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1. OFFICIAL NEWS

1.1 Message from the President



Dear EACES members,

This issue of the newsletter addresses the forthcoming elections to the Executive Board in Tartu. The programme for the Tartu conference will appear on the EACES website shortly. So far in total we have 148 abstracts from 214 authors. In addition (without the automotive industry panel, which is not formally registered as a panel) we have 6 panels with 27 authors. 11 of them are co-authors or authors of some abstracts already, 16 are new names, the TOTAL number of different authors is currently 230. I look forward to a stimulating event.

This time's doctoral prize winner is **Roman Horvath**, who will give a presentation on 'Monetary Policy, Interest Rates and Inflation Dynamics: The Czech and Slovak Evidence'. He will be introduced by Tomasz Mickiewicz, who facilitated the selection process of very strong submissions with the help of members of the executive committees and external referees.



(Tartu city centre and the Emajogi river)

Estonia is a very hospitable country and will join the troubled Eurozone in January 2011. My TV interview on the EURO can be found on the EACES website. I wish you all a good summer and hope to see you in Tartu soon.

Jens Hölscher
EACES President

1.2 Nominations for the Executive Positions

Dear EACES members,

Below is a list of nominees for various EC positions, proposed by the EACES members in connection with the forthcoming elections in Tartu on 26th August 2010. The list includes information about the candidates.

Julia Korosteleva
EACES Secretary

President: Marcello Signorelli



Marcello Signorelli is Associate Professor of Economic Policy at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Perugia (Italy). He graduated in Economics at the University of Siena (Laurea summa cum laude in 1989) before post-graduate studies and researches at Columbia University (research fellow in Economics with research grant, 1990-91), University of Bologna (residential econometric school for Ph.D. students, 1992), University of Siena (bi-annual diploma in Economic and Banking Sciences obtained in 1992 and Ph.D. in Economics and Agricultural Policy obtained in 1994), University of Tokyo (visiting researcher in 1997), University of Florence and University of Warwick (European Master in Labour Sciences obtained in 1997). He is currently teaching "Economic Policy" and "Labour Institutions and Policies". He is EACES vice-president (2008-10) and he has been member of the EACES executive committee (2006-08) and EACES secretary (2004-06). He has edited several books and he has published papers in European Journal of Comparative Economics, Economic Systems, Labour, Economic Change and Restructuring, Banks and Bank Systems, Post-Communist Economies, International Journal of Manpower and other Journals. He is also reviewer of several international Journals. For further information on CV and publications see:

<http://www.ec.unipg.it/DEFS/signorelli.html>.

Vice-President: Tomasz Marek Mickiewicz



Tomasz Marek Mickiewicz is a Professor of Comparative Economics at University College London. He holds habilitation degree in economics from Marie Curie-Skłodowska University, and a Ph.D. and MA from the Catholic University of Lublin. His former employers include University of California at Davis and the City of Lublin, where he served as the deputy mayor responsible for economic policy in the first democratically elected local government in Poland in 1990-1991. He now serves on the board of trustees of the Centre for Research into Post-Communist Economies (London), on the editorial board of the journal *Post-Communist Economies*, on the steering committee of the UK-wide 'Managing Economic Transition' research network, and is also an affiliate of the CASE Institute in Warsaw. His research is focused on the role of institutions, institutional change and reforms as factors affecting entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial entry, performance and socio-economic outcomes. His current publications (2007-2010) include papers in *The Lancet*, *Journal of Business Venturing*, *Europe Asia Studies*, *Economics of Transition* and *Emerging Markets Finance and Trade*. His new book, *Economics of Institutional Change* (Palgrave Macmillan) is forthcoming in September 2010. His current funded research projects focus on financing of the new ventures and entrepreneurs and on the role of institutions as determinants of FDI. For publications please see: <http://publications.ucl.ac.uk/people/11616/index.html?per-page=20&page=1>

Treasurer : Joachim Zweynert



Joachim Zweynert is scientific head of the Eastern German branch of the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI) in

Erfurt (Thuringia) and besides holds a temporary part time professorship of economics at the University of Hamburg. He is also a lecturer at the universities of Erfurt and Frankfurt/Oder. He studied economics and political science in Hamburg. Between 1997 and 1999 he lived in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he worked on his PhD thesis on the history of Russian economic ideas in the 19th century. The book version of his thesis was awarded the book prize of the European Society of the History of Economic Thought in 2003 and translated into Russian in 2008. At the present, his main fields of interest are the economics of transition and institutional change and the links between economic ideas and institutions. Since April 2010 he is engaged in a larger research project on "Institutions and Institutional Change in Post-Socialism (KomPost)" funded by the German Ministry of Education and Science.

Secretary: Chris Gerry



Christopher J. Gerry is Senior Lecturer in Political Economy at the UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies. He studied undergraduate and postgraduate Economics (1994-8) at the University of East Anglia before moving to the University of Essex to complete a PhD in Economics (2002) investigating 'Inequality and Well-being in Russia'. He joined UCL in 2002, from where he has published largely empirical papers on labour markets, poverty, inequality, health, migration and demography. His current research interests include 'global health determinants', 'health, inequality and well-being in Russia' and the 'sexual health of migrants in London'. He has supervised a number of PhD theses in the field of political economy and comparative economics and has taught extensively at undergraduate and postgraduate level on courses including European Macroeconomics, European Economic Policy, Introduction to Economics, Russian Political Economy, Health, Development and Welfare and Advanced Quantitative Methods. Dr Gerry also has extensive administrative, management and project related experience having successfully designed and directed an Erasmus Mundus International Masters programme involving 7 European universities, acted as Co-Investigator

on a large UK Medical Research Council Project from 2007-10 and having served as a Trustee of the BEARR Trust since 2009. Full details are available from his website: <http://www.homepages.ucl.ac.uk/~tjmscge/>.

Nominees for Executive Committee

The GA will elect 9 other officers to the EC. The following list consists of 11 candidates. The following 'old' members of the Executive Committee declared their readiness to become a candidate for a new two-year term.



