

# INFER 18<sup>th</sup>

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE



# Call for Papers

**Universitat Rovira i Virgili**  
Faculty of Business and Economics  
Reus (Catalonia, Spain)  
**June 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Jointly organized by  
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## Conference Objectives

The INFER Annual Conference is the main annual event of the International Network for Economic Research. The INFER Annual Conference provides a great opportunity for members and non-members of INFER alike to exchange ideas and to discuss results from recent economic research.

## Conference Topics

The INFER Annual Conference is open to contributions from all areas of economic research. However, we especially encourage submissions related to the following topics:

- Emerging markets economies and globalization
- Financial and Debt Crisis
- Economic Asymmetries
- Fiscal Policy and Public Finance
- Growth, Technical Progress and Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Industrial Economics and Microeconomics
- Housing Economics
- International Trade and Economic Geography
- Labour and Capital Markets
- Energy Economics
- Macroeconomic Policy
- Monetary and Financial Economics
- Public Economics
- Regional, Urban and Rural Economics

## Keynote speakers

Prof. **Guillem López Casanovas** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona)

Prof. **Thierry Mayer** (SciencesPo, Paris)

Prof. **Diego Puga** (CEMFI, Madrid)

## Participants

The Annual Conference is open to economists, including both young and experienced researchers, post-doctoral students and professionals from business, government and nongovernmental institutions. Participants are also encouraged to organize special sessions (with the guidance of the Scientific Committee).

## Organization

The conference is jointly organized by the Research Centre on Industrial and Public Economics (CREIP), the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV) and the International Network for Economic Research (INFER).

The **Research Centre on Industrial and Public Economics (CREIP)** is the research center of the Economics Department of the University Rovira i Virgili. CREIP activities concentrate on issues related to Industrial Organization and Public Economics, with particular interest in Regional Economics, Environmental Economics and Markets and Institutions. The CREIP supports the research activities of its members in these fields and stimulate the opening of new lines of work by organizing seminars, workshops, conferences and international congresses. See the CREIP's website at [www.urv.cat/creip](http://www.urv.cat/creip) for more details.

The **Universitat Rovira i Virgili (URV)** was created in 1991 by the Parliament of Catalonia from the already existing university faculties and schools. The URV is not only one of the leading universities in Catalonia but also one of the leading universities in the European area for the quality of its teaching, its commitment to continuous training and the excellence of its research, development and innovation. See the URV's website at [www.urv.cat](http://www.urv.cat) for more details.

**INFER** is a non-profit international scientific organization that stimulates research and research networking in all fields of economics through international workshops and conferences. See the INFER website at [www.infer-research.net](http://www.infer-research.net) for more details.

## Submission of Papers

Only full papers may be submitted for the INFER Annual Conference (this applies to both general sessions and special sessions). Papers must be in English and must include a cover page with the following information:

- An abstract of up to 500 words, with JEL classification and no more than 5 keywords
- Authors' full name and affiliation
- Contact details for the corresponding author, such as address, phone and e-mail

Papers for the general sessions should be submitted electronically, as doc-files or pdf-files, to the Annual Conference organizers at:

[infer2016@urv.cat](mailto:infer2016@urv.cat)

Deadline for paper submission is: **February 29, 2016.**

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 whether their paper is accepted for presentation at the conference, in a general or a special session, no later than March 14, 2016.

As the conference intends to strengthen the INFER network, participation is welcome even without paper contributions.

## Special Sessions

The conference will host a number of special sessions focusing on specific topics. These sessions may be organized by INFER scholars as well as by other conference attendants who send their proposals to the Organising Committee. Special sessions will have discussants distributed among presenters of the same session.

Details on these special sessions (JEL codes, submission procedure, etc.) will be available on the conference website.

## Sponsored Special Sessions

In addition to the ordinary special sessions, there will be some Sponsored Special Sessions in which an academic institution, a research centre or a public organization will sponsor a special session on its area of interest. These sessions will be organised in an independent way of the rest of the conference, although the papers to be presented must be accepted by the Scientific

Committee. Sponsored special sessions will have discussants distributed among presenters of the same session.

At the moment the list of sponsored special sessions includes:

- Special session on **Energy Economics**, organized by Maria Llop and sponsored by Energy and Development Chair (URV).

## **INFER prizes and awards**

In order to stimulate research activities by INFER members, at the INFER Annual Conference there are some prizes and awards to presenters:

- Young Economist Award, to researchers younger than 30 years.
- INFER Research Prize, to the best paper.
- INFER Policy Research Award, to the best policy paper.

