

INFER Conference on
Sustainable Public Finances in a Turbulent Global Economy
28 – 30 September 2009
Department of Economics
Klagenfurt University

Conference objectives and topics

This *INFER* conference provides an opportunity for all those interested in securing sustainable public finances also in times of global financial and economic crises to exchange ideas, to create links in research and to meet fellows in related subjects. It is an excellent opportunity to bring together researchers and practitioners alike who are interested in theoretical aspects as well as in practical issues. Researchers, especially young researchers, are invited to submit theoretical and applied papers.

A selection of papers presented at the conference will be published in a special issue of the International Journal of Public Policy and/or in a refereed *INFER* volume in due course after the conference. For details of possible publication outlets see www.infer-research.net.

This workshop is organised in conjunction with the “Public Economics” working group. For more information on this working group please visit www.infer-research.net.

Topics to be discussed during the conference might include (but are not limited to):

- Notions and criteria of sustainability
- Budgetary effects of fiscal disturbances
- Design of fiscal policies
- Differential effects of different types of tax and expenditure changes
- Fiscal-monetary policy mix
- Policy coordination
- Political economy of fiscal policies
- Keynesian vs. non-Keynesian effects of fiscal policy
- Methodological challenges
- Deficit brakes
- Rules and Institutions for securing the Stability and Growth Pact

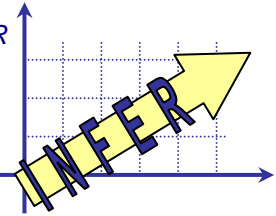
Keynote Speakers: to be announced

Participants

The conference is open to anybody involved in economic issues related with the topic, including both young and experienced researchers, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions. As the conference intends to strengthen the exchange between practical experiences and research outcomes, participation is welcome also without paper contribution.

Submission of Papers

Full papers and extended abstracts may be submitted. All papers must include a cover page with the following information:



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

All papers should be submitted electronically to the local conference organizer Reinhard Neck (reinhard.neck@uni-klu.ac.at) as doc or pdf files (preferably pdf) on or before

June 15, 2009

Papers must be in English, and should not exceed 25 pages (A4 or letter) including all references, tables and the like. The text should be formatted in Times New Roman 12pt with 18pt line space and 2.5 cm (1 inch) margin on each side. Footnotes should be formatted in 10pt with 10pt line space. Please avoid colours in graphs and pages in landscape.

All papers will be peer reviewed. Authors of accepted papers will be notified no later than

July 5, 2009

Paper presenters are expected to discuss one other paper during the conference. The discussant assignments will be made by the conference organizers at a later date.

Registration Fee

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

- *INFER* private members: 60 EUR,
- institutional *INFER* members: 60 EUR,
- non-members: 120 EUR.

Please note: the annual membership fee for private *INFER* members is 25 EUR (institutional *INFER* members 200 EUR). If you are not already a member, you are invited to become one and take advantage of the lower conference fee. You can do this by submitting a membership form and your conference registration form at the same time via the *INFER* homepage.

Participants who register later than

September 1, 2009

are subject to a late registration fee:

- *INFER* private members: 90 EUR,
- institutional *INFER* members: 90 EUR,
- non-members: 180 EUR.

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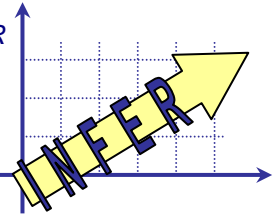
All conference participants have to register for the conference. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration.

If you want to register for this *INFER* conference, please follow the instructions on the *INFER* webpage.

Once *INFER* has received your registration and the fee, you will get a confirmation by e-mail.

Location and Accommodation

The conference will be held at Klagenfurt University, Klagenfurt, Austria. For more information about the University, please visit www.uni-klu.ac.at. Klagenfurt is the capital city of Carinthia, which offers a wide



variety of cultural events and leisure opportunities. For more information about Klagenfurt, please have a look at www.info.klagenfurt.at.

Participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation arrangements. The registration fee does not cover accommodation. Closer to the conference we will publish some accommodation suggestions on the *INFER* homepage.

Klagenfurt can be reached via car, train and plane. Klagenfurt has its own airport, which is convenient for low cost flights as well as “normal” flights. Please see www.klagenfurt-airport.at for further details. If you are travelling by train, connections can be booked on www.oebb.at.

Further Information:

Updated information concerning registration details and local information will be provided in due course on the *INFER* homepage. The preliminary conference program will be available from the *INFER* homepage by end of July 2009.

Questions may be directed to the conference organizer:

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