

Call for Papers

International Workshop on

Distance and Border Effects in Economics

17 January 2014, Loughborough University

jointly organized by

School of Business and Economics, Loughborough University

International Network for Economic Research (INFER)

Workshop Objectives

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

- The volume and values of bilateral trade
- Margins of trade
- Market competitiveness and firm competition
- The gains and costs of regional integration
- Trade, Innovation and technological spillovers
- Macroeconomic integration and convergence

Keynote Speakers

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

Scott L.Baier (Associate Professor and Director of the BB&T Center for Economic Policy Studies at Clemson University, South Carolina)

Dennis Novy (Associate Professor in Economics, University of Warwick)

Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by the School of Business and Economics of Loughborough University and the International Network for Economic Research (INFER).

The **School of Business and Economics** at **Loughborough University** is a leading international player in research and teaching across business, management, finance, information management and economics. The School is in the process of establishing a Centre for Firms in the Global Economy (CFGE), which combines trade and industrial economists and international business experts in an ambitious new research centre.

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

Full papers or extended abstracts may be submitted, preferably in pdf-format, by sending an e-mail to Huw Edwards (T.H.Edwards@lboro.ac.uk).

Submission Deadline: December 20, 2013 (extended).

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 mid-December 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 and Registration Fee

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.

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

150 EUR (for INFER members)

180 EUR (for others)

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

This fee includes a lunch and drinks. There will be an extra fee for the conference dinner (January 17). It does not include travel or accommodation costs. These participants have to take care of booking their own accommodation.

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 Huw Edwards (T.H.Edwards@lboro.ac.uk).

Payment can be done by bank transfer by mentioning your name and 'Workshop Loughborough'. 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: December 31, 2013 (extended).

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

[Location and Travelling](#)

The workshop takes place at the School of Business and Economics in Loughborough. Loughborough is at the heart of England in the northern most part of the county of Leicestershire and being centrally placed it is well served by road, rail and air.

Main line road and rail networks link Loughborough directly with the rest of the country and the town itself is served by excellent bus services.

Loughborough University is less than two miles away from junction 23 of the M1 motorway.

London is one-and-a-half hours away by train, Birmingham one hour and Manchester and Leeds around two hours.

There are regular scheduled flights from UK, European and international destinations to East Midlands Airport, only 7 miles away.

For details on getting to Loughborough, see <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/about/findus.html>

For your travel arrangements, please take into account that all presentations take place between 9am and 6pm, followed by the conference dinner.

Recommended Accommodation

Links to Burleigh Court and the Link Hotel on campus are available on <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/services/campus-living/other-services/conferenceandevents/>.

A link for the Premier Inn in Loughborough is http://www.premierinn.com/en/hotel/LOUBOR/loughborough?cmp=KNC_D_BND&mckv=spx1VaHxc_dc|pcrid|34503947259|keyword|premier%20inn%20loughborough|match|e|plid|.

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