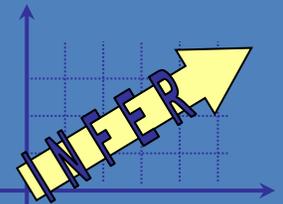


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In the year 2015...

Dear INFER members and friends,

Hopefully, 2015 started very well for all of you. Looking at our current agenda, 2015 will be a very interesting year for INFER too. After many successful events in 2014, new workshops are coming up in Portugal (Coimbra), Italy (Pescara), Germany (Cologne) and Cyprus (Gime). Moreover, the call for papers has been launched for the INFER Annual Conference, taking place from May 21 till May 23, 2015 at the University of Bedfordshire, in Luton (UK). We hope to meet you at these events!

This newsletter contains more information about all upcoming as well as recent events. The INFER board also uses the INFER Newsletter to keep you informed regarding various new developments in our network. We hope you appreciate this information.

Our network is growing in terms of the number of workshops and conferences, the number of publications and the number of (individual and institutional) members. Moreover INFER is now supported by many strategic partners. These achievements will help us further develop our network by providing more services to all of you.

On behalf of the INFER board I wish to thank you for your involvement and support. We invite you to continue attending our events, to participate in our debates and discussions (new tools will be available soon at our website!) and to publish your papers in our journals, special issues and other publication series.

Jan Van Hove
INFER Chair



17th INFER Annual Conference 2015

The 17th INFER Annual Conference 2015 will take place from **May 21 to May 23, 2015** at the **University of Bedfordshire** in **Luton** (near London – United Kingdom). Three excellent keynote speakers have confirmed their participation. Moreover, the venue is easy to reach (20 minutes from the centre of London), so we hope that many INFER members will participate.

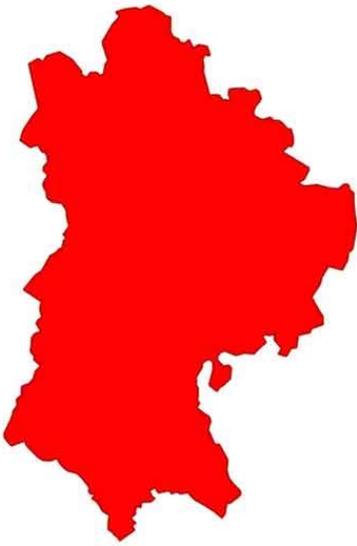
Keynote speakers:

- Ansgar Belke (University of Duisburg-Essen)
- Arijit Mukherjee (University of Nottingham – Nottingham Business School)
- Jos Delbeke (Director General DG Environment – European Commission)

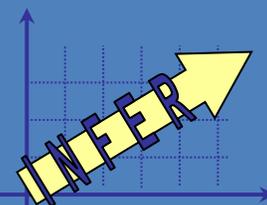
Participation fee: 180 euro (INFER members) / 250 euro (non-members).

Submit your papers by **April 15** to christian.richter@beds.ac.uk.

More information on the INFER website.



Local organizers: Dr Christian Richter (University of Bedfordshire), Dr Socrates Karidis (University of Bedfordshire), Dr Sandar Win (University of Bedfordshire), Dr Maria Correia (University of Northampton), Dr Peter Luke (London South Bank University), Dr Dimitrios Pappas (Harper-Adams University), Dr Ilias Asproudis (University of Northampton) and Dr Elias Soukiazis (University of Bedfordshire)



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INFER Workshops open Calls for Papers

INFER Workshop on « Heterodox Economics»

Coimbra (Portugal), April 17th-18th 2015

This workshop is jointly organized by INFER, FEUC (Faculty of Economics, University of Coimbra) and GEMF (Group of Monetary and Finance Studies). Researchers are invited to submit theoretical and applied papers across all areas of Heterodox Economics. The invited keynote speakers are Peter Skott (Department of Economics University of Massachusetts), Malcolm Sawyer (Leeds University Business School) and Louis-Philippe Rochon (Laurentian University Canada). You can submit your paper by **February 28th 2015**. For more information, please download the Call for Papers at:

<http://www4.fe.uc.pt/workshop2015/call.htm>

INFER Workshop on «The European Integration and Its International Dimension»

Cologne (Germany), July 1st-2nd 2015

This workshop is jointly organized by INFER and Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW Köln) and provides an opportunity for researchers and practitioners interested in short- and long-term development of the European economy and its international relations to discuss their work and exchange ideas. Researchers are invited to submit both theoretical and empirical papers that investigate the trade, monetary and financial interactions within the European economy as well as between the EU and the rest of the world. The invited keynote speakers are Jakob de Haan (University of Groningen and De Nederlandsche Bank) and Christian Kastrop (OECD). You can submit your paper by **March 15th 2015**. For more information, please download the Call for Papers at:

[http://www.infer-research.net/file/CallForPapers_final\(1\).pdf](http://www.infer-research.net/file/CallForPapers_final(1).pdf).

