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1. OFFICIAL NEWS

1.1 Message of the President



Dear EACES members and friends,

Last two months were really very good for the association. I am really grateful for our Italian, Hungarian, British and Serbian colleagues who organised four different EACES-affiliated events within a space of four weeks!

All were very successful events and covered labour markets, entrepreneurship, macroeconomic policy and competitiveness of firms, which reflects so well the range of topics we are strong in. We do so much that – unavoidably – we organise events that coincide in time, and yet they still attract excellent participants and discussion. Unfortunately, I was able to attend only two of these events, but I truly enjoyed what I participated in.

In Hungary – amongst others – we witnessed two very interesting papers by our Hungarian colleagues: Almos Telegdy (on differences in how firms with different ownership structures respond to crisis) and by Laszlo Szerb (on comparative entrepreneurship). Both reflect well on the research potential that we will be able to tap in during our next biennial EACES conference, now in less than one year time.

The EACES board meeting was very well attended, and we visited Corvinus University, beautifully located on the bank of Danube, and found the facilities splendid.

A week later, in Bournemouth, Prof. Jens Hölscher organised a very topical event on the Euro, inviting – amongst others – the former architect of Polish reforms Professor Balcerowicz, and our former president, Prof. Mario Nuti. The seminar gave an opportunity for clashes of very different perspectives on macro policies, but this is precisely what we should encourage. EACES makes sense only if it leads to genuine debates, and that requires that we make space for diversity of views.

While I could not go to Belgrade, I learned that Prof. Jan Svejnar gave an excellent keynote address, and Prof. Bozidar Cerovic and all the colleagues in Belgrade were fantastic hosts to the event, as many times in the past!

Meanwhile, thanks to Prof. Laura Resmini, Enrico Marelli and Marcello Signorelli, EACES was present at the Regional Studies Association congress, a field of research Italy was always strong at, and which we may well explore more in the future. In Europe in particular, the regional comparative perspective becomes increasingly important.

Preparation for our next Biennial congress progresses well, and the web page should be open soon. We will announce that separately. Meanwhile it looks like we may be moving to annual meetings, with our own congress in even years and the world congress, jointly with American, Japanese and Korean association, in odd years. Representing local organisers, Marcello Signorelli, Pasquale Tridico and Sebastiano Fadda are now working towards an organisation of the first such event in 2015. Again, please expect more detail soon.

Last but not least, please support us advertising the biennial PhD award; the link for submissions is now open at the EACES main page. This year, Prof. Saul Estrin will chair the selection committee. We had

outstanding laureates in the past, and we will work hard to find the best one this time.

Wishing you a pleasant autumn season, at the beginning of the new academic year,

Tomasz Mickiewicz
President of EACES
Prof. of Economics, Aston Business School
Aston University
Birmingham

1.2 First World Congress of Comparative Economics, Rome (Italy), June 25-27, 2015

The local organizational committee is glad to announce that the four leading associations for "comparative economics" (EACES, ACES, JACES, KACES) agreed to initiate the scientific organization of the "First World Congress of Comparative Economics" to be held in Rome (University Roma Tre, Department of Economics) on June 25-27, 2015.

We invite the representatives of other associations and networks of "comparative economics" interested in contributing at the scientific organization of the World Congress to contact Marcello Signorelli (past EACES President and now member of the Advisory Board) at the following e-mail addresses:

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Further organizational (and scientific) information will be circulated in the next EACES Newsletters (and in EACES website: <http://www.eaces.eu>).

