

Call for Papers

INFER Workshop

Varieties of Capitalism

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Faculty of Economics and Business Administration
Sofia University 'St Kliment Ohridski', Bulgaria

Conference Topics

The topic "Varieties of Capitalism" (VoC) focuses on ideal types of capitalist systems. One result of the recent discussion is that there is no blueprint model of capitalism: institutions are interdependent and have to form a coherent "whole". Thus, different institutional settings may lead to similar outcomes.

Workshop Objectives

This *INFER* workshop aims at taking an up-to-date and deepened look at this line of thought. Contributions for the workshop may discuss the topic from different angles. Issues may include, but are not limited to:

- Hall and Soskice claim that "coordinated market economies" are better apt to cope with the pressure of systems competition than "liberal market economies".
- Does a VoC-concept exist which is promising for Middle and East European economies?
- Are there typical regional patterns of capitalist systems (e.g., for South America, Africa, Eastern Europe)?
- Can existing VoC-concepts be enhanced by including new policy areas, e.g. taxation or competition policy?

Participants

The workshop is open to anybody involved in the topic, including both young and experienced researchers, post-doctoral students, and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions. Researchers are invited to submit theoretical and applied papers; or to organize their own sessions. We want to emphasize that the topic is interdisciplinary and that contributions from neighbouring social sciences are encouraged, e.g. Political Science, Economic and Human Geography or Sociology.

Submission of Papers

Only full papers 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, affiliation;
- Contact details for corresponding author, such as address, phone, and e-mail.

All papers should be submitted electronically to the workshop organizers, Henrik Egbert Henrik.Egbert@wirtschaft.uni-giessen.de, Clemens Esser clemens.esser@planet-interkom.de, or Nadiya Dubrovina nadija@mail.ru as doc or pdf files (preferably pdf) on or before

June 30, 2008.

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 14pt with 1.2 line space and 2.5 cm (1 inch) margin on each side. Footnotes should be formatted in 12pt with 1.2 line space. Please avoid colors in graphs and pages in landscape. All papers will be peer reviewed. Authors of accepted papers will be notified no later than

July 31, 2008.

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.

Publication of Papers

A selection of papers presented at the workshop will be published in an *INFER* volume in due course after the workshop. For details of possible publication outlets see <http://www.infer-research.net> and click on publications.

Additional information

The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", organizes its 11th annual conference on *Policies of Economic and Social Development in Europe* on the 10 and 11 October 2008 in Sofia. More information about the conference can be found at <http://www.feb.uni-sofia.bg/FEBA/index.php?id=381>.

Registration Fee

The registration fee for speakers and other 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 only (institutional *INFER* members 200 EUR). You are invited to become a member!

Location

The workshop will be held at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Bulgaria, Sofia 113; 125, Tzarigradsko chaussee Blvd., Block 3. More information about the Faculty can be found at <http://www.feb.uni-sofia.bg/FEBA/>.

Further Information

The workshop website at <http://www.infer-research.net> will provide updated information concerning registration details, downloadable registration forms, travel and accommodation facilities, etc.

Questions may be directed to the workshop organizers:

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