Call for Papers

International Workshop on

Recent Issues in Economic Geography

2-3 December 2010, Leuven (Belgium)

jointly organized by the

Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, K.U.Leuven

and the

International Network for Economic Research (INFER)

Workshop Objectives

This workshop brings together international economists on recent topics in **economic geography**. It provides an opportunity to discuss related research in a relaxed atmosphere. The workshop accepts papers in the field of economic geography, broadly defined, including regional, trade and growth issues. Researchers are invited to submit both empirical and theoretical papers that are consistent with the workshop's special topic.

In particular, we welcome papers from the following fields:

- Location decisions of multinationals
- Spatial tax competition
- Growth and its spatial implications
- The impact of geography on international trade
- Dynamics of urban and regional development
- The organization of the value chain
- Spatial implications for the labour market
- Organizing industrial spaces
- ….

The workshop is open to anybody involved in these research areas, including both young and experienced researchers, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions.

Keynote Speakers

We are happy to welcome the following internationally distinguished keynote speakers:

Prof. Dr. Marius Brülhart (University of Lausanne)

Prof. Dr. Ron Davies (University College Dublin)

Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by the ***Leuven Centre for Irish Studies*** and the ***International Network for Economic Research (INFER)***.

The ***Leuven Centre for Irish Studies*** is a research centre that was recently set up at the Catholic University of Leuven, with the support of the Irish government. It is located in the historical (and recently renovated) Irish College in Leuven. The Economics Division of the Centre focuses on economic issues related to small open economies. In particular the Centre's research deals with international trade, foreign direct investments, innovation, labour market issues etc. The ***Leuven Centre for Irish Studies*** cooperates with many other research departments of the Catholic University of Leuven, as well as with several international research partners, in particular in Ireland. (www.irishstudies.kuleuven.be) For more information regarding the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies please contact the research director Jan Van Hove: jan.vanhove@econ.kuleuven.be .

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

Submission of Papers

Only full papers may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format. Papers should be submitted to Karolien De Bruyne by e-mail: karolien.debruyne@econ.kuleuven.be

Deadline for paper submission is October 5, 2010.

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**. By the middle of October, authors will be notified whether their paper is accepted for presentation at the workshop.

Paper presenters are expected to discuss one other paper during the workshop. The **discussant** assignments will be made by the workshop organizers at a later date. As the workshop intends to build a network in this research area, participation is welcome even without paper contributions.

Registration, Registration Fee and Accommodation

All participants have to register for the workshop. A registration fee has to be paid. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration. After your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail. We offer you the possibility to **register with or without accommodation**.

1. Registration without Accommodation

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants is:

120 EUR (for INFER members)

150 EUR (for others)

(Please note that the annual INFER membership fee is 25 EUR only)

This fee includes all lunches, drinks and the conference dinner (December 2). It doesn't include travel costs. Participants have to take care of booking their own accommodation.

2. Registration with Accommodation

The registration fee for presenting and non-presenting participants is:

350 EUR (for INFER members)

400 EUR (for others)

(Please note that the annual INFER membership fee is 25 EUR only)

This fee includes all lunches, drinks and the conference dinner (December 2). It doesn't include travel costs. It also includes a maximum of 3 nights of accommodation (single room + breakfast) in the Irish College in Leuven, i.e. the conference centre building where the workshop takes place. The Irish College is a recently renovated historical building in the centre of Leuven that offers nice facilities (including free internet). This arrangement is very favourably priced compared to general hotel prices in Leuven. Additional nights can be booked at 100 EUR per night.

Registration can be done in two ways.

- **Registration Option 1:**

  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**.

- **Registration Option 2:**

  Register by sending an e-mail to karolien.debruyne@econ.kuleuven.be

  Payment can be done by bank transfer by mentioning *your name* and '*Economic Geography Workshop Leuven*'. Please transfer the fee to the INFER account in Germany:

  HypoVereinsbank Ludwigshafen
  Account No.: 3 020 219 997
  Bank Code: 545 201 94

  For international transactions please use the International Bank Account Number (IBAN) and the SWIFT-Code:
  IBAN: DE33 5452 0194 3020 2199 97
  SWIFT (BIC): HYVEDEMM483

Deadline for registration and payment: November 5, 2010.

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

Location and Travelling

The workshop takes place at the **Irish College** in Leuven that hosts the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies. Address: Janseniusstraat 1, B-3000 Leuven, Belgium.

Leuven is a very nice, historical and lively city close to Brussels. The Catholic University of Leuven (K.U.Leuven) was established in 1425 and currently has an excellent international reputation in many research areas. More information about Leuven can be found at: www.leuven.be. More information about the university is available at www.kuleuven.be.

Travelling to Leuven is rather easy. It is best to fly to Brussels Airport and then take a direct train from the airport to Leuven which takes 15 minutes. The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies is about 20 minutes walking from the Leuven Railway Station.

Many airlines, in particular Brussels Airlines, offer direct flight connections to Brussels Airport. For more info see:
http://www.brusselsairport.be/en/ http://www.brusselsairlines.com/en_be/

Alternatively one can travel to Belgium by low-fare airlines, which often fly to Brussels South Airport (Charleroi). You then have to take a bus to Brussels afterwards (minimum 1 hour, depending on traffic), followed by a train to Leuven. It is not very convenient to travel this way, but it is likely to be cheaper. For more information: http://www.charleroi-airport.com/

For your travel arrangements, please take into account that all presentations take place on December 2 (starting at 9 am) and December 3 (till the evening).

Local Organizers

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