region.

Keynote speakers and roundtable panellists include

Prof. Richard Pomfret (University of Adelaide, Australia)

Dr. Shahrbanou Tadjbakhsh (Sciences Po Paris, France)

Dr. Johannes Linn (Brookings Institution, Washington D.C., USA)

Prof. Erik Bergloef (EBRD London, UK - tbc)

Academics, researchers and advanced PhD students may submit a proposal for a paper including the title of the paper, an abstract of 250 – 300 words, as well as full contact details of the author(s) to the organiser (see details below). The proposal should fit into one of the following issue areas:

Monetary policy, exchange rate policy and the financial services sector

International trade, capital flows and regional integration

Natural resources and economic growth

Poverty, income distribution and social policies

Competition, corporate governance and market structures

Deadline for submission: 15 January 2008

Proposals will be reviewed by the academic committee. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 January of 2008. Finalised papers need to be submitted by 30 April 2008.

Publication of the best papers in a special edition of a refereed journal is considered.

Under exceptional circumstances travel grants may be provided for a limited number of advanced PhD students.

Proposals as well as any other enquiry may be directed to Prof. Heiko Fritz, ISE, email: h.fritz@bham.ac.uk

2.4. 12TH Annual Conference of The International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE), The University of Toronto June 20-21, 2008

The International Society for New Institutional Economics (ISNIE) will hold its 12th Annual Conference at the University of Toronto, Canada, June 20-21, 2008. The program committee, chaired by President-Elect Scott Masten, invites you to submit your proposal to present a paper at the conference.

Paper submission procedure:

Proposals are due by January 14, 2008. All proposals must be submitted electronically via the ISNIE website at:

<http://call.isnie.org/>

About ISNIE:

ISNIE, The International Society for New Institutional Economics was founded to stimulate and disseminate interdisciplinary research on economic, political, and social

institutions and their effects on economic activity. ISNIE encourages rigorous theoretical and empirical investigation on these topics using approaches drawn from economics, organization theory, law, political science, and other social sciences.

2.5. Business and Management Research in a Changing, Globalised World: Current Challenges from a European Perspective. Budva (Montenegro) June 24-26 2008

The Faculty of Economics at the University of Montenegro and its TEMPUS project partners the Faculty of Economics at the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), the University of Greenwich Business School, London (UK) and Leon Kozminski School of Management of Entrepreneurship, Warsaw (Poland) are organising a conference on the Current Issues in Management, Accounting and Finance to be held on June 24th and 26th 2008, in a Montenegrin sea resort of the City of Budva. Budva is one of the well known Adriatic ancient cities with a well preserved fortress city overseeing the bay, and offering many tourist attractions.

The papers are solicited in any area of Business and Management research regardless of the School of thought followed or a theoretical approach endorsed. Both traditional and critical approaches to management research are equally welcomed. The authors are invited to submit papers that deal with current issues in management and business research and practice in their respective countries or offering a very good regional overview of practices and approaches. The region of Central and Eastern Europe has faced the unprecedented societal change in the 1990s when the countries which had a communist model of social organisation have started building a democratic society and replaced the command, socialist economy with a market-oriented one. Many of the Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs) have now considered the advanced transitional economies, or have already graduated in the process and may be even considered as being nascent industrial democracies. The process has been difficult one and the price paid has not yet been calculated, in real societal terms. However, the change has been an impetus for countries on other continents (notably Asia: China, Vietnam, Laos, and so on) to consider moving in that direction and certainly the practices developed in those countries deserve attention of both scholars and professionals. Although there have been many academic conferences devoted to transitional issues, the conference in June would like to bring together both scholars and

professionals and to provide a perspective on a change in the Western Balkans and how the experience in other countries can be effectively utilised in shaping the change in this still unstable region. All of CEECs are either already a member of the European Union or they are in the process of accession. Although nobody challenges the European path, different countries have had different path and different experiences. The Conference would like to capture all those differences as they have projected on the business and management practices, routines and newly emerged or emerging techniques.

The papers presented at the conference will be included in a book published by the Greenwich University Press for all the partners. It is also possible that a symposium issue of a learned journal will be published with the papers presented at the conference.

This even will also be used for the creation of a new academic research network. The collaborating EU institutions (University of Greenwich, Leon Kozminski School of Management and Entrepreneurship and University of Ljubljana) would like to use this opportunity to launch the South-East European Management Accounting Research Network (SEE-MARN). Therefore, the special invitation is extended to the scholars and professionals in the field of accounting and finance, especially management accounting. We do believe that a significant number of papers will be in that particular area. The organizers hope that a number of professional organizations in the target region would join the network.