Satoshi Mizobata is vice-director and professor of Kyoto Institute of Economic Research at Kyoto University (Kyoto, Japan). He was awarded his degree of doctor in Economics at Kyoto University in 1997. He worked as honorary research fellow at the Centre for Russian and East European Studies (University of Birmingham, U.K.) in 1995-1996 and as visiting professor at University Paris 7 (Paris, France) in 2005. His research interests are comparative studies in corporate governance, business organization and CSR in Russia, multinationals in emerging economies, and economics of varieties of capitalism. He worked as a consultant of Japanese government (Japan International Cooperation Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Economy and Industry, Ministry of Finance) in policy advice. He is vice-director of the Japan Association for Russia and East European Studies and has an executive position in other associations. He is the author of many monographs and papers published in *The Journal of Comparative Economic Studies* and others. Member of the Executive Committee since Moscow 2008.



Martin Myant, since 1999, Professor, Business School, University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK. Interests and publications in economic development in central Europe

(mostly the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia), including 11 authored or edited books. Recent publications include; *Varieties of Capitalism in Post-Communist Countries* (edited with D. Lane), Basingstoke: Palgrave, 2007; *Reinventing Poland: Economic and Political Transformation and Evolving National Identity* (edited with T. Cox), London: Routledge, 2008; *Transition Economies: Political Economy in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia* (with J. Drahokoupil), Wiley-Blackwell, forthcoming, 2010.



Koen Schoors is senior researcher at the Centre for Russian International Socio-Political and Economic Studies; elected to the EC in Brighton 2006. For further information see: <http://www.ceriseonline.be/>



Urmas Varblane (born 1961) is a professor in the University of Tartu, Estonia. He has worked as guest researcher in Augsburg University 1989-1990, Kiel Institute of World Economy 1992-1993, University College of London 1998-1999. His research interests include the role of foreign direct investments in the knowledge transfer in transition economies, internationalisation of firms, innovation systems of small countries and industry academia links. He has published in *Eastern European Economics*, *Post Communist Economies*, *Industry and Higher Education*, *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management*, *Transnational Corporations*, *Journal of East West Business*, etc. He has been involved in many research programmes (e.g. EU-Integration and Prospects for Catch-Up Development in CEECs - The Influence of Structural and Technological Transformation on the closure of the Productivity Gap, Knowledge-Based Entrepreneurship: Innovation, Networks

and Systems, Knowledge and Competitiveness in the Enlarged EU). He has consulted Estonian government, but also OECD, UNCTAD etc. in various policy advice projects. Member of the Estonian Central Bank Supervisory Board. In EACES Executive Committee since Brighton 2006.



Andrei Yakovlev is the director of Institute for Industrial and Market Studies at the National Research University - Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russia). He was awarded his PhD in Economics and Statistics at Moscow Lomonosow-University in 1992. He worked as visiting researcher at the Bank of Finland Institute of Economics in Transition (BOFIT) in 1998 and as visiting professor at the School of Local Development at Trento University (Italy) in 2008. He was awarded German Chancellor Fellowship from Humboldt Foundation and worked one year as visiting researcher at the Center for East European Studies (Bremen, Germany) in 2002-2003. His research interests are comparative studies in corporate governance, industrial policy and state-business relations in Russia. He participated in many policy advice projects for Russian government. In 2005-2007 he was a leader of Russian team in joint project with World Bank on investment climate assessment and competitiveness of Russian manufacturing industry. He is co-editor of 'Organization and Development of Russian Business: A Firm-Level Analysis' (Palgrave, 2009) and the author of many papers published in Europe-Asia Studies, Post-Communist Economies and other international journals. Member of the Executive Committee since Brighton 2006,

(<http://www.hse.ru/org/persons/305238/index.html>).

The following proposals for 'new' members were made by EACES members. All candidates agreed to serve in the EC.



Horst Brezinski is the director of the MBA programme "International Business in Developing and Emerging Markets" of the Technische Universität Bergakademie Freiberg where he is professor of international economic relations.

He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Paderborn (1978) where he also did his habilitation. He worked as a visiting professor at the University of Trento (2000) and the University of Paris 12 (2001-2011). His research interests have been focusing on European economic integration, foreign direct investment, transition and regional economics as well public private partnerships.

He has been and still is a member in a number of Tempus projects on setting up new master programmes in Russia, Kyrgistan and the Balkan countries. He directed EU projects on cross border economic activities between Germany, the Czech Republic and Poland.

He has published many papers in refereed journals and edited a number of books, e.g. with the publisher Edward Elgar. He served as a secretary and treasurer for the EACES since 1992.

Concerning his activity within the Executive Committee he would focus on promoting international research groups within the EACES dealing with comparative aspects relating especially to emerging and developing countries. Please visit <http://fak6.tu-freiberg.de/internationale-wirtschaftsbeziehungen/team/lehrstuhlinhaber/prof-dr-horst-brezinski/> for further information. (proposed by Jens Hölscher)



Hubert Gabrisch was born in November 1950 in Hannover, FRG. He finished his studies in

Tübingen and Marburg (Germany) with a diploma in economics. Later he spent a year in Warsaw (Poland), and started his professional career at the HWWA-Institute for Economic Research, Hamburg (Germany) in 1979. In 1984, he changed to the Vienna Institute for Comparative Economic Studies (WIIW) for ten consecutive years, the last two years as deputy director of research. He was awarded his PhD in Economics at the Hamburg University in 1986. In 1993, he left Vienna for the newly established Halle Institute for Economic Research in Halle (Salle), East Germany. He served as a head of department of research on central and Eastern Europe and since 1995 as the director of research of this institute. He is author of more than ninety publications, among them refereed journals and books. Most of these publications deal with problems of the planned economy, system transition, and transition and integration into the European Union. Between 1992 and 1998, he served as a member of the Executive Committee of EACES, the final two years as the secretary of this association. Also, he is member of various international societies, e.g. the Society for the Study of Emerging Markets, the International Atlantic Economic Society, and the Austrian Economic Association. Currently, he is organizing a network on Studying Transition and Integration (<http://www.iwh-halle.de/rd/sti>). (proposed by Tomasz Mickiewicz)