The procedure for applying to these prizes and awards will be specified in due course at the web site of the INFER Annual Conference.

## **Publication opportunities**

The conference offers many high quality publication opportunities to the authors of outstanding research papers. The procedure for submitting the papers to these journals will be specified in due course.

## **Registration and Registration Fee**

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

- 190 EUR: INFER members
- 250 EUR: other participants

Please note that the annual membership fee for private INFER members is 25 EUR only (institutional INFER members 200 EUR). This is a good chance to become an INFER member!

The registration fee includes all coffee breaks, lunches, and the conference gala dinner. It does not include travel and accommodation expenses. All conference participants must register for the conference. Please note that paper submission does not imply registration.

The registration fee should be paid on the INFER website ([www.infer-research.net](http://www.infer-research.net)). Payment can be done via PayPal. Note that you can use the same website to become an INFER member. Fees will increase by 50% for late registrations.

Deadline for early registration and payment is **May 2, 2016**.

### **Important Dates**

November 20, 2015	Call for special sessions is closed
November 23, 2015	Notification of special sessions acceptance
February 29, 2016	Call for papers is closed
March 14, 2016	Notification of paper acceptance
March 28, 2016	Early registration starts
May 2, 2016	Early registration ends
June 8-10, 2016	INFER Conference

### **Location and Travelling**

Located right in the centre of the *Costa Daurada* and at less than one hour from Barcelona, Reus is a medium-sized city well known for its shopping, modernist heritage and its close relationship to the universal Antoni Gaudí, the architect of the Expiatory temple of the Holy Family in Barcelona. Committee

This medieval city, steeped in almost a thousand years of history, lived its period of splendour as of the 18th Century thanks to the export of spirits. The major modernist buildings were built in Reus at the end of the 19th Century and the beginning of the 20th, making it the most important city in Catalonia after Barcelona. Reus now boasts one of the most outstanding ensembles of modernist buildings in Europe, which you can discover on the "Modernism Route", which takes in the city's 26 most important buildings of this style.

### **How to get to Reus from Reus Airport?**

*Reus Airport is located 3 km from the city centre and is connected with several European destinations, mainly by Ryanair.*

- By bus (Reus Transport: [www.reustransport.cat](http://www.reustransport.cat)): the bus number 50 connects the Reus Airport to the city centre in less than 30 minutes, with a frequency of one hour. The bus makes several stops, including bus and train stations.
- By taxi: taxis stand in front of the door of the arrivals terminal of the airport. The approximate cost of the journey to the city centre is 20 € and lasts about 15 minutes.

### ***How to get to Reus from Barcelona?***

Reus is located 110 km south of Barcelona, just over an hour away.

- By car: take the AP-7 motorway and after one hour take exit 34 and follow the T11 towards Reus.
- By train (RENFE: [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)): the trip from Barcelona takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes. There are about 15 trains making the journey between Barcelona Sants station and Reus each day. The adult fare is 6.60€ (regional) and 7.50€ (Catalonia Express).
- By bus ([www.igualadina.com](http://www.igualadina.com)): Hispano Igualadina connects Barcelona with Reus four times a day on weekdays and twice on weekends. The journey takes 1 hour and 50 minutes and the fare is 9.50€.

### ***How to get to Reus from Barcelona Airport?***

- By bus ([www.busplana.com](http://www.busplana.com)): Plana connects Barcelona Airport with Reus six times a day on weekdays and five on weekends. The journey takes between 1 hour and 30 minutes and 2 hours and 40 minutes (depending on timetable) and the fare is 14.95€.
- By train (RENFE: [www.renfe.es](http://www.renfe.es)): There is a train station at the T2 building that connects with Sants station in Barcelona. Departures are every 20 minutes.

### **Accommodation**

The registration fee includes all lunches, conference refreshments and the conference dinner (September 4<sup>th</sup>). It does not include travel or accommodation costs. Participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation. Among the hotels of the following list Reus Park Hotel is the closest to the venue of the conference (5-minute walk) and Hotel Gaudí, Hotel Centre Reus and NH Hotel are inside a reasonable walking distance:

- Hotel NH Ciutat de Reus \*\*\*\* (<http://www.nh-hotels.com>)
- Hotel Brea's \*\*\*\* (<http://www.breashotel.es>)
- Hotel Gaudí \*\*\* (<http://www.gargallo-hotels.com>)
- Hotel Quality Reus \*\*\* (<http://www.qualityreus.com>)
- Reus Park \*\*\* (<http://en.hotelreuspark.com/>)
- Hotel Centre Reus \*\*\* (<http://hotelcentrereus.com/home/>)

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