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Call for Papers

INFER ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Conference Objectives

The INFER Annual Conference (http://www.asimmetrie.org/INFER2014) 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 new economic research. Researchers are invited to submit theoretical and applied papers across all areas of economics.

Conference Topics

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

- Emerging markets economies and globalization
- Financial and Debt Crisis
- Economic Asymmetries
- Fiscal Policy and Public Finance
- Growth, Technical Progress and Innovation
- **Industrial Economics and Microeconomics**
- International Trade and Economic Geography
- Labor and Capital Markets
- Macroeconomic Policy
- Monetary and Financial Economics
- **Public Economics**
- Regional, Urban and Rural Economics

Keynote speakers

Josef Brada (Arizona State University) Gianni De Fraja (Nottingham University and CEPR) Gary Jefferson (Brandeis University) **Dominick Salvatore** (Fordham University) Mathias Thoenig (HEC, Université de Lausanne)

Participants

The Annual Conference is open to economists, including both young and experienced researchers, post-doctoral students and professionals from business, government and nongovernmental institutions. Participants are also encouraged to organize special sessions, under the supervision of the Scientific Committee.

Organization

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INFER (http://www.infer-research.net) is a non-profit international scientific organization that stimulates research and research networking in all fields of economics through international workshops and conferences.

With 56 permanent researchers (full professors, associate professors and assistant professors) **DEC** (Department of Economic Studies, Gabriele d'Annunzio University, http://www.dec.unich.it/) is a medium sized University department that ranks in the top 25% research institutions in Economics in Italy, according to the IDEAS database. DEC fosters multidisciplinary research in the fields of economic sciences, management, and computer sciences.

a/simmetrie (http://www.asimmetrie.org/?la=en) is a non-profit scientific association committed to the study of the causes, the modeling, and the policy implications, of economic asymmetries.

Submission of Papers

Only full papers may be submitted for the INFER Annual Conference's general sessions and special sessions. Papers must be in English and must 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, affiliation
- Contact details for corresponding author, such as address, phone and e-mail

Papers for the general sessions should be submitted electronically, as doc-files or pdf-files, to the Annual Conference organizers at:

INFER2014@asimmetrie.org

Deadline for paper submission is: February 15, 2014.

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, in a general or a special session, not later than March 15, 2014.

Paper presenters are expected to discuss one other 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 contributions.

Special Sessions

The conference will host the following special sessions:

- Special session on Financial regulation, in particular (but not limited to) banking regulation organized by Cordelius Ilgmann.
- Special session on **Economic asymmetries: causes**, **modeling**, **and policy implications**, organized by Alberto Bagnai with the support of a/simmetrie.
- Special session on **Global trade dynamics** organized by Jan van Hove.
- Special session on **Asymmetries in the Eurozone**, organized by Eckhard Hein with the support of a/simmetrie.
- Special session on The political economy of environmental and intellectual property right issues in China, organized by Alberto Bagnai.
- Special session on **Spatial Economics and Environmental Policy** organized by Camelia Turcu.
- Special session on The evolution of the international monetary system, organized by Gennaro Zezza, with the support of a/simmetrie.

Please find more detail on the above special sessions (JEL codes, submission procedure, etc.), as well as on how to propose a Special Session, on the conference website.



Publication opportunities

The conference offers many high quality publication opportunities to the authors of outstanding research papers. Authors of papers related to the Chinese economy will be invited to submit them to a special issue of China Economic Review. Comparative Economic Studies will consider a Symposium issue with theoretical, empirical or policy papers related to the study of economic systems, and their response to crisis, or structural change determined by the globalization process. We point out to the participants that the Journal of Economic Asymmetries would welcome the submission of theoretical and applied papers related to the theme of economic asymmetries.

The procedure for submitting the papers to these journals will be specified in due course.

Registration and Registration Fee

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

190 EUR: INFER members 250 EUR: other participants

Please note: the annual membership fee for private INFER members is 25 EUR only (institutional INFER members 200 EUR). You are invited to become a member!

The registration fee includes all coffee breaks, lunches, and the conference gala dinner. It doesn't include travel and accommodation expenses. All conference participants have to register for the conference. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration.

Please 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.

Deadline for registration and payment is **April 15**, **2014**.

In case of late registration, the fees will be increased by 50%.

Location and travelling

The conference venue is:

Facoltà di Economia Università Gabriele d'Annunzio Viale Pindaro 42 65127 PESCARA (ITALY)

Pescara is located in central Italy, on the Adriatic sea shore, about 200 kilometers East of Rome. It is the biggest town of the Abruzzi region, a region rich in natural and artistic beauties, ranging from Italy's most ancient National Park (Parco Nazionale d'Abruzzo), to the medieval towns of Teramo, Sulmona, Chieti and Vasto. A well-known seaside resort, Pescara is close to the two major peaks of the Apennines mountain chain (the Gran Sasso d'Italia – 2912 m – and the Monte Amaro della Majella – 2793 m).

Pescara international airport, the Aeroporto d'Abruzzo (PSR), has direct connections with Barcelona (GRO), Brussels (CRL), Düsseldorf (NEN), Frankfurt (HHN), London (STN), Oslo (TRF), and Paris (BVA), as well as national flights to Bergamo (BGY), Cagliari (CAG) and Milan (LIN). The airport is three kilometers away from Pescara, and it is connected to the city centre through the bus lines 8 and 38.



The closest intercontinental hub is Roma Fiumicino (FCO). You can reach Pescara from Fiumicino with a direct bus connection (Pronto Bus, www.prontobusitalia.it), that takes about three hours from the airport terminal to Pescara terminal bus, located in the city centre.

The conference venue is connected to the city centre by the bus lines 1 and 2.

Accommodation

We have negotiated preferential rates with hotels located in the city centre. Further information on the conference website: http://www.asimmetrie.org/INFER2014.

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