



Call for Papers

VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSEL

Jointly organized by

INFER (International Network for Economic
Research)



INFER Annual Conference June 5th – 7th, 2019

Conference Objectives

The INFER Annual Conference is the main annual event of the International Network for Economic Research. The INFER Annual Conference provides a great opportunity for members and non-members of INFER alike to exchange ideas and to discuss results from recent economic research.

Conference Topics

The INFER Annual Conference is open to contributions from all areas of economic research. However, we especially encourage submissions related to the following topics:

- Macroeconomics and Finance
- Monetary Economics
- Fiscal Policy and Public Economics
- International Economics and Trade
- Environmental and Development Economics
- Regional Economics and Economic Geography
- Housing and Real State Economics
- Industrial Organization
- Microeconomics and Game Theory
- Behavioural and Experimental Economics
- Econometrics
- Political Economy
- Migration
- Gender Economics
- Regulation and Competition Analysis

Keynote speakers

Prof. Barbara Rossi (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona Graduate School of Economics). Professor Rossi specializes in the fields of time series econometrics, as well as applied international finance and macroeconomics. Her current research focuses on forecasting and macroeconometrics.

Jyrki Katainen is the European Commission Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness since 2014. Vice-President Katainen is also coordinating the mid-term review of the Europe 2020 strategy and, in cooperation with Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, building a Capital Markets Union by 2019.

Panel discussion: Migration and Labour

Dr. Cinzia Alcidì (Centre for European Policy Studies)
Prof. Dr Hilel Rapoport (Paris School of Economics)

Participants

The Annual Conference is open to researchers, PhD students, post-docs and professionals from business, government and nongovernmental institutions. Participants are also encouraged to organize special sessions (with the guidance of the Scientific Committee).

Organization

The 2019 Annual Conference is jointly organized by INFER (International Network for Economic Research) and Vrije Universiteit Brussel.



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INFER supports research in economic theory and policy, the international exchange of economic researchers & policy advisors, and particularly young economists.



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For more than 180 years VUB has helped build a better society as an innovative, free inquiring and critical thinking university. We are linked to the world from within our international capital Brussels. A never-ending quest for knowledge, insights and enlightenment form the golden thread in all we do in education, research and social commitment.



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Submission of Papers

Only full papers may be submitted for the INFER Annual Conference (this applies to both general sessions and special sessions). Papers must be in English and include a cover page with the following information:

- An abstract of up to 500 words, with JEL classification and no more than 5 keywords
- Authors full name and affiliation
- Contact details for the corresponding author, such as address, phone and e-mail

Please submit your paper online (in pdf file format) online via Conference Maker at: https://editorialexpress.com/conference/INFER_AC19

Deadline for paper submission is: **March 15th, 2019**

Authors are allowed to submit more than one paper. All submitted papers will be peer reviewed according to a high-quality and fast referee process. Authors will be notified whether their paper is accepted for presentation at the conference not later than April 5th, 2019.

For each presented paper, you are expected to discuss another paper during the conference. The discussant assignments will be made by the conference organizers at a later date. As the conference intends to strengthen the INFER network, participation is welcome even without paper contribution.

Special Sessions

The conference will host a number of special sessions focusing on specific topics. These may be organized by INFER scholars as well as by other conference attendants who send their proposals to the Organizing Committee. Special sessions will have discussants distributed among presenters of the same session.

Details on special sessions (JEL codes, submission procedure, etc.) will be available on the conference website: <https://www.infer-vub.com>

INFER prizes and awards

In order to stimulate research activities by INFER members, at the INFER Annual Conference there are three prizes awarded to presenters:

- Young Economist Award, to researchers under the age of 32 by the last day of the conference.
- INFER Research Prize, to the best paper.
- INFER Policy Research Award, to the best policy paper.

The procedure for applying to these prizes and awards will be specified in due course at the website of the INFER Annual Conference: <https://www.infer-vub.com>

Publication opportunities

The conference offers several high-quality publication opportunities to the authors of outstanding research papers. The procedure for submitting the papers to the journals will be specified in due course. More information about the journals will be added soon at the conference website.