Milena Jovičić is a full professor at the Faculty of Economics – Belgrade University, Serbia. She holds a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) and a PhD from Belgrade University. Her main interest is Econometrics and Transition Economics. She also taught at the Universities of Zagreb, Sarajevo, and Podgorica. She is a full member of the Academy of Economic Sciences in Serbia and the Presidency of the Scientific Society of Economists in Serbia, a member of the EACES and International Association for the Economics of Participation (IAFEP) – formerly International Association for the Economics of Self-Management, from its foundation in Dubrovnik 1978. She was a member of the

Editorial Board of the international journal *Economic Analysis*. In the period 1994-2002, she was an author of the economic policy reviewers of the monthly journal MAP. In 2000 she was a member of the New Serbia Forum, and since democratic changes of 2000 she was a leader or a member of several important projects completed for the Serbian Government: Reform Agenda, SAP Impact Assessment, Privatisation Effects, Measuring Comparative Advantages of Serbia, Employment Strategy, etc. In 2002-2004 she was an economic policy advisor at the Policy and Legal Advice Centre, Belgrade (funded by the EAR). She also took part in several GDN-SEE macro-projects in organisation of the WIIW in Vienna: Regionalism in Southeast Europe, Migration, Remittances and External Balance, Inequality and Public Policy. She is Editor-in-Chief of the international journal *Economic Annals* and a member of the editorial boards of two other international journals. She published about 20 books and more than 100 papers. (proposed by Božidar Cerović and Milica Uvalić)



Enrico Marelli is Full Professor of Economic Policy at the Faculty of Economics, University of Brescia (Italy), where he is Head of Teaching Board, for the degrees in Economics and International Economics. He graduated in Economics at Bocconi University (Laurea summa cum laude in 1974) before attending post-graduate studies at the London School of Economics (M.Sc. in Economics, 1977), UK, and the University of Pennsylvania (A.M. in Regional Science, 1979), USA. Marelli has taught and carried out research at Bocconi University and some other universities in Italy. He has published several books and numerous articles in refereed journals in a number of research areas: comparative economics and international economics, macroeconomics and economic policy, labour economics and policy, regional economics. Among the recent publications, "Economic Growth and Structural Features of Transition" is a book (edited with M. Signorelli) published in the "Studies in Economic Transition" series of Palgrave-Macmillan in 2010. For further information see: <http://fausto.eco.unibs.it/~emarelli/>. (proposed by Marcello Signorelli and Vittorio Valli)



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www.sacredheart.edu/lorlowski.cfm.

(proposed by David Kemme)



Ileana Tache is professor at Transilvania University of Brasov, Faculty of Economic Sciences and Business Administration (Brasov, Romania) and Ph.D. supervisor at “Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu. She was awarded her Ph.D. in Economics and History of Economic Thought at the Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest in 2000. At present she is a Jean Monnet Chair with teaching activity in the field of European economic integration and she is also coordinating another Jean Monnet project in the series “Information and Research Activities”. Cooperation in research teams of Monash University of Melbourne, Australia. Her research interests are issues of the Europeanization process in transition economies and European economic and social policies. She is the author of papers published in International Journal of Social Economics, International Advances in Economic Research and other European journals. Member of the International Atlantic Economic Society since 2005 and of EACES since 2008; Member of the STI Network „Studies in Transition and Integration“ (<http://www.iwh-halle.de/rd/sti>). Visit the homepage: <http://www.ileanatache.go.ro>. (proposed by Hubert Gabrisch)

Proposed Activities for the EACES 2010-2012 from Some of the Nominees:

A joint message from **Marcello Signorelli** (candidate for president position), **Tomasz Mickiewicz** (candidate for vice-president position) and **Chris Gerry** (candidate for secretary position) contains the following seven points of a "two years programme for EACES":

1) We will aim to increase the number of "institutional members" (preferably academic institutions, but also private selected institutions - for example "banking foundations") by linking the "institutional membership fee" to specific projects (e.g. the new special prizes or the organisation of EACES Workshops). The objective is to have ten new "institutional members" from different countries.

2) We will aim to further develop the attractiveness of EACES, especially for young scholars by:

(i) Creating one or two more bi-annual doctoral prizes: these should include a second prize, or two distinctions in addition to the first prize; we will also need to strengthen the reviewing process by co-opting people representing the key areas of economics, including macro, labour, institutional economics, micro – firm

level, international economics, political economy / public choice.

(ii) We will help young scholars to publish the best papers presented at EACES conferences and workshops in Journals (especially in European Journal of Comparative Economics, Economic Systems, European Journal of Development Research, Comparative Economic Studies, Economics of Transition, Post Communist Economies, Europe Asia Studies, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, etc.) and books (especially the Palgrave Macmillan "Studies in Economic of Transition" series, but also exploring contacts with other publishers). Journal publications may be supported by special issue proposals.

(iii) We will continue the organisation of EACES Workshops in different countries and on a variety of topics. As an incentive for organising a EACES Workshop a contribution of 500 or 1,000 euro could be offered (though the amount depends also on the success of the campaign for attracting "new institutional members"). We will consider introducing a formal competition for such funds and to prioritise those that could lead to high-quality special issues of recognised Journals.

(iv) We aim to improve our collaboration with other Associations (continuing the excellent work realised by Jens with the Japanese Association), like the International Economic Association and many other economic associations. The joint organisation of Conferences and Workshop will be encouraged.

3) We will seek ways to improve the EACES website, stressing research content in particular, and to further enrich the EACES Newsletter (increasing the participation of EACES members in defining its content, with information on scientific initiatives and new publications).

4) We will try to further promote and embed the growing reputation of our Journals ("Economic Systems" and "European Journal of Comparative Economics") in the international rankings.