Rome, September 23, 2013

The local organizing committee
Marcello Signorelli, Pasquale Tridico and
Sebastiano Fadda

1.3 Executive Committee and Advisory Board (AB) Meeting, Budapest, September 13, 2013

EACES EC-AB Meeting 13 September 2013,
Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

Present:

Saul Estrin
Hubert Gabrisch
Jurgen Jerger
Tomasz Mickiewicz
Martin Myant
Laura Resmini
Magdolna Sass
Maria Luigia Segnana
Vittorio Valli
Urmaz Varblane
Hans-Jurgen Wagener
Andrei Yakovlev

1. Conference 2014

Hubert Gabrisch proposed a theme of 'competitiveness' for the 2014 conference to be held in Budapest, 4-6 September. This was welcomed with suggestions for how it could be highlighted, including specific streams on micro- and macro- interpretations of competitiveness, a panel on the meanings and interpretations of the term and requests to keynote speakers to highlight the issue. HG agreed to prepare a short draft for introducing the conference theme. It was emphasised that a theme of competitiveness did not rule out the usual range of topics for the conference.

Klaus Meyer had accepted an invitation as a keynote speaker. It was agreed that Magdolna Sass should approach Janos Kornai, with freedom to select his own topic but a theme relating to competitiveness of institutional forms would be particularly welcome.

The conference fee should, if possible, be the same as at the 2012 conference in Paisley, albeit subject to costing estimates.

Selection of papers would be done through a selection committee containing representatives from Budapest plus Magdolna Sass, Hubert Gabrisch, Andrei Yakovlev and Saul Estrin. The bias should be towards accepting proposed papers, excluding largely only those clearly not relevant to our themes.

2. Global conference with Japanese, South Korean and US participants

The next is scheduled for Rome in 2015. This will be checked with Marcello Signorelli

and/or Pasquale Tridico. The alternative would be to hold the event in St Petersburg. Alternatively, the 2017 event could be held in St Petersburg.

3. EACES 2016 conference

The next board meeting should decide from three possible options; Regensburg, Poznan, St Petersburg. It was agreed to aim to decide definitively on this at the next meeting and to invite a representative from each of the possible locations to give a presentation on what they could offer.

4. Next meeting – workshop

The next EC-AB meeting (combined with a workshop) could be held in March, April or May with London, Brussels and St Petersburg as possible locations. Brussels would be preferred if possible. Tomasz Mickiewicz will set up a doodle to find the best date.

5. PhD award

All are suggested to encourage recent PhD graduates to submit their thesis for the prize. TM proposed to increase the prize money to 1200 euros. Saul Estrin will take the final decision, after asking those with appropriate expertise to read particular submissions.

6. Registration of the association

Item remitted due to the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer.

7. Report on European Journal of Comparative Economics

Vittorio Valli reported on progress, including an increase from 2 to 3 issues and a proposed workshop comparing China and India. The journal ranks highly among electronic journals with 20000 downloads per month.

8. Candidates for officers 2014

The constitution requires nominations one month before elections take place, that being proposed for the Budapest conference. The Executive Committee is also expected to propose the Management Board (four officers). This will need to be decided at the next meeting in early 2014. The usual practice in the past has been for the Vice President to stand for President in the next period.

9. Forthcoming workshops

Information will be put in the next bulletin.



From left: Saul Estrin, Jürgen Jerger, Hans-Jürgen Wagener (AB), Martin Myant, Urmas Varblane, Magdolna Sass, Andrei Yakovlev, Tomasz Mickiewicz, Laura Resmini



From left: Vittorio Valli (AB and European Journal), Maria-Luigia Segnana (behind the camera: Hubert Gabrisch)

1.4 Poland and the Eurozone Conference Report

The Bournemouth University Business School hosted the conference “Poland and Eurozone” on 19-20 September, 2013. The conference was the initiative of Professor Jens Hölscher, head of the department of Accounting, Finance and Economics of Bournemouth University (BU).

The conference was opened by Professor Matthew Bennett, Pro-Vice-Chancellor at BU, who greeted the participants of the conference, wished them success and scientific achievements. He expressed the hope that the conference would provide a platform to discuss and address the relevant issues and to initiate new joint research projects.