Registration and Registration Fee

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants will be:

Early Bird (registration and payment until **May 3rd, 2019**)

- 240 EUR: INFER members
- 290 EUR: other participants

Late registers (registration and payment until **May 17th, 2019**)

- 340 EUR: INFER members
- 390 EUR: other participants

Membership fees are valid for the current calendar year and have to be renewed every year before March 1. The annual membership fee for private members is EUR 40 per year. INFER also offers a membership for institutions. The membership fee for institutional members is EUR 400 per year, granting the INFER membership advantages to all researchers affiliated to the institutional member. Please note that, since INFER is a non-profit organisation, you **may** deduct the membership fees from taxes depending on your national tax laws.

The registration fee includes lunches, drinks, one social event and the Gala Dinner. It doesn't include travel and accommodation expenses. All participants to the conference have to register. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration.

Please register and pay the registration fee on the INFER website (www.infer-research.net). Payment can be done via PayPal on the website. Note that you can use the same website to become an INFER member. You will receive a confirmation e-mail (within five working days). If you have any questions regarding payment, please contact treasurer@infer.info.

Important Dates

Organising special sessions: February 10th, 2019
Notification of special session acceptance: February 28th, 2019
Submission deadline: March 15th, 2019
Notification of acceptance: April 5th, 2019
Start registration: April 5th, 2019
Early registration ends (lower fee): May 3rd, 2019
Late registration (higher fee): May 17th, 2019

Location and travelling

The Annual Conference will take place at the following address:

Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Brussels Humanities, Science and Engineering Campus
Pleinlaan 2
1050 Ixelles (Brussels)

Brussels is a region of Belgium comprising 19 municipalities, including the City of Brussels, which is the capital of Belgium. Brussels is the most densely populated and the richest region in Belgium in terms of GDP per capita. As the headquarters to the European Union and NATO, this metropolis is often referred to as The Capital of Europe. While certainly international, it offers more than governmental buildings to uphold this well-earned title. It is the ultimate European city with a mosaic of languages and cultures paving a way for a vibrant restaurant and nightlife scene. With over 80 museums, the King's Palace and a wealth of history, culture is equally accessible.

Brussels has an excellent public transportation network. The Brussels Humanities, Science and Engineering Campus is very well connected with the city centre, the main train stations of the city, and Zaventem Airport. In the annexes of this Call for papers, you will find a reachability sheet with all the transport connections available from the Campus and also a Metro map. The campus has a railway station, two metro stops (Pétillon and Hankar), a tram stop (line 7 and 25), and several bus lines passing.

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Questions about the 2019 Annual Conference may be directed to the local organizers through:



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ANNEX – VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

How to reach the campus

The INFER Annual Conference 2019 takes place on Brussels Engineering, Sciences & Humanities Campus of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and is easily accessible by public transport.

- From the Brussels National Airport

Once in the Brussels National Airport, you can arrive to the campus by train (without transfers in around 25 minutes) and by bus (with one transfer in the Quartier Européen and in around 45 minutes)

The train stop in the airport is on the basement level-1, below the terminal. For arriving to the VUB campus take the train at the airport direction Dinant and stop in Etterbeek.

The bus platform is located on the level 0 and the Airport line is number 12 to Luxembourg Square. From there you can arrive to the VUB with the bus number 95.

- From the Bruxelles-Midi train station

From Bruxelles Midi Station, you can take a train and stop at Etterbeek station. The STIB provides an easy-to-use [trip planner](#) pointing out the different possibilities by train, tram and bus to the Etterbeek Station (or the tram station on the opposite side of the road). From there, a 5 minute walk brings you to the venue on the university campus (cf. map below).



Accommodation



The Vrije Universiteit Brussel has a partnership with the U-Residence. The U-Residence is a brand new residence that provides accommodation for short term stays, as well as for longer periods. The residence is located right next to the campus and is within a walking distance from train, tram and bus stations.

The single rooms can be offered for €75/night. Double rooms (two single separate beds) are also available for €100/night. Please, contact them directly as soon as possible because places are limited.

More information can be found on <http://www.u-residence.be/en/>