Regional Economic Performance and the Role of Institutions

INFER Workshop organised by the INFER Working Group Growth and Business Cycles

Faculty of Business and Economics, RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Thursday, March 12, 2009, Super C, Room 1.30 (Templergraben 57)

Welcoming address
14h00 – 14h10  Ulrike Stierle-von Schuetz (Co-ordinator of the INFER Working Group Growth and Business Cycles)

Keynote
14h10 – 15h10  Martin Hallet (European Commission, DG ECFIN, Brussels, Belgium)
Supporting reforms of business environment and economic governance

Coffee Break

Session
15h30 – 16h15  Claudio Pares Bengoechea (Toulouse School of Economics – GREMAQ, France)
Is it reasonable to allocate power to appointed regional authorities?
Discussant: Dasha Zubareva

16h15 – 17h00  Dasha Zubareva (Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia)
The Causes of Corruption in Russian Regions: Divergent Paths of Development
Discussant: Ulrike Stierle-von Schuetz

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Keynote
9h30 – 10h30  Dieter Urban (RWTH Aachen University and CESifo, Germany)
Divergence - Is it Geography?

Session
10h45 – 11h30  Wolfgang Maennig and Michaela Ölschläger (University of Hamburg, Germany)
Third sector, innovative milieu, and regional competitiveness

11h30 – 12h15  Markus Breuer and Benedikt Römmelt (Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, Germany)
The demand for football tickets depending on the number of clubs in a city – Empirical evidence from Germany –
Discussant: Claudio Pares Bengoechea

Lunch

Session
13h30 – 14h15  Karolien De Bruyne and Jan van Hove (K.U.Leuven, Belgium)
Explaining the Spatial Variation in House Prices: An Economic Geography Approach
Discussant: Markus Breuer

14h15 – 15h00  Ulrike Stierle-von Schuetz (RWTH Aachen University, Germany)
Fragmentation and Regional Economic Performance: A Spatial Analysis for German Functional Regions
Discussant: Jan van Hove

Closing Remarks and End of Workshop