Following a short welcoming speech by Professor Jens Hölscher, Professor Iraj Hashi from Staffordshire University was invited to briefly introduce Professor Leszek Balcerowicz’s biography to the participants of the conference. Professor Iraj Hashi highlighted that Professor Leszek Balcerowicz was the former Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance of Poland and the chairman of the National Bank of Poland, who is particularly famous for implementing the Polish economic transformation program in the 1990s, a shock therapy, which is commonly referred to as the Balcerowicz Plan.

In his keynote presentation Professor Leszek Balcerowicz focused on the issues relevant to the Euro problems and their possible solutions. Following the presentation Professor Victoria Chick from University College London initiated the discussion on the Professor Leszek Balcerowicz’s presentation and challenged his views.

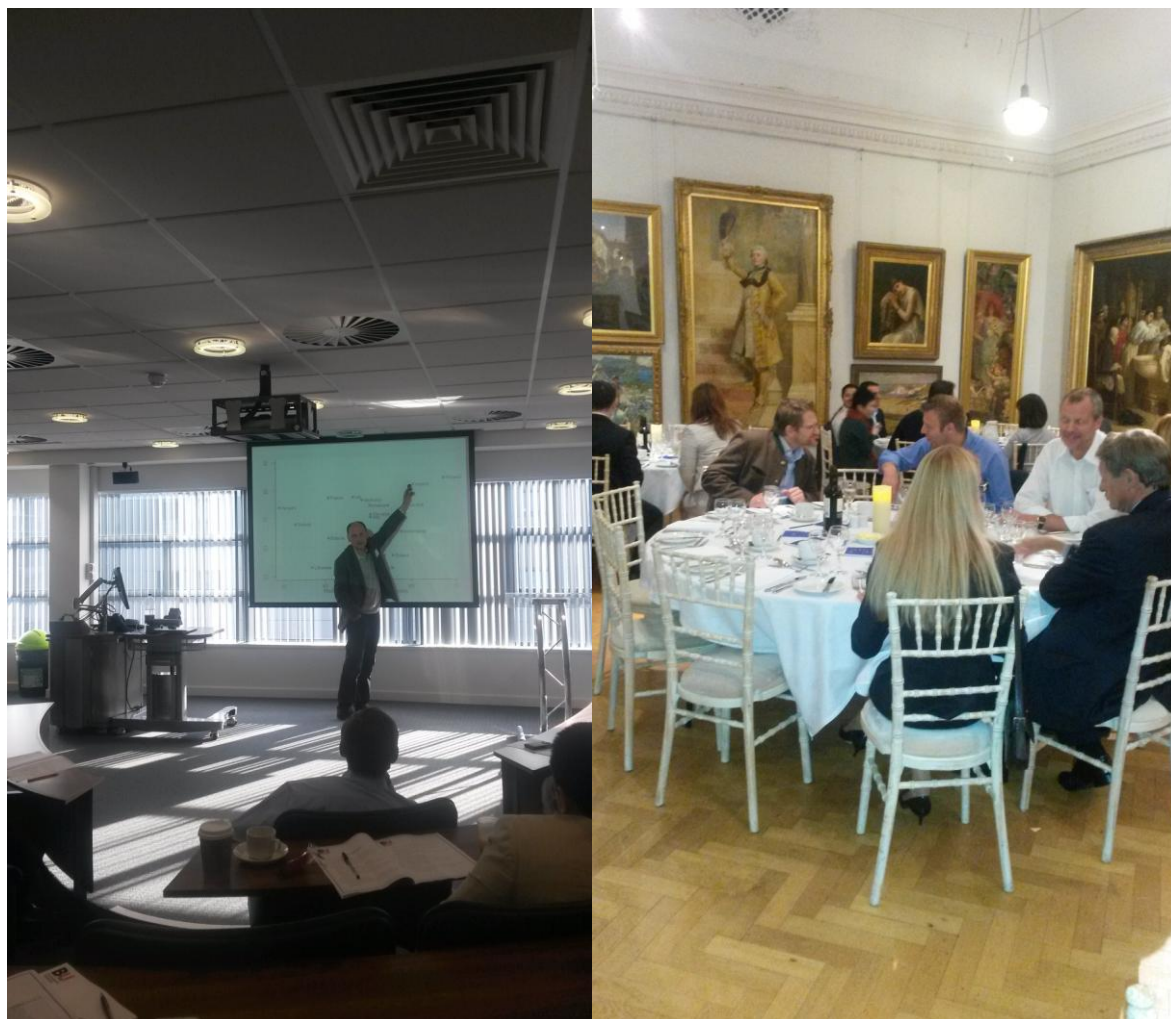
The second day of the conference started with the keynote presentation of Professor Domenico Mario Nuti from La Sapienza University (Rome) on *The Euro Area: Premature, Diminished, Divergent*, which was followed by the lead discussant Professor Steve Letza from BU.

