



Call for Papers

International Workshop on

Networks and Trade

3-4 October 2013, Leuven (Belgium)

jointly organized by

Center for Economic Studies, KU Leuven

Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, KU Leuven

Research Group Globalization, Innovation and Competition, HU Brussels

International Network for Economic Research (INFER)

Prior to this workshop, the 3rd Belgian Social and Economic Network Research Meeting will take place.

Workshop Objectives

This workshop brings together economists to discuss recent topics related to **Networks and Trade**. Researchers are invited to submit theoretical, empirical or methodological papers. In particular, we welcome papers related to the following topics:

- Networks in international trade or business
- Multi- or interdisciplinary approaches to network analysis
- Trade and transportation
- Game theory in networks/strategic network formation
- Discrete choice models in networks
- The impact of negative social relationships ('signed networks')
- Communication over networks
- Exponential random graph modeling
- Dynamic network formation models

Although this workshop is mainly aimed at economists, we welcome submissions from other fields (like sociology, biology, physics, finance, applied mathematics etc.) too. As network analysis has a multidisciplinary nature, this workshop intends to build bridges between various disciplines.

Keynote Speakers

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

Prof. Thomas Chaney (University of Chicago and Toulouse School of Economics)

Prof. Sanjeev Goyal (Cambridge University)

Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by the Center for Economic Studies and the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies of KU Leuven, the research group Globalization, Innovation and Competition of HU Brussels and the International Network for Economic Research (INFER).

The **Center for Economic Studies** of the University of Leuven (KU Leuven) is the economics department of KU Leuven. The Centre's research covers a wide range of areas in the broadly defined field of economics. All research groups have built up considerable expertise in their fields, producing fundamental and policy-oriented research.

The **Leuven Centre for Irish Studies** is a multidisciplinary research centre of KU Leuven, with the support of the Irish government. It is located in the historical and recently renovated Irish College in Leuven. The economics research group of the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies focuses in particular on international trade and innovation. Website: www.irishstudies.kuleuven.be

The **research group Globalization, Innovation and Competition** of the HU Brussels is an interdisciplinary research group focusing on international issues. HU Brussels is a partner of KU Leuven in the Association KU 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 Workshop on Networks and Trade hosts the **3rd Belgian Social and Economic Network Research Meeting**. Previous editions have been hosted by the Free University Brussels (VUB) and the University of Antwerp (UA). The meetings bring together researchers in the social sciences, working in both theoretical and applied fields of network analysis.

Submission of Papers

Full papers or extended abstracts may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format, by sending an e-mail to Glenn Magerman (glenn.magerman@kuleuven.be).

Submission Deadline: June 15, 2013.

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 early July 2013 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 contribution.

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)

170 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 (October 3rd). It does not include travel or accommodation costs. These participants have to take care of booking their own accommodation.

2. Registration with Accommodation

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

300 EUR (for INFER members)

350 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 (October 3rd). It does not include travel costs. It also includes two nights of accommodation (October 3rd till October 5th, 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 favorably priced compared to general hotel prices in Leuven. Additional nights can be booked at 120 EUR per night. Please visit the website for more information on the Irish College, the surroundings and the accommodation possibilities: <http://www.leuveninstitute.eu>

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 glenn.magerman@kuleuven.be

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

HypoVereinsbank Ludwigshafen

IBAN: DE33 5452 0194 3020 2199 97

SWIFT (BIC): HYVEDEMM483

Deadline for registration and payment: August 20, 2013.

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 University of Leuven (KU 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. There is a direct train connection between Leuven and all other Belgian train stations, including Brussels-South train station where most international trains arrive. If you travel to Belgium by plane, 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 distance 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. There exists a direct bus connection between Charleroi airport and Leuven, but its frequency is limited. Hence travelling via Charleroi airport is not very convenient, 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 between October 3rd (starting at 2 pm) and October 4th (ending at 6 pm).

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