The conference will be organised in two tracks. The first track will consist of the fully developed papers which will be submitted to the organisers by the 15th June 2008, whilst the second track will be devoted to the papers which are in the developmental stages and will have to be completed and submitted to the organizers by 1st October 2008, in order to be considered for the inclusion in the book. The final selection of the papers will be done by the book editors by the end of November 2008. Accepted authors will be required to comply with editors' and referee comments by the end of 2008. The book is scheduled for publication in early 2009.

The Faculty of Economics at the University of Montenegro will act as an Executive Organiser, and all the correspondence should be sent to the Professor dr Andjelko Lojpur, e-mail: andjelko@cg.ac.yu.

2.6. 10th Anniversary Conference of the Association for Heterodox Economics, Cambridge (United Kingdom), 4-6 July 2008

Organisation: Anglia Ruskin University (Cambridge)

The Tenth Anniversary Conference of the Association of Heterodox Economics (AHE) will be held at Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge from Friday 4th to Sunday 6th July 2008.

In ten years the AHE has established a reputation as a major national and international forum for the discussion of alternatives to mainstream economics, and for the interdisciplinary and pluralistic nature of its discussions. In this anniversary year we particularly encourage submissions on

- (1) the state of economic heterodoxy and pluralism, and the relation between them
- (2) experiences and difficulties in teaching heterodox and pluralist economics
- (3) environmental and ecological economics

The conference invites submissions of single papers or sessions which conform to these aims, or address other issues in the social sciences from standpoints which differ from or critically examine the economic mainstream. A feature of the AHE is as a pluralist forum for dialogue, and we encourage proposals for sessions which address a single issue or theme from a variety of viewpoints or disciplines.

The international character of the conference has been a vital factor in its growing success. Scholars requiring documentation in support of visa or funding applications should indicate this in their initial submission. At present the AHE regrets that it has no funds to provide financial support, but is actively seeking it and welcomes proposals from participants regarding organizations for the AHE contact in search of support for participants from outside the US and European Union.

To facilitate dialogue and timetabling, participants whose initial submission is successful must provide a full paper by the deadline of Sunday 20th April. They should also register by Sunday May 18th, and will be expected to take part in at least two full days of the conference, in order to be included in the final programme. Participants should also be prepared to serve as discussants and/or session chairs.

This year poster sessions will also be organized for postgraduate or postdoctoral students who would like to discuss their work with others but are not yet in a position to provide a full paper.

The conference language is English.

Guidelines for submission

This year there will be two types of session, normal sessions and poster sessions. Normal sessions will be 90 minutes long and will usually consist of two papers with at least one discussant. Arrangements for poster sessions,

which are intended to encourage new work by postgraduate or postdoctoral students, will depend on the number of submissions and will be announced nearer the date of conference.

Proposals for single papers: please send an abstract of not more than 500 words by email only to the local organiser, Ioana Negru (i.negru@anglia.ac.uk), AND the AHE coordinator, Alan Freeman (afreeman@iwgvt.org). Text, HTML, Word and PDF format attachments are acceptable. Please indicate in your submission whether your paper is intended for a normal or poster session.

Proposals for complete sessions: please send a description of the session of not more than 500 words together with the names and email addresses of the proposed speakers, and attaching abstracts for their presentations of not more than 500 words each for each paper. Please send these by email only to Ioana Negru and Alan Freeman, as above.

Deadlines

Proposals for either single papers or complete sessions should be received by Sunday 27th January.

The AHE Committee will consider all abstracts and will notify you of acceptance or rejection of your proposal by Monday 11th February 2008.

Those whose abstracts have been accepted for a normal session must send their full paper by Sunday 20th April 2008 and must register, for a minimum of two days of the conference, by Sunday 18th May 2008.

To see details of previous conferences, and to keep up to date with the 2008 conference and other AHE activities please visit: www.hetecon.com

2.7. International Conference of the School of Economics and Business in Sarajevo: "Transitional Challenges of EU Integration and Globalization", Sarajevo, October 09 - 10, 2008

In October 2008 The School of Economics and Business in Sarajevo will organize its Fourth International Conference (ICES2008) with the central theme "Transitional Challenges of EU Integration and Globalization".

Aim and Scope of the Conference

The First International Conference of Faculty of Economics Sarajevo, organized in 2002, was focused on transition process challenges in Central and Eastern Europe at the beginning of the 21 century. The Second International Conference in 2003 made a slight shift from transition to development issues focusing on economic, political and social implications of transition in the development of former socialist countries. Finally, the Third Conference in 2006

encouraged research in the field of economic development and paid special attention to the preparations and adjustments that have to be done by European transition countries on their path to European integrations.