Then the chair Professor Jenny Piesse from BU opened Session One on Income Developments. The session started with an interesting presentation by Professor Andy Mullineux from Bournemouth University on *The 'Eurozone' Crisis: Escaping the Doom Loop.* The session was continued by the presentation of Professor Horst Tomann from Free University of Berlin on *External Imbalances in the European Monetary Union: the Case for Keynesian Income Policy* and was finished by the presentation of Dr George Filis and Professor Steve Letza from BU on *Business Cycles Synchronisation between the European Union and Poland.*

Following the buffet lunch, where the participants of the conference discussed the presentations Professor Allan Webster (BU) opened Session Two on Monetary Aspects. Rob Hayward from the University of Brighton and Jens Hölscher started the session with their presentation on *Crash Risk and the Carry Trade: An Analysis of Uncovered Interest Parity in CEE and CIS.* The session was continued by the Professor Karsten Staehr from Tallin University of Technology & Estonia Eesti Bank on *Beating the Maastricht Price Stability Criterion to Join the Eurozone: Challenges and Options.* Following the presentation by Zbigniew Polanski from National Bank of Poland on *Poland During the Global Crisis: "A Green Island" approaching the Eurozone* the chair of the session Professor Allan Webster announced to start the discussions on the presentations of Session Two.

Following a short coffee and tea break Professor Steve Letza opened Session Three on Firms' Behaviour. Malgorzata Pawlowska from National Bank of Poland presented her research on *the Impact of Foreign Capital on Competition and Concentration in the Polish Banking Sector.* The second presentation of the session was given by Professor Tomasz Mickiewicz from Aston University, where he introduced his research on *Is Poland A Nation of Entrepreneurs?*

A conference Gala Dinner at the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum, Bournemouth, was a pleasant completion of the conference. In an informal atmosphere participants continued to discuss various interesting issues raised during the conference, made contacts and thanked the organisers for the well-planned scientific event.



- Reported by Khurshid Djalilov, kdjalilov@bournemouth.ac.uk, member of EACES

1.5 EACES Workshop on Competitiveness (Belgrade, September 20-21, 2013)

On September 20-21, an EACES workshop under the title *Competitiveness of Firms, Industries and Countries - Cause and Solution of European Crises* took place at the Belgrade University, Faculty of Economics. Some 30 papers written by 50 authors from 11 countries (Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, from the region and Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, Italy and UK) were applied whereas 25 contributions have been presented during the five successive sessions. During a special session a keynote speech was given by Professor Jan Svejnar, Columbia University, New York on the topic: *Does foreign investment spur innovation*. Papers presented covered a wide range of topics from firms' level analyses on the role of intangible capital in improving competitiveness to the macro issues affecting competitiveness including policies, investments flows, finance, education, defining and measuring national competitiveness, income differences within 'old' and 'new' EU economies frequently with particular focus on the SEE countries; full programme of the workshop is available on:

<http://eacesworkshop.ekof.bg.ac.rs/index.php>

- Reported by Bozidar Cerovic

2. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE

54th Annual Conference of the Italian Economic Association

The 54th Annual Conference of the Italian Economic Association will be held at the University of Bologna on 24-26 October 2013.