5) For all EACES Officers candidatures (President, Vice-President and Executive Committee), in addition to a short cv and a publication list, we propose to further encourage candidates to present a brief outline of his/her expected contribution to EACES (to be circulated to members well in advance with respect to election).

6) Marcello will organise an EACES Workshop in Perugia (2011, spring) on "*Economic Instability and Labour Market Performance: Comparing Evidence and Policy*", followed by a second EACES Workshop (2012, spring) on "*African and Asian Economic Development Patterns: Comparing Evidence and Policy*".

7) We will actively support the organisation of the EACES biannual (2012) conference in London at UCL SSEES; the preliminary feedback from the Director of SSEES is positive.

Lucjan T. Orlowski's (nominee for Executive Committee) suggestions for a two-year program of EACES Initiatives include:

1. Increase the number of EACES-sponsored sessions at major conferences, including the ASSA and the European Economic Association annual conventions.
2. Establish several topical research concentration groups/networks within EACES (emphasizing for instance: institutional aspects of transition, monetary policy, fiscal policy, regulatory policy, labor markets, financial markets, etc.).
3. Increase visibility and citations for Economic Systems, obtain ICI Impact Factor.
4. Discuss opportunities for book series on comparative economic analyses with selected reputable academic publishing companies.
5. Establish a special task force on sharing policy experiences among various emerging market economies.

Ileana Tache (nominee for Executive Committee) suggests the following initiatives:

1. Common Workshop of EACES and Jean Monnet Chair Project: "Challenges of Euro adoption by the new EU members in the aftermath of the GFC (global financial crisis)" – Transilvania University of Brasov, Romania, November 2010.
2. Acquisition of books on transition and European integration written by the EACES members in the framework of the Jean Monnet project (2010-2011).
3. Attracting new EACES members (three colleagues of Transilvania University of Brasov will attend the Conference in Tartu, Estonia (August 2010).

Joachim Zweynert (candidate for treasurer position) has recently received a larger grant from the German Ministry of Education and Science for a project on Institutions and Institutional Change in Post/Socialism. In 2011, they will hold a large conference dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the breakdown of the USSR in Berlin. Joachim Zweynert proposes to organise some panels dedicated to the economic aspects of the subject jointly with EACES. He also has some ideas regarding institutional membership.

Enrico Marelli, EACES Executive Committee candidate, outlines a “two year program for EACES initiatives”. He will focus the activities – if elected – along three directions:

- 1) Helping in the preparation of EACES conferences and workshops, by paying particular attention to the selection of research themes and the exploration of possible interactions with the themes of parallel European associations (labour economics, regional economics and general economics).
- 2) Organising a specific *workshop* in Brescia, to be held in the Summer 2011, on the topic “*Youth (un)employment: structural problems and the impact of the Great Recession*”. This workshop will exploit the synergies with particular research projects that are planned at the Brescia Department, concerning “Youth (un)employment, education and school-to-work transition in European countries”.
- 3) Verifying whether it is possible to develop some “institutional memberships”, e.g. with academic institutions or (more likely) with private institutions, such as banking foundations (at least in connection with the workshop mentioned at point 2 above).

1.3 Assisi Workshop

The AISSEC (Associazione Italiana per lo Studio dei Sistemi Economici Comparati) workshop on “Comparing Inequalities” was held in Assisi on 22-23 June. The event was jointly organized with EACES, AIEL and the University of Perugia. More than 50 international scholars debated on the causes, consequences and dynamics of inequality related to transition patterns (session I) and to labour market institutional evolutions (session II). After the introductory speech by the AISSEC President Milica Uvalic (University of Perugia), the workshop was opened by the two keynote lectures delivered by Branko Milanovic (World

Bank) and Daniele Checchi (University of Milan). Two parallel sessions hosted 19 papers selected among 55 full-length articles submitted following the call for papers.



(Participants in Assisi workshop)



1.4 Cambridge Workshop

EACES supported a workshop organised by David Lane in Cambridge on 11 June on Elites and the Formation of Identities in Post Soviet Space: Global and Domestic Influences.

The dissolution of the communist system led to the creation of new states in the former USSR, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia and the formation of new concepts of citizenship in the post Soviet states of central and Eastern Europe. The formation of national identity also occurred in the context of the process of increasing economic and political globalisation. The presenters were asked to assess the interrelations between social identity, state and citizenship formation.

The papers addressed the ways that domestic elites (regional, political and economic) influenced the formation of national identities

and the ways in which citizenship has been defined. Other papers considered the external dimensions: the ways in which foreign elites influenced either directly or indirectly the concept of identity and the interaction with internal elites. The growing internationalisation of economies (privatisation, monetary harmonisation, dependence on trade) also had effects on the kind of 'national identity' sought by the new nation states as well as the defining by them of 'the other'.

The contributors were from a number of different disciplines: post-communist area studies, political economy, politics, international relations, sociology and anthropology. The following papers were delivered. All were well received and led to a lively and positive discussion. It is hoped to publish the papers in *Europe-Asia Studies*.

Andrew Cook. (Lancaster), Corporate Elites and the Construction of Neo-Liberalism in Eastern Central Europe 1989-2009.

Gyorgy Lengyel. (Budapest), Supranational Attachment of Elites and Masses. A Comparative Analysis of Six Post-Socialist Countries.

Katharina Bluhm, Bernd Martens and Vera Trappmann, (Jena), Economic Elites and the role of companies: Poland, Hungary and Germany

Ovsey Shkaratan. (Moscow), The Russian 'Pseudo-Elite' and its Identity in World and National Contexts.

Rick Fawn. (St Andrews), Common Leadership Identities and Divergent Interests in Regional Cooperation in the Former Soviet Union.

Inna Melnykovska, Rainer Schweickert and Tetiana Kostiuhenko. (Bremen), EU Neighbourhood Europeanization and European Identities of Elites in Ukraine.

John Russell. (Bradford), Chechen Elites: Control, Cooption or Substitution?