INFER International Workshop on «Applied Economics and Finance»

Girne (North Cyprus), October 22nd-23rd 2015

INFER and Girne American University are organizing an international workshop on Applied Economics. The workshop is opened to anybody involved in this research area, including both young and experienced researchers, PhD students, post-doctoral researchers, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions. The invited keynote speakers are Ercan Uygur (Turkish Economic Association), Olivier Scaillet (University of Geneva) and Salih Katircioğlu (Eastern Mediterranean University). You can submit your paper by **August 3rd 2015**. For more information, please download the Call for Papers at:

http://www.infer-research.net/file/Call%20for%20Papers%20Cyprus_12Jan2015.pdf .

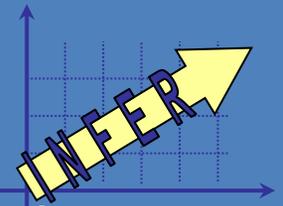
INFER supported events

Pescara (Italy), April 27th-28th 2015

The Italian Association for the Study of Economic Asymmetries, the Institute for Advanced Studies, and the Department of Economics at Gabriele d'Annunzio University with the support of the International Network for Economic Research invite researchers to submit both theoretical and empirical papers that are broadly consistent with the workshop's special topics. The workshop provides an opportunity for all those interested in the issues of economic asymmetries in the Eurozone's structure, design and management, with a special focus on the economic, social and political cost of these asymmetries, to discuss their research and exchange ideas. The invited keynote speakers are Lars Feld (Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg and Walter Eucken Institute) and Philippe Weil (Université Libre de Bruxelles, Centre for Economic Policy Research). You can submit your paper by **March 15th 2015**. For more information, please download the Call for Papers at:

<http://www.asimmetrie.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/EUA2015Cfp.pdf> .

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Orléans (France), June 25-26 2015

The RIEF network organizes a yearly doctoral meeting which offers the opportunity for a limited number of PhD candidates or young PhDs to present their papers before an audience of senior researchers in the field. A couple of invited senior sessions are organized jointly with junior sessions. The **2015 edition** will be supported by **INFER** and hosted by the **University of Orleans, Department of Economics (LEO-CNRS)** on **June 25** and **26**.

A prize of 500 euros will be awarded to the best paper presented. To be eligible, authors and co-authors should be PhD students at the time of their papers' submission. PhD candidates and young PhDs should submit their papers in electronic format (pdf) exclusively to: sophie.desalee@cepii.fr by **March 9, 2015** at the latest. Decisions on papers will be taken on **April 24, 2015**. For further practical and academic details please visit: the RIEF website: <http://sites.google.com/site/riefnetwork/>



Svetlana Fedoseeva for her paper on "Asymmetry and Hysteresis: Two Perspectives on Pricing-to-Market Nonlinearity", written with **Laura M. Werner**. Congratulations to the winners!

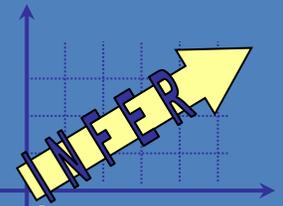
Review of 2014

The **16th INFER Annual Conference** took place from May 29th to May 31st at the **Gabriele D'Annunzio University of Pescara** (Italy), in partnership with the Italian Association for the Study of Economic Asymmetries. In the conference sessions, economists from 21 countries presented 84 papers covering almost all fields of the economic discipline. The success of the conference was assured by the presence of several distinguished keynote speakers including, *Joe Brada, Gianni De Fraja, Gary Jefferson, Dominick Salvatore* and *Mathias Thoenig*, as well as by the gala dinner, which was held in the wonderful Chiola Castle in Loreto Aprutino. During the gala dinner, the INFER Board awarded the INFER Joint Research Prize to **Armand Fouejieu, Alexandra Popescu** and **Patrick Villieu** for their paper on "Monetary Policy and Financial Stability: In Search of Trade-Offs", while the INFER Young Economist Award was awarded to



Recently, **Loughborough University** launched a new research centre, the **Centre for Firms in the Global Economy**. The centre became a new strategic partner for INFER. Their first INFER workshop on the theme of **Distance and Border Effects in Economics** took place on January 17, 2014. Keynote speakers were Dennis Novy (University of Warwick) and Scott Baier (Clemson University). A special issue on the workshop's topic is forthcoming in Economics E-journal.

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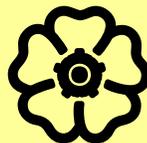
The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies of the **University of Leuven** (Belgium), also one of INFER's strategic partners, recently hosted the **INFER workshop on Trade Agreements**. This very topical workshop attracted many academics as well as policy makers. Lively discussion took place between researchers across various disciplines. The keynote speakers were **Scott Baier** (Clemson University), **Benjamin Zissimos** (University of Exeter) and **Joao Aguiar-Machado** (European Commission – DG Trade).