The Central Themes of the Conference are:

- From financial to economic crisis and back
 - Mathematical analysis of financial markets and the global crisis
 - International monetary reform and the coordination of macroeconomic policies
 - Human capital, innovation and growth
 - Banks and firms in the crisis
 - Gender
 - Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomics
 - Experimental and behavioural economics
 - Industrial organization and firms' behaviour
 - Growth models and development
 - Migration and remittances
 - GDP, well-being and happiness
 - Poverty and income distribution
 - Social cohesion and financial exclusion
 - Network analysis
 - Corporate governance and financial regulation
 - Trade policies and foreign direct investments
 - The Italian Mezzogiorno and regional policies
 - Culture, Growth, Well-being and Citizenship (organized with the AEC)
 - Towards a Bio-based Economy: a New Development Model? (organized with the AIEAA)
 - Energy and Environmental Markets Integration (organized with the AIEE)
 - Recent Developments in the European Labour Markets (organized with the AIEL)
 - History of Antitrust Law and Economics (organized with the AISPE)
 - Economic Growth and Regional Networks: New Industries and Sustainability (organized with the AISRe)
 - Trends in Poverty and Inequality in the EU. A Comparative Perspective (organized with the AISSEC)
 - Model Uncertainty in Decisions and Games (organized with the AMASES)
 - Economic and Labour Policies for Young People: Theories and Comparative Empirical Evidences (organized with the EACES)
 - Green Economy Growth (organized with the IAERE)
 - Nonparametric and Semiparametric Spatial Dependence Models (organized with the SIdE)
 - Growth and Tax (organized with the SIEP)
 - Industrial Structures, Crisis Reactions and Growth Prospects (organized with the SIEPI)
 - Transportation and Logistics (organized with the SIET)
 - Inequality Reduction, Food Security and Sustainable Development (organized with the SITES)
 - Economic Theory and Policy-making (organized with the STOREP)
- Submissions of papers concerning any other aspect of the economic theory and policy are also welcome.

Rivista Italianadegli Economisti

Authors who submit for the conference may indicate if they want their work submitted for publication in the Rivista Italianadegli Economisti. There will be a standard refereeing process for the journal that will be separate from the conference screening process and normal quality standards will be applied.

Young Economist Sessions

Sessions will be organised, in which PhD candidates or young researchers may present the results of their research. Authors who would like to be considered for such session are requested to indicate "FOR PHD SESSION" in the submitted paper. Please, note that also in this case a complete paper has to be provided.

Selection Committee

Submissions will be reviewed by a Selection Committee coordinated by Leonardo Becchetti, Roberto Cellini and Alberto Zazzaro.