Sharon Timor. (Exeter), Elite Networks, Identity Politics and State building in Post-Taliban Afghanistan.

1.5 Hong Kong Conference

International Conference: China and the Global Crisis, Two Years on a Comparison with the European Union was organised at Hong Kong Baptist University on 3 - 4 June 2010.

Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Professor and Head, Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University; Jean-François Di Meglio, President, Asia Centre,

Paris, France; Jean-François Huchet, Director, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China, Hong Kong; and Xavier Richet, Jean Monnet Chair, Visiting Scholar, Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University and Professor, University Sorbonne Nouvelle, ICEE, Paris, France organised this conference on 3 - 4 June 2010. Convened at Dr. Wu Yee Sun Lecture Theatre (NAB 109), Hong Kong Baptist University, Renfrew Road, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, the conference had six sessions.

The First Session was chaired by Jean-Philippe Béja, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China. The session focussed on China's Main Political and Economic Options in Late 2007. It included two papers: "China's Political and International Options in 2007 and Now" by Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Professor and Head, Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University; and "China's Economic Development After the Age of Surplus Labor" by Arthur Kroeber, GaveKal Dragonomics, Beijing, China.

The Second Session focussed on The Stimulus Package: Features and Impact. Chaired by Jean-François Di Meglio, Asia Centre, the session comprised two papers: "The Stimulus Package, Public Debt and Asian Bond Markets: Is Fiscal Risk Underestimated?" by Jean-Charles Sambor, TCW Senior Vice President and Lead Asia Strategist, Los Angeles, California, USA; and "An Assessment of Domestic Consumption in China" by Tao Wang, Managing Director, Head of China Economic Research, UBS Securities, Beijing, China.

The first day afternoon had the Third Session; it was on China and its Regional Environment After the Crisis chaired by Xavier Richet, Hong Kong Baptist University. The papers presented were "Three Chinese Banks Among Top 10 Worldwide: Reality or Illusion?" by Philippe Aguiñer, Head of Retail Banking, Asia, BNP Paribas, and Associate Research Fellow, Asia Centre; and "Recent Forays Towards Renminbi Internationalization: The Chinese Point of View" by Jean-François Di Meglio, President, Asia Centre, Paris, France.

After opening the debate on the papers presented, the session had also another discussion on "China and Japan: Why the Two 'Exporting Engines' of Asia Have Reacted Differently?", the paper presented by Marc Humbert, Head of the French Research Institute Abroad, Maison Franco-Japonaise, Tokyo,

Japan; and on “China and Post-Crisis Regional Economic Cooperation” by Françoise Nicolas, Senior Researcher, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), Paris, France.

The second day was initiated with the fourth session on What has Changed for China and the World in the Last Two Years. Chaired by Jean-Pierre Cabestan, Hong Kong Baptist University, the session had four papers: “Ongoing and Upcoming Tax Reforms: How Do They Contribute to Economic Policy?” by Wei Cui, Associate Professor, China University of Political Science and Law and Senior Tax Counsel, The China Investment Corporation (CIC), Beijing, China; “Impact of the Crisis on China’s Outbound Foreign Direct Investments” by Joël Ruet, French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC), Hong Kong & Beijing; “Learning from the EU Financial System: How China Could Deepen the Transformation of its Financial System?” by Shaozhou Qi, Director, European Study Centre, Wuhan University, Wuhan, China; and “China Banking Reform: Where Do We Stand?” by Alicia Garcia-Herrero, Chief Economist for Emerging Markets, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (co-authored with Daniel Santabarbara, ECB), Hong Kong.

The second day afternoon had the fifth session on The European Union’s Responses to the Global Financial Crisis and the Future of Sino-European Relations chaired by Wai Ting, Hong Kong Baptist University. This session comprised three papers on “Keynes is Back: The UK Experience” by Jens Hölscher, President, European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES), University of Brighton, Brighton, UK; “The EU’s Stimulus Plans: Unity and Diversity” by Srdjan Redzepagic, Institute of Economics, Belgrade and Xavier Richet, Visiting Scholar, Department of Government and International Studies, Hong Kong Baptist University; and “Regional Impact of the Crisis on Economic Activities” by Horst Brezinski, Bergakademie University, Freiberg, Germany.

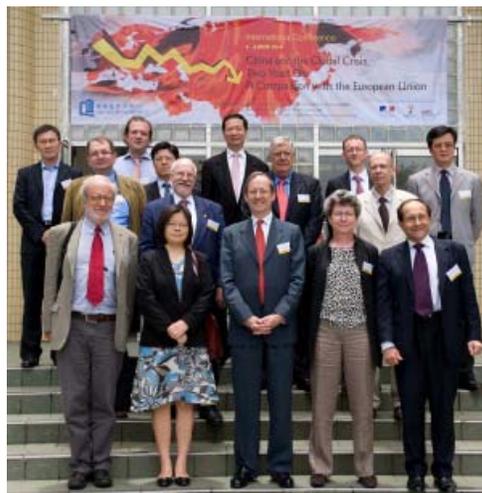
The Sixth Session was the last one. Chaired by Françoise Nicolas, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), the session was on The Future of Sino-European Economic and Financial Relations. It comprised two papers

“Relations in Chinese Perspectives” by Shixue Jiang, Deputy Director, Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, China; and “Europe, China and Other Emerging Markets: The Systemic Impact of the Exchange-Rate Management”, Carlos Quenan, Professor, University of Paris 3, Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris, France and Edgardo Torrijaz-Zane, Economist for Emerging Asia, Natixis, Paris, France (co-writer Bei Xu, Economist for Greater China, Natixis). The paper was to be presented by Xavier Richet.

Lastly, Jean-François Di Meglio, Asia Centre and Xavier Richet, Hong Kong Baptist University made the concluding remarks of the two day conference.



(Participants in Hong Kong Workshop: new EACES member Shaozhou Qi, Director, European Study Centre, Wuhan University, China, Horst Brezinski, Xavier Richet and Jens Hölscher)



(Group photo in front of workshop poster)

2. CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for papers

My PhD 2010

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 “Where do we go from here?
 Economic trends, social trajectories and policies
 of identities in post communist capitalism.”

