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1. Official news

1.1 Message from the president

Dear members of EACES:

The year 2021, which saw my election as President and the election of Francesco Pastore as Vice-President, is ending. Many of us hoped that we would be able to hold our 2021 conference offline. Alas, such hopes were thwarted by the development of the pandemic and we had to hold the conference in September online. Both Francesco and I, however, think that the conference initiated a relaunch of the activities of EACES as did several workshops in 2021, which were co-sponsored by the association. Before turning to the future let me express my gratitude to

Jürgen Jerger, who has led EACES under very difficult circumstances with a steady hand and has worked incessantly to remove administrative hurdles that blocked a smooth functioning of our association.

This newsletter contains two calls for papers. The first call is for the EACES 2022 conference, organized by Francesco and our colleagues of Parthenope University in Naples and taking place from September 16th to 18th. We, of course, all hope that we can meet in person in September 2022 in one of the most exciting cities of Italy. I also would like to direct your attention to a call within the call, namely for sessions that commemorate the work of Janos Kornai, who unfortunately passed away in October 2021.

The second call is for the summer academy that IOS Regensburg jointly with the Political Academy of Tutzing organizes every year under the auspices of EACES. Ph.D. students and junior researchers are invited to present their research on a selected theme in a workshop atmosphere. This year's summer academy is organized by Kseniia Gatskova under the theme "Gender Inequality in Central and Eastern Europe: Labor Market in Focus."

Last but certainly not least, let me wish you a Happy Holiday Season and an excellent start in the year 2022!

Hartmut Lehmann

Academic Vice-Director

Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies

Professor of Economics at the University of Regensburg

1.2 EACES General Assembly Meeting minutes

of the EACES General Assembly, 16th September 2021, 14.00 at the 16th European Association for Comparative Economic Studies Conference held online from 13 – 17 September 2021, organized by EACES, IOS Regensburg, the University of Regensburg, and the University of Naples Parthenope. Due to international travel restrictions, the meeting took place online, via a Zoom-meeting.

Present: 26 EACES members, including EACES Board Members, President, Vice President and Secretary (in alphabetical order):

Sanjaya Acharya
William Bartlett
Horst Brezinski
Randolph Bruno
Sara Casagrande
Andrea Éltető

Beata Farkas
Kseniia Gatskova (Secretary and treasurer)
Vladimir Gimpelson
Viktor Gorshkov
Peter Howard-Jones
Jürgen Jerger (President)
David Kemme
Hartmut Lehmann (Vice President)
Enrico Piero Marelli
Tomasz Mikiewicz
Satoshi Mizobata
Martin Myant
Francesco Pastore
Olga Popova
Ivana Prica
Kamshat Sagynbekova
Magdolna Sass
Marcello Signorelli
Milica Uvalic
Andrei Yakovlev

Presidential Report

The president welcomed the members and stated that the invitation to the General Assembly, including the agenda, has been circulated in time to all members via the EACES newsletter. No further suggestions concerning the agenda have been received from the members.

He then reported on the past three years since the last conference in Warsaw in 2018. Since then EACES has supported a number of workshops, summer schools and other academic events. The 2020 conference in Naples had to be cancelled and postponed to 2022 due to pandemic. In 2021, only a virtual conference was possible.

The next EACES conference will be held in Naples at University Parthenope, 15-17 September 2022.

The president reported on the formal problem with the registration of EACES as a tax-exempt association in Germany that led to tax payments. However, the problem was resolved meanwhile and the taxes have been fully refunded. EACES is a non-profit

organization (eingetragener Verein) registered in Germany.

The EACES website hosting and maintenance has been moved to Regensburg (including the possibility to get professional IT support).

All EACES officers continued their work after the non-election in 2020. The Executive Board decided to hold elections in 2021 with all terms of office being only one year. That is, in 2022 new officers will be elected as it was previously done during the biannual conferences.

The quarterly publication rhythm of the EACES newsletter was discontinued and also the former "recent publications" section was abolished. There were no complaints from any member on that.

Financial report

Until 2018 there were two EACES bank accounts (in the UK and in Germany) to which the newly elected officials could not be granted access due to the legal problems mentioned above. The problem was solved by establishing a new bank account in Regensburg (UniCredit Bank), while Jens Hölscher as former (long-time) treasurer transferred the money to this account and closed the old ones.

PayPal payment facility at the EACES website is expected to start working soon again.

Membership fees are almost exclusively paid in connection with the conference.

The financial situation of the association is healthy with assets (all on the bank account mentioned above) of 21.698,81 € as of 13 September 2021.

Approval of the actions (discharge) of the managing board

The president asked the members to formally vote on the approval (discharge) of the managing board.

100% of the EACES members approved the actions of the managing board (number of votes: 26).