The International Workshop on “**European Economic Integration: Present and Future Challenges**” was jointly organised by the **INFER**, **ISEG, UL** (Lisboa School of Economics and Management of the University of Lisbon) and **UECE** (Research Unit on Complexity and Economics) on the 20th-21st June, 2014, at ISEG in Lisbon, Portugal. The sponsors of the event included INFER, Banco de Portugal and Montepio Geral.

The guest speakers in the plenary sessions were:

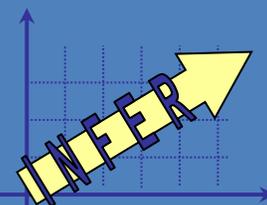
- **Gabriel Felbermayr** - CESIFO, Ifo Institute, Leibniz-Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich – presenting the theme “Macroeconomic potentials of transatlantic free trade: A high resolution perspective for Europe and the world”.
- **Stuart Holland** - University of Coimbra – presenting the theme “Europe in Question - and what to do about it”
- **João de Sousa Andrade** – University of Coimbra – presenting the theme “Nominal and real convergence in Euro area”. There was a **round table** discussion on the “European Union integration and its disequilibria: The best way to cope with facts” with the participation of Gabriel Felbermayr, Stuart Holland, Jan Van Hove, Camélia Turcu, Elias Soukiazis and João de Sousa Andrade.



The **INFER workshop on “Financial Globalization,**

International Trade and Development” took place from the 3rd -4th of July, 2014, at the **University of Bordeaux, France**. It was jointly organized by **INFER** and **LAREFI (Laboratoire de Analyse et de Recherche en Economie et Finances Internationales)** in the historical city center of Bordeaux. The workshop had participants from many countries including; Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Poland, Netherlands, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States. Almost 20 universities were represented as well as international organizations and central banks (Cologne Institute for Economic Research, Bank de France and Bank of Italy). A selection of papers presented at the workshop will be published soon in a special issue of International Economics.

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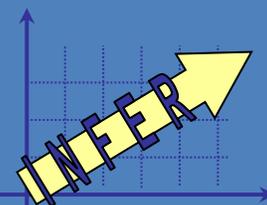
The Economics Department of **Ghent University** (Belgium) organized the **INFER workshop on Regions, Firms and FDI** on August 21-22, 2014. Keynote speakers were **Nathalie Chen** (University of Warwick) and **Harry Garretsen** (University of Groningen). The workshop was a cosy and strongly focused event, hosted in a very nice historical setting. Plans are being made for a follow-up event.

The **INFER Workshop on Urban and Regional Economics** was held on September 4-5, 2014 at the **Universitat Rovirai Virgili** in Reus (Catalonia, Spain). This workshop was jointly organized by **INFER**, **CREIP (Research Centre in Industrial and Public Economics)** and **Universitat Rovirai Virgili**, and received the support from several public institutions including *Asociación Española de Ciencia Regional*, *Xarxa de Referència en Economia i Polítiques Públiques*, *Catalan Government* and the research group *Quantitative, Urban and Regional Economics*. The workshop had 7 sessions covering a wide range of urban and regional economics topics (Spatial Methodologies, Firm Dynamics, Agglomeration Economies, Knowledge Dynamics, Labour Market and Innovation, Housing and Migration and Environmental Issues), and included two invited lectures given by professors **Philip McCann** from University of Groningen (*Regional Development in Europe: Interactions between Economic Geography, Institutions and Policy*) and **Andrés Rodríguez-Pose** from London School of Economics (*Quality of government and innovative performance in the regions of Europe*).



The joint **INFER-IES Workshop on "Banking in Europe: The Current Challenges"** took place on the 26th of September 2014, at the **Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University**, Prague, Czech Republic. The workshop attracted an international audience and included presentations from researchers at universities such as Tilburg University and Ghent University and from central banks or international organizations such as De Nederlandsche Bank, Bank of Finland, European Investment Bank and the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority. A special issue on the workshop is

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under preparation for *Open Economies Review* under the guest editorship of Roman Horvath and Laurent Weill.



The **INFER Workshop on “Monetary Policy, Asset Prices and the Real Economy in Central and Eastern Europe”** was held in Timisoara (Romania) on the 12-13th of December 2014 and was co-organized by **INFER**, **RCEM (Research Centre for Engineering and Management)** and **ECREB (East-European Center for Research in Economics and Business)**. The value of the workshop was enhanced by the presence of the distinguished keynote speakers *Ansgar Belke*, *Jarko Fidrmuc* and *László Halpern*, with notable contributions in the field of the monetary policy and the real economy of CEE countries. Professor *Francesco Forte* contributed in his turn to the success of the workshop, which met all the expectations of the participants. Beside its high scientific standard, the workshop was appreciated for the social program as well as for developments in the research network, which will constitute the basis for future meetings of the INFER members.



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- INFER member for at least three years
- Organiser of at least one INFER workshop or conference (or supported event)
- Continue to be an INFER member (pay your membership fee)
- Publish at least one paper in the **INFER Working Paper Series** every two years