Bratislava, Slovak Republic,
October 1-2, 2010

We invite you to participate in the 4th PhD students' international conference, organized by Friedrich Ebert Foundation in cooperation with Proforum under the auspices of Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Vice-President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and President of Proforum :

Aims of the project

24 Students dealing with Central Eastern Europe in the transition period have an opportunity to present, discuss and oppose their papers from different research areas in 8 panels under the supervision of 8 distinguished Senior-Academics. The main goals of the conference are:

- promotion of cross disciplinary dialogue between young scientists in the regions of Central Eastern Europe ●
- promoting a common language of public interest in different research areas at the level of EU and national policies ●
- promoting mobility and productive confrontation of PhD students from countries of Central Eastern and Western Europe ●
 - establishing an effective knowledge based network ●
 - publishing the collection of all contributions in electronic form ●
 - publishing the best papers selected by Senior-Academics in print form ●

Target group

PhD students in the fields of anthropology, cultural studies, ethnology, social geography, history, philosophy, political sciences, economics, law and media studies

Practical traineeship and publishing of the best paper

We are glad to inform you that European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) a partner of our conference will publish the best conference contribution as a ETUI working paper and strongly encourages an application from the participants for a three month traineeship dealing with labour environment issues from European perspective.

<p>Conference language: English</p> <p>Important dates: Abstract Submission Deadline: Jun 20, 2010 Author Notification: July 15, 2010 Paper submission: September 11, 2010 Applications must include: application form, CV and an abstract of the paper in that shall be presented at the conference, max. 300 words</p>	<p>Accommodation, food and travel expenses: will be granted by organizer</p> <p>Please send your applications to: myphd@fes.sk</p> <p>Contact/info: Miroslava Kotrasova +421 907 594 784</p> <p>Application form: www.fes.sk www.proforum.sk</p>
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3. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Summary

3.1	EACES Bi-annual Conference: Comparing Responses To Global Instability	FEBA, University of Tartu (Estonia)	26-28 August, 2010⁺
3.2	International Summer Academy	Bavaria, Germany	14-16 July 2010
3.3	Doctoral Summer School	FEBA, University of Tartu (Estonia)	26-29 July 2010

+ Conference fees for the 11th Bi-Annual EACES Conference in Tartu (Estonia), August 26-28

	For EACES members**	Including EACES one- year membership fee	Including EACES two- year membership fee
Western countries (old EU members and other developed countries)	170 Euro (220 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)	200 Euro (250 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)	220 Euro (270 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)
Junior* fees for Western countries (old EU members and other developed countries)	150 Euro (190 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)	170 Euro (210 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)	180 Euro (220 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)
Participants from transition and developing countries (incl. EU members since 2004)	130 Euro (160 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)	150 Euro (180 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)	160 Euro (190 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)
Junior* fees for participants from transition and developing countries (incl. EU members since 2004)	120 Euro (140 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)	135 Euro (155 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)	140 Euro (160 Euro – after July 15th, 2010)

* up to 32 years

** EACES members who have already paid membership fee separately

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(Tartu University)

These abstracts have been submitted to the following sessions:

The Present Crisis and Instability and Reactions to them	16
Comparing Comparative Comparisons	3
Global Horizons of Comparative Studies	9
Comparative Perspectives of Development	14
Comparative Studies of Institutional Adjustment	10
Comparative Business Studies	21
Comparative Demographics and Studies of the Labour Market	13
Public Policy and Finance and Crisis Management	11
Innovation Systems in the Era of Instability	8
Other research theme/ not selected	12
Panel: Comparing Current Developments in the Global Automotive Industry	4

In addition, the committee has also received five other panel proposals.

Keynote Speech

WLADIMIR ANDREFF - Emeritus Professor at the University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne will deliver a Keynote speech on "**A new area for comparative economics: Competition and regulation in North American versus European professional team sports leagues.**"

RICHARD POMFRET – Professor at the University of Adelaide will deliver a keynote lecture on "**Constructing Market-based Economies in Central Asia: A Natural Experiment?**"

Tartu - city of good thoughts

Tartu, with its population of 101,246 (Population Census data from 2000) in an area of 38.8 square kilometres, is the second largest city of Estonia. Tartu, lying 185 kilometres south of Tallinn, is also the centre of Southern Estonia. The Emajõgi River, which connects the two largest lakes of Estonia, flows for the length of 10 kilometres within the city limits and adds colour to the city. The first written records of Tartu dates back to 1030.

The University of Tartu

The University of Tartu was founded in 1632 by the Swedish king Gustavus Adolphus. It was initially called *Academia Dorpatensis*. The preparations for creating a university in Tartu (then Dorpat) were made by Johan Skytte, governor general of Livonia. *Academia Dorpatensis*, following the model of the University of Uppsala in Sweden, was intended to promote research and advanced learning in a wide variety of disciplines. The University of Tartu (UT) has continued to adhere to this approach throughout the centuries, and today remains the only classical university in Estonia. Research at UT focuses on subjects as diverse as medicine and philosophy, genetics and computer science. UT is Estonia's leading centre of research and training. It preserves the culture of the Estonian people and spearheads the country's reputation in research and provision of higher education. As Estonia's national university, UT stresses the importance of international co-operation and partnerships with reputed research universities all over the world. The robust research potential of the university is evidenced by the fact that it is the only Baltic university that has been invited to join the Coimbra Group, a prestigious club of renowned research universities. UT includes nine faculties, five colleges and several regional development units, of which the latter two are situated in different parts of Estonia. To support and develop the professional competence of its students and academic staff, the university has entered into bilateral co-operation agreements with 48 partner institutions in 19 countries.