Statutes of EACES

The president informed the members that the Registergericht Chemnitz requires a slight change of Art 7e) of the EACES statutes. This information was already included in the newsletter in which the invitation to this General Assembly has been circulated. He asked all members to vote in favour of this change in order to avoid further problems. The formal vote includes the English and the German version because the latter is the legally binding one.

Old text of Art. 7e/Alte Fassung von §7e: According to the provisions of § 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.

Gemäß § 26 BGB repräsentieren die Mitglieder der Geschäftsführung den Vorstand. Zwei Mitglieder der Geschäftsführung sind zur rechtsgeschäftlichen, gerichtlichen und außergerichtlichen Vertretung des Vereins berechtigt und verpflichtet. Eines dieser beiden Mitglieder muss der Vorstandsvorsitzende sein oder ein anderes Vorstandsmitglied, das vom Vorsitzenden bestimmt wird, sein.

New text of Art. 7e/ Neue Fassung von §7e: According to the provisions of § 26 BGB (German Civil Code) the members of the Managing Board represent the Executive Committee. Two members of the Managing Board, one of them being the President, are authorized and are obliged to represent the

Association in legal, judicial and extrajudicial affairs.

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100% of the EACES members voted for the change (number of votes: 26).

Elections

The president informed – already in the newsletter that contained the invitation to this assembly – the members about the persons running for the managing board and the additional positions of the executive board. He also pointed out that the terms of office is limited to one year with the intention to return to the usual biannual cycle during the conference and General Assembly scheduled for September 2022 in Naples.

The elections yielded the following results (number of votes: 26):

... for the managing board (the shares of respective yes-votes are in brackets):
 President: Hartmut Lehmann (96%)
 Vice president: Francesco Pastore (100%)
 Secretary: Kseniia Gatskova (100%)
 Treasurer: Jürgen Jerger (100%)

... for the additional nine members of the executive board (9 out of 10 candidates; every member has 9 votes: no more than one vote for each candidate; the shares of respective yes-votes are in brackets):
 Sonja Avlijas (85%), Beata Farkas (88%), Vladimir Gimpelson (85%), David M. Kemme (88%), Michael Keren (92%), Satoshi Mizobata (100%), Martin Myant (92%), Urmas Varblane (88%), Allan Webster (54%), Andrei Yakovlev (81%).

Hence, the additional nine members of the executive board are Sonja Avlijas, Beata Farkas, Vladimir Gimpelson, David M. Kemme, Michael Keren, Satoshi Mizobata, Martin Myant, Urmas Varblane, Andrei Yakovlev.

All elected officers present in the GA accepted their election upon the announcement of the result. The others (Avlijas, Keren, Varblane) accepted upon notification via Email after the GA.

Other Issues

No other issues have been raised by the members other than a number of expressions of gratitude to the outgoing and incoming officers. Jürgen Jerger closed the meeting at 3.20 p.m..

2. Call for papers

2.1 17th EACES Conference 2022

Naples, Italy 16-18 September 2022

The 17th Biannual Conference of EACES will be hosted by Parthenope University, Naples. To guide prospective authors and participants, the main conference theme is:

The COVID pandemic: consequences on inequality within and between countries

The COVID pandemic has worked as a magnifier of old problems and an accelerator of structural change and modernization. On the one hand, the global economy has undergone a dramatic slump, with GDP losses that were unrecorded also during the 2007 economic and financial crisis. On the other hand, all countries of the world have realized of the need to support households and firms to cope with the dramatic crisis, putting aside the past tendency to “austerity” in economic policy typical of the European continent in the previous two decades.

Individuals, households, and firms have fiercely fought to survive. This has stimulated dramatic changes, such as the dramatic explosion of digitalization of the entire continent and the world economy. Digitalization of almost every aspect of economic and social life has seen a dramatic process of acceleration in each country of the world, although not at the same pace. Digitalization has been pervasive in every aspect of our social life, from teaching in schools and university, to smart working in the public and private sector, to online consumption that has become rapidly the most common way to buy in most countries of the world.

In Europe, the Next Generation fund has been financed with EU bonds to finance massive public investment, which should be aimed to overcome the old limits of the European economy. The Fund will represent the core of what will probably become the EU public debt, a tool advocated by many authoritative economists in the past.

Within countries, the pandemic has shown the need to modernize not only the material, but also the immaterial infrastructure. The same process of digitalization has found apparent constraints in the still obsolete connections.

In addition, the COVID pandemic has evidenced the need for every country to be independent in terms of energy resources. The demand for energy is increasing year after year and so is also the price of all forms of fossil energy. Households are facing increasing difficulties all over Europe to pay the increasing cost of energy.