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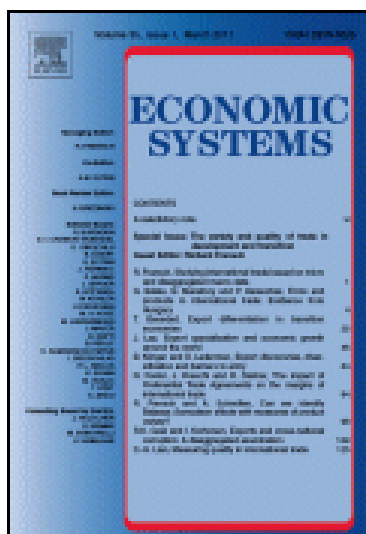
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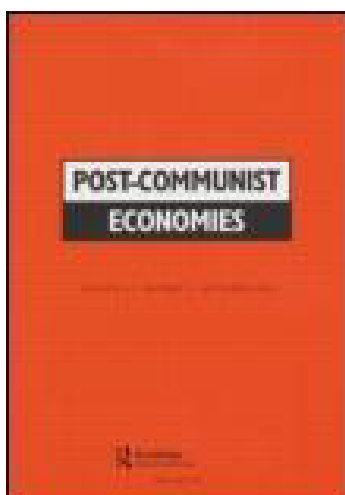
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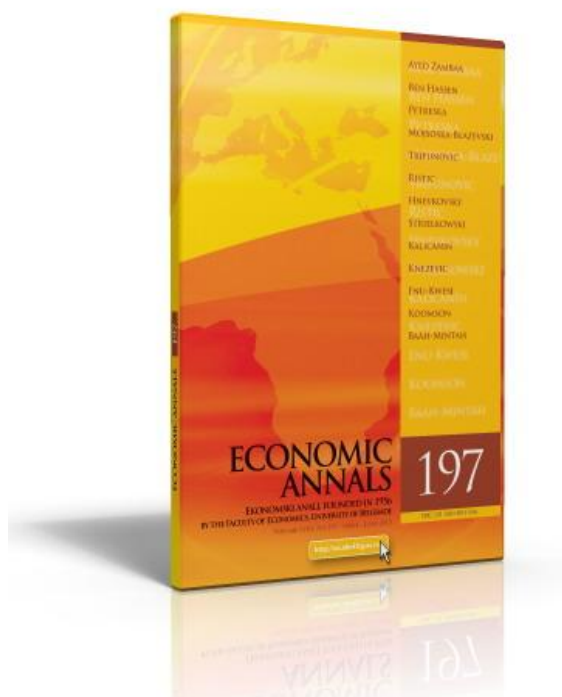
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Editorial:



The presidential message in this newsletter appreciates the role of the Hungarian, British and Serbian colleagues who organised four different EACES-affiliated events within the last four weeks. These very successful events covered and promoted discussions on labour markets, entrepreneurship, macroeconomic policy and competitiveness of firms. EACES is now intended to organise joint congress biannually. Following the tradition of EACES biannual conference, our own congress is in even years and the world congress -- jointly with American, Japanese and Korean association, in odd years. Representing local organisers, Marcello Signorelli, Pasquale Tridico and Sebastiano Fadda are now working towards organising the first such event in 2015, in Rome, Italy. 2017 event could likely be held in St Petersburg.

Section 1 of this newsletter also highlights the recent EC-AB meeting that has proposed the theme of 'competitiveness' for the 2014 biannual conference. Next bi-annual meeting is likely to be in Regensburg or Poznan or St Petersburg. Acceptance of the papers would be done through a selection committee containing representatives from Budapest plus Magdolna Sass, Hubert Gabrisch, Andrei Yakovlev and Saul Estrin. Moreover, this year, Prof. Saul Estrin will chair the selection committee for best biannual PhD award. EC-AB has suggested advertising the biennial PhD award in different forums of scientific initiatives of comparative economic societies. The link for submissions is now open at the EACES main page.

The Bournemouth University Business School hosted the conference "Poland and Eurozone" on 19-20 September, 2013. The conference was the initiative of Professor Jens Hölscher, head of the department of Accounting, Finance and Economics of Bournemouth University (BU). Section 1 has presented the report on the successful completion of this conference. In the similar front., on September 20-21, an EACES workshop under the title *Competitiveness of Firms, Industries and Countries - Cause and Solution of European Crises* took place at the Belgrade University, Faculty of Economics. Some 30 papers written by 50 authors from 11 countries (Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, from the region and Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, Italy and UK) had applied; whereas 25 contributions had been presented during the five successive sessions.

Section 2 of this newsletter reminds the forthcoming 54th Annual Conference of the Italian Economic Association, which will be held during 24-26 October 2013. More specifically, it highlights central themes of the conference, young economist sessions, and the composition of the selection committee.

Information regarding the recent publications of the journals of comparative economic societies is the subject matter of Section 3. Recent publications of European Journal of Comparative Economics, Economic systems, Post-Communist Economies, Comparative Economic Studies, Journal of Comparative Economics, European Journal of Development Research, and Economic Annals have been enlisted in this section.

The editor welcomes any comment/suggestion for the improvement of the newsletter. These and other submissions are requested to deliver either in the form of hard copy or (preferably) electronic copy to:

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