



NUI MAYNOOTH

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Leuven Centre for
Irish Studies



Call for Papers

International Workshop on

Multinational Firms, Trade and Innovation

26-27 October 2012

National University of Ireland, Maynooth

jointly organized by

Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting, National University of
Ireland, Maynooth

Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, KU Leuven

International Network for Economic Research (INFER)

Workshop Objectives

This workshop brings together economists to discuss recent topics related to **Multinational Firms, Trade and Innovation**. Researchers are invited to submit both theoretical and empirical papers. In particular, we welcome papers related to the following topics:

- Interaction between international trade and FDI
- Determinants of trade and FDI performance
- Innovation and international firms

- Trade and (international) technological spillovers
- Host-country policies towards mobile firms

The workshop is open to both young and experienced researchers (including Ph.D. students), and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions. In particular we welcome papers with an original contribution to the theoretical and/or empirical literature.

Keynote Speakers

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

Prof. Dr. Peter Neary (University of Oxford)

Prof. Dr. Peter Egger (ETH Zurich)

Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by the Department of Economics of the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies of KU Leuven and the International Network for Economic Research (INFER).

The **Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting at NUI Maynooth** is located in the historic town of Maynooth, close to Dublin City. The National University of Ireland, Maynooth traces its roots to 1795. The Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting is an international one with staff members from around the world and with an international reputation for excellence in research. Members of the department have an established record of publishing in leading international journals and collaborate closely with researchers in other international research centres. See the department's website at <http://economics.nuim.ie/> for more details.

The **Leuven Centre for Irish Studies** is a recently established research centre at the Catholic University of Leuven (KU Leuven), with the support of the Irish government. It is located in the historical (and recently renovated) Irish College in Leuven. The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies focuses on the economic as well as interdisciplinary analysis of issues relevant to small open economies. The Leuven Centre for Irish Studies also co-operates with many other research departments at the Catholic University of Leuven, as well as with several international research partners, particularly in Ireland. See the Centre's website at www.irishstudies.kuleuven.be 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 www.infer-research.net for more details.

Submission of Papers

Only full papers in pdf-format may be submitted. Papers should be submitted to Gerda Dewit (National University of Ireland, Maynooth), by sending an e-mail to Gerda.Dewit@nuim.ie.

Deadline for paper submission is April 1, 2012.

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 overviewed by the Scientific Committee. A selection based on quality will take place to guarantee a small-scaled event. By **May 15, 2012** 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 contributions.

Registration, Registration Fee and Accommodation

All participants have to register for the workshop and pay the registration fee. 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)

150 EUR (for others)

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

This fee includes all lunches, conference refreshments and the conference dinner (October 26). It does not include travel or accommodation costs and so participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation.

Registration can be completed in two ways.

Registration Option 1:

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.

Registration Option 2:

Register by sending an e-mail to Gerda.Dewit@nuim.ie.

Payment can be conducted via bank transfer by mentioning your name and 'Workshop Maynooth 2012'. Please transfer the fee to the INFER account in Germany:

HypoVereinsbank Ludwigshafen

Account No.: 3 020 219 997

Bank Code: 545 201 94

For international transactions please use the International Bank Account Number (IBAN) and the SWIFT-Code:

IBAN: DE33 5452 0194 3020 2199 97

SWIFT (BIC): HYVEDEMM483

Deadline for registration and payment: June 15, 2012.

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

Location and Travelling

Maynooth is a university town with a fascinating history. It is located on the edge of the Greater Dublin Area, 25 km west of Dublin city centre, and is well served by public transport.

The nearest international airport is Dublin airport. Using public transport, the easiest way to get to Maynooth is to go to Dublin city centre first. The airport is linked to Dublin by two express services, Aircoach & Airlink, taking about 20 min to reach Dublin city centre. From there, it is convenient to travel to Maynooth is by train. The train from Connolly Station to Maynooth takes 35 min. The frequency is nearly every half an hour. Detailed transport and location information for Maynooth (including maps and aerial views of the campus) are available on the University website at <http://www.nuim.ie/location/>.

Taxis from the airport to Maynooth take about half an hour and cost around € 55.

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