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

The University of Tartu has long traditions of teaching economics, dating back to the times of Academia Gustaviana. Since 1676 a professor of history, besides political and administrative issues, had to lecture on economics as well, while the task of a professor of mathematics was also to teach accounting. In 1920 an independent sub-unit – the Department of Trade -- was founded in the Faculty of Law. The independent Faculty of Economics commenced work on first January 1938. After World War II the Soviet system closed the Faculty, but in 1968 the independent Faculty of Economics was re-established. In 2008 Faculty had in total 1378 students (741 bachelor students, 574 master's students, and 53 doctoral students). The current structure comprises Institute of Economics, Institute of Business Administration,

Centre of Entrepreneurship, and Dean's Office. There are nine chairs, four in the field of economics (economic theory, economic policy, economic modelling, public and international economy) and five in the field of business administration (management, marketing, finance, accounting, international business and innovation). Main areas of research in the Institute of Economics are labour market flexibility, industrial relations, effect of tax and social security system on labour supply, education economics, and regional convergence and Baltic Sea regional integration. Business research focuses on human resource management and organizational behaviour, internationalization of the companies, effect of direct foreign investment on the competitiveness of economies, entrepreneurship and innovation in knowledge-intensive fields, accounting systems in public sector institutions, risk management in the financial sector, and effect of income tax legislation on the finance and dividend practices.

4. NEW BOOK ARRIVAL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

4.1 New Books

Book Edited by Floro Ernesto Caroleo, Francesco Pastore (2010)



The book under consideration has been recently published by Phisica Verlag within the AIEL (Association of Italian Labour Economists) series. In fact, the book presents the revised version of some papers presented at the XXII AIEL Conference held in Naples, University Parthenope. Every chapter has undergone a double-blind referee process by internationally recognised scholars, which confirms the high quality of the contributions included in the book.

Eleven chapters by leading economists constitute the book, which is introduced by an overview by the editors containing a detailed summary of each chapter. The authors' first chapter is an in-depth and comprehensive survey of the literature which promises to become a reference for scholars in the field.

Until recently, regional labour market imbalances were considered transitory phenomena, a consequence of state failure in generating distorted investment incentives in

depressed regions as well as of excessive labour market rigidities. Labour mobility and wage flexibility were at the core of the debate over the causes of and cures for regional labour market imbalances. This book bears witness to the changed perspective of research on these issues. In the recent literature, internal labour migration is depicted as a cause of further divergence between advanced and backward regions, as higher returns on human and physical capital are expected to be paid in those regions where these factors are already concentrated.

The book contributes to the debate by presenting important new findings on: a) the reasons why structural change in some sectors causes a slump in some regions, but not in others; b) the extent to which poverty traps explain regional imbalances as compared to such other alternative factors as spatial dependence and nonlinearity in growth behaviour; c) the degree of convergence across EU countries and regions; d) the role of labour mobility in reducing/increasing regional labour market imbalances, in particular in Central and Eastern Europe; e) and the role of an active labour market policy and child care facilities in alleviating the hardship of the weakest segments of the population.

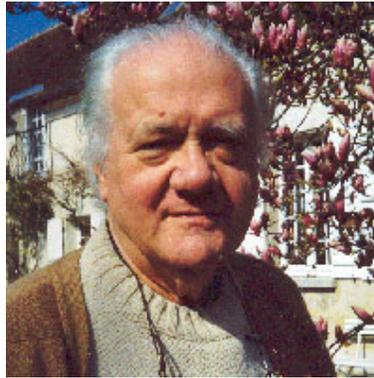
4.2 Other Publications of EACES Members

Marcello Signorelli is the author (with E. Marelli) of the following recent publications:

- 1) "Institutional, Nominal and Real Convergence in Europe", *Banks and Bank Systems*, n. 2, 2010.
- 2) "Employment, Productivity and Models of Growth in the EU", *International Journal of Manpower*, 2010.

5. MEMOIRS

Angus Maddison: Memories of the Life of a Chiffrephile



On 24 April 2010, Angus Maddison, emeritus professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Groningen, and co-founder of the Groningen Growth and Development Centre, passed away in Paris at the age of 83 years old.

Angus Maddison was born in 1926 in Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the United Kingdom, and took his studies at Cambridge, McGill and Johns Hopkins. His career as an economist started in the late 1940s. For several decades he worked on a wide range of economic policy and development issues at the Organisation for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC), the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and under a variety of consultancy contracts, for which he spent several years in Pakistan and Ghana. He travelled intensively to many other countries for shorter term projects, including Brazil, Guinea, Mongolia, the USSR and Japan. During the 1970s, back at the OECD, he also worked extensively on topics related to social policy, labour markets and education. These experiences enabled Angus to gain deep insights into the factors that determine economic growth and prosperity.

In 1978, Angus was appointed at the Faculty of Economics at the University of Groningen to dedicate all his time to research of problems of economic growth and development. Following several earlier books he had written on growth and development he published two major monographs in 1982 and 1991 and a seminal article on growth accounting in 1987 in the *Journal of Economic Literature*.¹ After that he focused even more on quantifying economic growth for longer time spans, in some cases back to the year 1 AD, and a broader range of countries. It allowed him to spend more time on the studying of economic history, something he had done earlier for countries like India, Pakistan, Japan, Brazil, and the USSR. In 1998, he published one of the first comprehensive studies of the quantitative macroeconomic history of China from 960 onwards.² During the 2000s he published several updates and extension of his *Historical Statistics on World Population, GDP and Per Capita GDP, 1-2008 AD*, which is also available on-line from his [homepage](#) at the Groningen Growth and Development Centre website.