Fourth Conference has intention to encourage research in the field of economic development, specifically influenced by globalization and competitive challenges of international markets. After transitional years, globalization and internationalization challenges would be much bigger for transitional economies comparing to developed ones. That makes mutual cooperation and sharing experience as very important in the future.

Topics (in alphabetic order):

1. Accounting and Auditing Standards
2. Addressing Poverty
3. Bosnia and Herzegovina - Challenges of Regional and European Integration
4. Capital Markets and Capital Allocation
5. Challenges in Banking Sector
6. Challenges in Business Law Legislative
7. Challenges of Companies Strategic Orientation
8. Challenges in Financial Management
9. Challenges in Insurance Sector
10. Challenges in Marketing Management
11. Competitiveness Strategies
12. Corporate Social Responsibility
13. Crisis Management
14. Economics of Business in Transition Economies
15. E-economy, E-business, E-government
16. Employment/Unemployment
17. EU Integration: Business Framework
18. Foreign Direct Investments
19. Global Business and European Integration
20. Global Manufacturing
21. Knowledge Economy
22. Macroeconomic Management
23. Manufacturing Strategies
24. Natural Resources Management/Environmental Management
25. Ownership Reform
26. Private Sector and SME Development
27. Privatization Issues
28. Public – Private Partnerships
29. Rural Development
30. State-owned Enterprises
31. Supply Chain Management
32. Workforce Agility

Submission of Abstracts and Papers

Abstracts and papers will be selected through a double-blind review process. Accepted abstracts and papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

Selected papers will be considered for publication in a special issue of „Eastern European Economics“, an ISI-ranked journal

published by M E Sharpe Inc., USA (www.mesharpe.com).

Papers published at ICES 2006, that are selected for publication in special issue of Eastern European Economics are:

Maks Tajnikar and Ksenija Pusnik, Probability of bankruptcy in small firms and cost efficiency: case of Slovenia

Lorena Skuflic and Valerija Botric, The Analysis of the Cohesive Trade Elements between the EU and the SEEC-7

Maja Mihaljevic, Examining Efficiency in Croatian Higher Education: An Application of Student Attainment Modeling

Claudia Grupe and Sinisa Kusic, The Adjustment of Formal and Informal Institutions in the EU Accession Process: the Case of Croatia

Aleksander Aristovnik, Excessiveness of current account deficits in transition countries

Abstract Guidelines for Authors

Submitted abstracts have to be written according to the following instructions:

The official language of the Conference is English; abstracts should therefore be written in English.

Abstracts are to be typed in the Microsoft Word for Windows format, in letter quality type Times New Roman, font size 12, single spaced, alignment justified, margins all 2.5 cm or 1 inch.

The title page has to include the following: the Conference topic indication, title of the paper, name(s) of author(s), affiliation(s), address(es), telephone and facsimile number(s), and e-mail address(es) of all authors.

Separate page should include the paper title (centred, in capital letters, bold style), key words (up to five words) and abstract of approximately 200 – 300 words.

Abstracts should contain a clear indication of the purpose of the research and how it is related to the Conference topic, the approach used, the major results, and the implications.

Abstracts are to be submitted by e-mail to ices2008@efsa.unsa.ba This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it until November 30st, 2007.

[Example of Abstract \(Microsoft Word\)](#)

Guidelines for Author

The submissions should include the full-text paper, and the extended abstract on separate page. Both the paper and the extended abstract have to include the following elements: the title of the paper, name(s) and other required information of author(s), key words (up to five words), and the text.

The submissions are to be written according to the announced instructions.

The submissions should be sent by e-mail only to the following address ices2008@efsa.unsa.ba

This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it. It is recommended to use the surname of the first author as a file name (e.g. brkic_paper.doc). The extended abstract is to be submitted as a separate file (e.g. brkic_abstract.doc).

The deadline for submissions of the final paper and the extended abstract is March 31st, 2008.

Instructions for Papers

Submissions of final papers have to be written according to the following instructions:

The paper should be written in English. The author is responsible for language editing.

The submitted paper with all supplements cannot exceed 20 pages.

The paper is to be typed in Microsoft Word for Windows 2000 or 2003:

A4 format (29.7x21.0 cm; 8 ½ x11“);

margins all 2.5 cm (1“);

letter-quality type Times New Roman, font size 12pt, except for the paper title 14pt; and tables, figures and footnotes, all 10pt.

