

Call for Papers
International Workshop on
Small Open Economies and the Economic Crisis:
Causes, Impact and Solutions
22-24 January 2010, Leuven (Belgium)

Organized by

INFER – International Network for Economic Research

Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, K.U.Leuven

Department of Economics, University College Cork

Workshop Objectives

This workshop provides an opportunity for all those interested in the **causes, impact and solutions related to the current economic crisis** to discuss their research and to exchange ideas. This workshop particularly focuses on economic issues relevant for **small open economies**. Researchers are invited to submit both empirical and theoretical papers that are broadly consistent with the workshop's special topic.

Papers from all fields of economics may be submitted. However, in particular we welcome papers from the following fields:

- international trade
- innovation and knowledge flows
- international labour market effects, including labour mobility and migration
- business cycle effects
- economic growth
- industrial economics and competition
- public economics and regulation

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. John McHale (National University of Ireland, Galway)

Dr. Paul van den Noord (European Commission – DG Economic and Financial Affairs)

Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by the

- International Network for Economic Research (**INFER**)
- Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, K.U.Leuven, Belgium
- Department of Economics, University College Cork, Ireland

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 **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.

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 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 less than 30 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. For more information: <http://www.charleroi-airport.com/>

For your travel arrangements, please take into account that all presentations take place on January 22 (starting at 9 am) and January 23 (till the evening).

Submission of Papers

Only full papers may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format. Papers should be submitted to Jan Van Hove (H.U.Brussels and K.U.Leuven – Leuven Centre for Irish Studies), Director of Research on Economics, Business and Innovation, at the following e-mail address: jan.vanhove@econ.kuleuven.be

Deadline for paper submission is December 5, 2009.

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**. Within one week after submission, you will receive an e-mail indicating whether your paper is accepted for presentation during the workshop or not.

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.

Publication of Papers

A selection of papers presented at the workshop will be published in one or more international publications. **INFER** offers **several publication possibilities** to workshop participants, including book volumes and journal publications. Moreover papers of excellent quality may be published in a special issue of good international journals.

The workshop organizers will contact you about these publication possibilities later.

Registration and Registration Fee

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

- **INFER** members: 100 EUR
- other participants: 160 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, drinks and the conference dinner. It doesn't include travel and accommodation expenses. 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.

OPTION 1: for **INFER**-members

Please register 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.

OPTION 2: for other participants

Please e-mail to jan.vanhove@econ.kuleuven.be

Payment can be done by bank transfer by mentioning *your name* and '*Leuven 2010 workshop*'. Please transfer the fee to the **INFER** account in Germany:

HypoVereinsbank Leipzig
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: January 1, 2010.

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

Accommodation

The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, in cooperation with the Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe, offers to all workshop participants an accommodation arrangement within the historical and recently renovated Irish College that offers nice facilities (including free wireless internet). This arrangement is very favourably priced compared to general hotel prices in Leuven. You are invited to book your accommodation in the Irish College. In case you prefer other hotels, please contact us for recommendations.

- For Ph.D. students: accommodation in shared bedrooms (up to 4 people) for 20 euro per night (including breakfast)
- For all other participants: accommodation in single bedrooms for 50 euro per night (including breakfast).

These reduced prices are available from January 21 until January 24. Please make your booking by sending an e-mail to jan.vanhove@econ.kuleuven.be (preferably before January 1, 2010). You will receive further details.

Local Organizers

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