These are some of the reasons why the Next Generation fund has digitalization and the development of a green economy as its main goals. However, these changes have neither happened evenly within countries nor across countries.

Some EU countries have performed better than others. Especially South European countries, quite surprisingly, have been able in

a few months to cover part of the previous gaps with respect to the most advanced Central and Northern European countries. At least in terms of digitalization. Italy and Portugal are among the countries with the largest share of vaccinations. Other countries, especially the Eastern European and the former Soviet Union countries have lagged behind, therefore, further increasing their gap with respect to the rest of the continent. The latter group of countries seems to have caught only in part the challenge of the pandemic in terms not only of digitalization but also of other objectives, such as the vaccination.

To commemorate the work of Janos Kornai who passed away in 2021 we also invite session proposals that focus on his contributions to the economics of central planning and of transition.

Proposals can be uploaded via our conference website www.eacesconference.eu. The deadline for abstract and panel submission is 30th of April, 2022.

One plenary speaker is Professor Thomas Dohmen (University of Bonn and IZA) who will discuss how behavioral economics can shed light on the structure and the drivers of preferences in a global comparative perspective.

The second plenary speaker is Professor Giovanni Dosi (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna – University of Pisa) who will speak on the wage-productivity nexus in a globalized world.

The conference will also host a “Meet the editors” session, where representatives of journals dealing with comparative economics and development issues will be present, including editors of Economic Systems and of the IZA Journal of Development and Migration.

Local organizers

The Department of Business and Economic Studies (DiSAE) of the University of Naples Parthenope has a strong tradition for high

quality research in the field of economics and business. The research activities carried out in the department concern theoretical and empirical aspects, analyzing enterprises and their interactions with institutions in different markets and different social and economic contexts. The main research fields include: Macroeconomics, International Economics and Development Economics; Microeconomics, Industrial Economics and Institutional Economics; Finance; Quantitative methods for economics; Accounting and Accounting History; Management, Strategy and Business Organization; Organization theory and human resources management; Informative systems; European law, competition law and banking law.

Local organization committee: Floro Ernesto Caroleo (co-lead) and Francesco Pastore (Vice-President of EACES and co-lead); Rosaria Rita Canale, Rita De Siano, Damiano Fiorillo, Claudio Quintano, Antonella Rocca, Alessandro Sapiro.

Important dates

Deadline for submission of individual abstracts or suggestions for panels: **April 30th, 2022;**

You will be notified about the acceptance of the paper/panel no later than **May 29th 2022;**

Online registration: starting from **early July 2022;**

Deadline for submission of full papers: **August 28th, 2022;**

Deadline for submission doctoral dissertation for EACES Award 2022: April 30th, 2022; the winner will be notified no later than June 30th, 2022.

Conference fees

Senior researchers: 195 EUR + EACES 2-year membership of 50 EUR for early bird (before

20th of July 2020) and 245 EUR + 50 EUR membership after the 20th of July;

PhD students: 100 EUR + 30 EUR 2-year membership before the 20th of July and 125 + 30 EUR after the 20th of July.

2.2 14th Joint IOS/APB/EACES Summer Academy on Central and Eastern Europe

Organized by the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS Regensburg) in cooperation with the Akademie für Politische Bildung Tutzing (APB) and the European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES)

Gender inequality in Central and Eastern Europe: Labor market in focus

Date: July 4–6, 2022

Location: APB Tutzing / Online ZOOM

We invite junior scholars (Ph.D. students and Postdocs) from economics, sociology and cognate disciplines to submit extended abstracts or full papers. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Labor market participation of women and men
- Gender wage gap, motherhood penalty, gender discriminating practices
- Gender inequalities in paid and unpaid work
- Labor migration of women and men
- Gender differences in life course transitions (e.g., transitions from education to work, transitions to parenthood, leaving the parental home)

Preference will be given to papers focusing on Central and Eastern Europe and the post-Soviet countries.

Confirmed keynote speakers:

Ariane Pailhé (French National Demographic Institute (Ined), France).

Norberto Pignatti (ISET, Tbilisi State University, Georgia).

Irena Kogan (University of Mannheim, Germany).

Submissions should include a short CV and an extended abstract (maximum 2000 words) or a full paper. Please send all documents in one pdf file to summeracademy@ios-regensburg.de

Submission deadline: **April 30, 2022.**

Accepted participants will be notified by May 15, 2022. Full accepted papers are expected by June 1, 2022.

The IOS/APB/EACES Summer Academies on Central and Eastern Europe aim to bring together Ph.D. students and Postdocs in a workshop atmosphere. The workshop language is English. The Hans Raupach Award will honor the author(s) of a paper of exceptional merit.

Further information on the program and past summer academies is available at:

<https://www.ios-regensburg.de/veranstaltungen/summer-academy.html>