More information:

<http://www.efsa.unsa.ba/ices2008>

2.8. International conference on “Innovation, Competitiveness and Growth”, Zagreb (Croatia) 27 November 2008

Organisation: The Institute of Economics, Zagreb (EIZ)

The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, a research institute with a long tradition in economic research in Croatia, organizes an international conference on Innovation, Competitiveness and Growth, and invites researchers and other specialists wishing to present a paper discussing current issues in innovation, competitiveness and growth to submit an abstract by 31 May 2008.

Conference Topic

It is widely recognized that research and innovation are major drivers of long-term economic growth. It is therefore of crucial importance for policy-makers to promote innovation in companies and academia, as well as to advance collaboration of public and private entities and the transfer of scientific and technological developments to markets. This is an even more important issue for developing countries that have more “catching-up” to do, and where policy-makers rely on the findings of innovation research from developed economies.

Target Questions

- In what ways do human capital accumulation and innovation development contribute to economic growth?
- What is the connection between innovation and competitive performance on the level of company, industry and country?
- What are the barriers in commercialization of innovation, incremental and/or radical?
- To what extent do findings from innovation research in developed countries apply to developing countries?

Keynote Speakers

Reinhilde Veugelers, Faculty of Economics and Business, Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

Arjan Lejour, CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, the Hague, the Netherlands

Abstract Submission

Abstracts should be a maximum of 300 words and should include:

- Central theme or hypothesis: what question are you trying to address?
- Approach and methodology: how will you address that question?
- 3-5 keywords.

Please include author/s full name/s, affiliation/s, mailing address/es, telephone and fax number/s, e-mail address/es. Abstracts should be sent by 31 May 2008 to the following

E-mail: conference@eizg.hr

Conference Publication

Submitted papers will be double-blind reviewed. Presented papers will be invited to be published in the special issue of *Croatian Economic Survey* in April 2009. The papers published in *Croatian Economic Survey* are listed in the AEA indexes included in JEL on CD, e-JEL, and EconLit as well as the

International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS), and EBSCO.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: by 31 May 2008

Abstract acceptance notification: by 30 June 2008

Full paper submission deadline: by 20 September 2008

Full paper acceptance: by 15 October 2008

Registration for participants: by 15 November 2008

Important Information

There is no registration fee for the conference. Unfortunately, the organizers can not offer financial support for participants' travel and accommodation expenses.

Instructions for authors, registration forms and other information will be available at the Institute's web-site www.eizg.hr in due time.

Conference Venue

Matica hrvatska, Strossmayerov trg 4, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia.

Conference Committee

Sonja Radas (Chair), Andrea Mervar, Sandra Švaljek and Maja Vehovec, all affiliated with the Institute of Economics, Zagreb.

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3. FELLOWSHIPS, COMPETITIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

3.1. IEL open day. The IEL doctoral programme is run by a pool of well-known universities.

It has a strong international orientation and provides a highly reputed scholarly education. The programme also offers a limited number of 3-year scholarships to its students.

Further details on the programme and partner institutions can be found at

<http://www.cleicentre.org/index.html>

On June 13th 2008 IEL will host an "open day", during which potential candidates to the 2008/2009 class will have an opportunity to meet IEL faculty and current students.

Interested candidates are asked to send their open day applications to

Ms Leanne Duggan (iel@carloalberto.org)

by MAY 26, 2008

The application should include:

a curriculum vitae

a 1 pages abstract summarizing the candidate's research interests

Upon request, IEL might offer financial support to a limited number of participants so as to help them meet their travel and accommodation

expenses. A final decision to this effect will be reached and made known

by May 31st.

3.2. The 2nd Edition of the Youth Innovation Competition on Global Governance-YICGG on "Global Governance: Growth and Innovation 2020" will take place from August 18-28, 2008 at Rome Tor Vergata University and at Politecnico of Turin. The special program co-initiated by UNDP-United Nations Development Program and Fudan University (www.cgg.fudan.edu.cn) in 2007 will become a permanent annual initiative for the next four years. For the 2008 edition, a special partnership with two prestigious Italian Institutions has been started: Rome Tor Vergata University, Faculty of Economics and CEIS - Centre for Economic and International Studies (<http://web.uniroma2.it/index.php?newlang=english>) and the Politecnico of Turin (<http://international.polito.it/en/>).

CEEUN-Transition Studies Network (http://www.springer.at/transition_network) has signed the MoU as well and will cooperate in the diffusion and with the participation of a selected number of students among the many partners in Europe and worldwide.