In 1994, Angus published his autobiography "[Confessions of a Chiffrephile](#)".³ He invented this term "to characterise economists and economic historians, who, like myself, have a strong predilection for quantification." He trained and guided a dozen of Ph.D students in this tradition, most of whom are still actively working on aspects of this approach in academia or in the policy research world. He also taught and inspired hundreds of students on how to look more broadly at the phenomena of economic growth and development and to go beyond what core textbooks teach. He shook up the profession by provoking them with an estimate of world GDP in the year one. But while many would challenge him on the reliability of such an estimate, most scholars would trust Angus for giving it the best shot given his deep knowledge and broad experience. Recently an initiative, named "The Maddison Project" has been taken to create a network of scholars to continue the work on world historical macroeconomic statistics in

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- ¹ Angus Maddison (1982), *Phases of Capitalist Development*, Oxford University Press, Oxford; Angus Maddison (1991), *Dynamic Forces in Capitalist Development*, Oxford University Press, Oxford; Angus Maddison (1987), "Growth and Slowdown in Advanced Capitalist Economies: Techniques of Quantitative Assessment", *Journal of Economic Literature*, June.
 - ² Angus Maddison (1998), *Chinese Economic Performance in the Long Run*, OECD Development Centre, Paris.
 - ³ Angus Maddison (1994), "Confessions of a Chiffrephile", *Banca Nazionale del Lavoro Quarterly Review*, June.

Angus' spirit. This project, of which Angus has seen the beginnings, characterises his accomplishments: we need a lot of people to continue to do what he has pioneered and realized on his own.

While Angus will be much remembered by the profession for his contribution to the construction of GDP and income data for all countries in the world, his writings are also characteristic of his understanding of the dynamics and sources of growth and development which made a big impact. For example, his characterization of development in terms of secular *phases* rather than the Kondratieff notion of long waves led to a more gradualist interpretation of the diffusion of technology and innovation, and a greater emphasis on "system shocks". These shocks were in part historical accidents, but their impact was reinforced by changes in expectations, and fashions in economic policy. These views, supported by his strong quantitative backup, challenged scholars who had advanced the notion of a more abrupt "industrial revolution" in the late 18th century, or traditional development economist who supported to Rostovian view of the need for an economic "take-off" to generate growth. Angus was also an early advocate of the need to take economic institutions much more seriously by developing a model that distinguished between proximate (directly measurable economic inputs, such as labour, physical and human capital and land) and ultimate (institutional, political, social and cultural) sources of growth. The complex interaction of these proximate and ultimate sources allowed a multipolar development in Europe in the Middle Ages. He argued that this caused a takeover of leadership from China around 1500, rather than the early 19th century as claimed by others.

Angus' thinking about the dynamics of growth and stagnation might also turn out useful to better understand the causes of the recent economic and financial crisis. In his latest major work, he even used this framework for a more forward looking approach to 2030, predicting the larger role for China and India in the global economy. He also had a less negative view on the impact of a moderate increase in global warming on economic growth than the predominant viewpoint of, for example, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).⁴

Angus' legacy to the profession is huge. He helped create the Groningen Growth Development Centre (GGDC), a research group at the University of Groningen that focuses on long-term economic growth. The databases created and maintained by Maddison and his current and former colleagues form one of the most important sources for the analysis of long-term economic growth and are used worldwide by scholars and policy analysts. In the 1980s, Angus also started a project on International Comparisons of Output and Productivity (ICOP), which focused on measuring levels of performance from the industry-of-origin side rather than the expenditure side (such as in the International Comparisons Project at the World Bank and Penn World Tables). He also contributed much to the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) by organizing and participating in meetings and sessions on historical national accounts.

Many of Angus' colleagues have exceptionally favorable memories of his gift to combine work and pleasure in a very natural way. He was a scholar, mentor, colleague and friend, all at the same time. He would welcome newcomers in the field and treat them equally to those with a long experience, as long as they could have a good time together. Many will remember the great moments with him, his wife Penny, and his children at their home in France, or wherever else in the world he would be. Never a dull moment with Angus in the room.

Angus Maddison will be missed. But his legacy will stay, and many will continue the work in his spirit.
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April 2010

Bart van Ark

• ⁴ Angus Maddison (2007), *Contours of The World Economy, 1-2030 AD*, Oxford University Press.

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Editorial:



In this issue of EACES Newsletter 54 (June 2010), we have included substantial information on the forthcoming 11th bi-annual conference of EACES to be organised at the University of Tartu, Estonia, August 26-28, 2010. In addition to the information regarding the nature and number of the papers collected for the presentation at the forthcoming biannual conference at Tartu, the presidential message also gives information regarding the EACES 2010 Award winner and his thesis. Furthermore, the newsletter contains a list of nominees for various Executive Committee positions, proposed by the EACES members in connection with the forthcoming elections in Tartu on 26th August 2010. The nominations consist of one candidate for each position of President, Vice-president, Treasurer, and Secretary, and 11 candidates for the members of the executive committee. Encouragingly, proposals on the activities for the EACES 2010-2012 from some of the Nominees (President, Vice-president and Secretary) and also from the nominated treasurer and executive committee members are also the integral parts of the current issue of the newsletter.

The newsletter has associated reports on the Assisi workshop on “Comparing Inequalities” held in Assisi, Italy, on 22-23 June. Likewise, reports on EACES supported workshop in Cambridge, UK, on 11th June on “Elites and the Formation of Identities in Post Soviet Space: Global and Domestic Influences” and on the “International Conference on China and the Global Crisis: Two Years on a Comparison with the European Union” organised at Hong Kong Baptist University on 3 - 4 June 2010 are also inclusive in this issue.

Doctoral students and senior-academics dealing with the Central Eastern Europe in the transition period are requested to look on the Call for Papers for “My PhD 2010: “Where do we go from here?” This international conference will be held in Bratislava, Slovak Republic, on October 1-2, 2010 and will focus on economic trends, social trajectories and policies of identities in post communist capitalism. Friedrich Ebert Foundation in cooperation with Proforum under the auspices of Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Vice-President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and President of Proforum is organising this conference.

The Newsletter sheds light on a new book on *The Labour Market Impact of the EU Enlargement* edited by Floro Ernesto Caroleo and Francesco Pastore. Likewise, some journal articles by Marcello Signorelli and Enrico Marelli are also reported in this current issue. The editor would like to accommodate the information regarding the publications and other achievements of the EACES members in the newsletter in a regular basis. The submissions are requested to deliver at:

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