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Call for Papers

INFER Workshop in Urban and Regional Economics

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Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Reus (Catalonia – Spain)

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Workshop topics

The workshop aims to gather researchers in Urban and Regional Economics. The focus is on empirical papers, but theoretical analyses are also welcome. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Agglomeration economies
- Location of economic activities
- Migration
- Firm entry, exit and survival
- Housing
- Environmental and sustainable development
- Spatial econometrics

Paper Submission Procedure

To submit a paper to the workshop, please send a complete version in pdf format to the email address "qure@urv.cat" with the subject "Submission to the INFER Workshop in Urban and Regional Economics". The deadline is May 15th 2014.

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 corresponding author, such as address, phone and e-mail

All submitted papers will be peer reviewed according to a high-quality and fast referee process overviewed by the Scientific Committee. Authors will be notified whether their paper is accepted for presentation at the Workshop no later than June 16th, 2014.

Workshop presenters are expected to discuss one other paper during the sessions. 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, Registration Fee and Accommodation

All participants have to register for the workshop and pay the registration fee by July 10th, 2014. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as registration. After your registration, you will receive a confirmation e-mail.

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

- 100 EUR (for INFER members)
- 160 EUR (for other participants)

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

The registration fee includes all lunches, conference refreshments and the conference dinner (September 4th). It does not include travel or accommodation costs. Participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation. Among the hotels of the following list Hotel Gaudí is the closest to the venue of the workshop (15-minute walk):

- Hotel NH Ciutat de Reus **** (www.nh-hotels.com)
- Hotel Brea's **** (www.breashotel.es)
- Hotel Gaudí & Grup Gargallo *** (www.gargallo-hotels.com)
- Hotel Quality Reus *** (www.qualityreus.com)

Please register and pay the registration fee on the INFER website (www.infer-research.net). Payment can be conducted via PayPal on the website. Note that you can use the same website to become an INFER member.

Important dates

- Deadline for paper submission: **May 15th, 2014**
- Deadline for notification of paper acceptance: **June 16th, 2014**
- Deadline for registration and payment: **July 10th, 2014**

In case of late registration, the fees will be increased by 50 %. Please note that no reimbursement is possible if you cancel your participation.

Keynote Speakers

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

Prof. Dr. Philip McCann (University of Groningen)

Prof. Dr. Andrés Rodríguez-Pose (London School of Economics)

Organization

The workshop 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 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 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 <http://www.infer-research.net> for more details.

The workshop is also supported by Spanish Regional Science Association (AEER: www.aeer.org) and by Xarxa de Referència d'R+D+I en Economia i Polítiques Públiques (XREPP: www.xrepp.cat).

Location and Travelling

Located right in the centre of the Costa Daurada and at less than one hour from Barcelona, Reus is a typical Catalan city, with the Mediterranean touch, 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.

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): 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): 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): 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): 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): There is a train station at the T2 building that connects with Sants station in Barcelona. Departures are every 20 minutes.

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