This year, the Competition will bring students from more than 30 countries to share their innovation on global governance. We really hope that your University and Faculty will join with some participants this global platform together with the Fudan University, Rome Tor Vergata University and Politecnico of Turin in Italy. Our Competition offers an excellent opportunity for postgraduate and doctoral students to speak out their voice and new ideas, receive face-to face guidance from top-ranking scholars in global governance field, meet youth elites worldwide and build their own social network. In addition, a visiting tour to Italy and, why not, to some other parts of Europe as the most attractive historical heritage in the world will help the participants to experience the main dynamic, vital and ancient Europe-Asia ties and partnership.

In order to evaluate the Research Competition program and to have the most relevant information to be considered, here you find the general Rules, the agenda and deadlines. The organisation will select the 20-25 Colleagues willing to cover the position of supervisors and lecturers in the different themes and issues that will engage almost 100 participating students by the end of May, in order to start the e-researching activity at least three-four months before the final Competition evaluation. The partner institutional promoters will cooperate with other universities and research centers of their countries and abroad to involve and to call for cooperation a wider scientific community.

The definitive drafts of the most valuable researches (hopefully all of them) and in any

case a summarized version of the others will be presented soon after in a special section of the quarterly Journal Transition Studies Review, published by Springer (<http://www.springerlink.com/content/112913/>)

Looking forward to reading from you as soon as possible, in order to host some of your students in Rome and Turin for two weeks and to considering also your personal contribution to the workshops in Rome (where accommodation has been agreed by Tor Vergata University with the Italian Air Force, in the residential facilities of Casa della Aviatore, in the really downtown of the city) and to the final seminars and evaluation in Turin (in the Politecnico residences), I take the opportunity to greet and thank you very much for the precious cooperation in the past initiatives and hopefully in the present challenging program.

The website of YICGG2008 is managed, as in the previous edition, by Fudan University and it will be on line by the end of the coming week. The interested Universities, School, Departments and Centers could link their own website with the YICGG2008 upon request to: yicgg2008@ceeun.org and in copy to yicgg@fudan.edu.cn

Online-registration will be available to the students on the website but we recommend to forward the request to be selected for participation by email (see the addresses before mentioned) and following the requirements indicated in the detailed Rules file herewith attached. Confirmation will be sent to all the selected participants by the end of May.

The follow-ups of this general announcement will be managed by the Fudan University YICGG 2008 Team for the Asia-Pacific universities and contacts while Rome Tor Vergata University and Politecnico of Turin YICGG 2008 Team will manage for Europe, Mediterranean, Eurasia, Middle East and Africa.

3.3. The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Department of Finance. Associate Professor(s)/Assistant Professor(s) (Ref. 08/094(283)/2)

Applications are invited, in the Department of Finance, for a Associate Professor(s)/Assistant Professor(s) (Ref. 08/094(283)/2). Closing date: July 15, 2008

Job Qualifications:

Applicants should have (i) a PhD degree in actuarial science, insurance, statistics or a closely related area; (ii) research expertise and teaching interest in actuarial science and/or insurance; and preferably (iii) associateship/fellowship, or be actively working towards one, of an actuarial professional body of international renown.

Job Description:

The appointee(s) will teach three to four courses in an academic year and play an active role in undergraduate programmes. Appointment(s) will normally be made on contract basis for up to three years initially commencing August 2009, leading to longer-term appointment or substantiation later subject to performance and mutual agreement. Interviews for the post will be conducted at the American Risk and Insurance Association (ARIA) 2008 Annual Meeting and/or American Finance Association (AFA) 2009 Annual Meeting.

Salary and Fringe Benefits:

Salary will be highly competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience. The University offers a comprehensive fringe benefit package, including medical care, a contract-end gratuity for appointment(s) of two years or longer, and housing benefits for eligible appointees.

Further information:

Further information about the University and the general terms of service for appointments is available at:

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel>

The terms mentioned herein are for reference only and are subject to revision by the University.

Application Procedure:

Please send full resume, copies of academic credentials, a publication list and/or abstracts of selected published papers, together with three letters of recommendation, to:

Contact: The Personnel Office The Chinese University of Hong Kong Shatin, N.T., Hong Kong Fax: (852) 2603 6852

by the closing date. The Personal Information Collection Statement will be provided upon request. Please quote the reference number and mark 'Application - Confidential' on cover.



4. NEWS FROM THE ASSOCIATION FOR COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC STUDIES (ACES)

ACES is the *Association for Comparative Economic Studies*, i.e. the American sister association of the EACES. Both associations share a common aim: promote comparative economic studies and the analysis of the economic transition. As part of the process of growing relations between the associations we are opened this new section in the *EACES Newsletter*. Here we will publish news about the ACES.

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