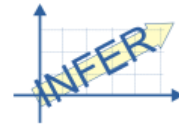




Leuven Centre for
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Call for Papers

International Workshop on

Recent Issues in European Economic Integration and EU Enlargement

June 23-24, 2011, Brussels

Organized by

University College Brussels (H.U.Brussel)

INFER – International Network for Economic Research

Leuven Centre for Irish Studies

Workshop Objectives

This workshop provides an opportunity for all those interested in the **Economics of European Integration** to discuss new research and to exchange ideas. Researchers are invited to submit both empirical and theoretical papers broadly consistent with this workshop's special topic: **Recent Issues in European Economic Integration and EU Enlargement**.

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

Although all papers in this field may be submitted, in particular empirical and theoretical research regarding the following topics is welcome:

- Economic evaluation of the future enlargement of the European Union (Western Balkan countries, Turkey, Ukraine, Iceland, etc.)
- Economic evaluation of previous EU enlargements (e.g., Central and Eastern European Countries, Malta, Cyprus)
- Evaluation of Eurozone enlargements

- Topical studies on international trade, FDI, economic geography, labour, monetary aspects in a European context etc.
- New insights into European policy after the financial crisis

Keynote Speakers

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

Miroslav Jovanovic (European Institute of the University of Geneva)

Jarko Fidrmuc (National Bank of Austria)

Location

The workshop takes place at the city campus of the HUB (University College Brussels or H.U.Brussel), situated in the historical centre of Brussels and close to the European Union institutions.

At its city campus the HUB offers academic programmes in economics and business. The HUB hosts several research centres active in all main domains of economics and business research. The HUB is also an association partner of the Catholic University of Leuven.

The HUB is located within walking distance (7 minutes) from Brussels Central Railway Station that has direct train connections to Brussels Airport (Zaventem), London (by Eurostar), Paris and other major French cities (by Thalys and TGV) and to major other European cities.

For your travel arrangements, please take into account that all presentations take place on June 23 (starting at 9 am) and June 24 (till max. 6 pm).

Travel Information

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). For more information: <http://www.charleroi-airport.com/>

Brussels offers many interesting options for touristic visits, including historical buildings, museums, shopping areas, wonderful gastronomy etc. Moreover Brussels is well connected to all other major Belgian cities (Antwerp, Bruges, Ghent, Leuven, Mechelen, Liège etc.) as well as foreign cities (Paris, London, Amsterdam, Cologne, Luxemburg etc.). For more info see:

<http://www.brusselsinternational.be>

As a major international city, Brussels offers a wide variety of accommodation. All hotels in the centre of Brussels as well as hotels close to metro or train stations are conveniently located. In case you need any help, please contact the workshop organizers. Interesting offers are often provided on: <http://www.booking.com>.

The following hotels are within five minutes walking distance from the workshop venue:

SAS Radisson Hotel (5-star – <http://www.radissonblu.com/royalhotel-brussels>)

NH Hoteles Grand Place Arenberg
(4-star – <http://www.nh-hotels.com/nh/en/hotels/belgium/bruselas/nh-grand-place-arenberg.html>)

Best Western Premier Carrefour de l'Europe (4-star – <http://www.carrefourhotel.be/>)

Hotel Centrale (4-star – <http://www.centrale-hotel.com/>)

Ibis Hotel Brussels Off Grand' Place (<http://www.ibishotel.com/gb/hotel-1046-ibis-brussels-off-grand--place/index.shtml>)

Organization

This workshop is jointly organized by the **International Network for Economic Research (INFER)**, the **Research Group Globalization, Innovation and Competition (GIC)** of **H.U.Brussel** and the **Leuven Centre for Irish Studies of the Association K.U.Leuven**.

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.

The research group **Globalization, Innovation and Competition (GIC) of the H.U.Brussel** is an interdisciplinary research group with a strong focus on European issues including international trade, monetary integration, European innovation and competition policy etc.

The **Leuven Centre for Irish Studies** is a research centre that was recently set up at the Catholic University of Leuven (K.U.Leuven) and its association partners (including H.U.Brussel), with the support of the Irish government. The centre is active in many research domains within the humanities and social sciences. The economics division of the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies focuses in particular on European integration issues, with a special attention for the position of small open economies. Website: www.irishstudies.kuleuven.be

Submission of Papers

Only full papers may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format. Papers should be submitted by sending an e-mail to Jan Van Hove (jan.vanhove@econ.kuleuven.be).

Deadline for paper submission is April 1, 2011.

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 before April 15, 2011 whether their paper is accepted for presentation during 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 and Registration Fee

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

- **INFER** members: 60 EUR
 - other participants: 90 EUR
- Social dinner: 50 EUR

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 lunches and drinks. Travel and accommodation expenses and the social dinner are not included in the registration fee. All workshop participants have to register for the workshop. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration. Registration can be done in two ways. You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

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- **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 Jan Van Hove (jan.vanhove@econ.kuleuven.be).

Payment can be done by bank transfer by mentioning *your name* and '*European Integration Workshop Brussels*'. 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: May 5, 2011.

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

Local Organizers

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