



Call for Papers

International Workshop on

REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS AND INTERNATIONAL FACTOR MOVEMENTS

17-18 March 2011
Orléans - FRANCE

Jointly organized by
INFER (International Network for Economic Research)
and
LEO (Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans) CNRS UMR 6221

Workshop Objectives

This workshop provides an opportunity for all those interested in **international factors movements and regional competitiveness** to discuss their research and to exchange ideas. Researchers are invited to submit both empirical and theoretical papers that are broadly consistent with the workshop's special theme.

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

Clusters and regional policies
Countries and regions in transformation and restructuring
Human capital, productivity and competitiveness
Capital movements and knowledge flows
Innovation and regional inequalities
Institutions, social protection and regional development
Location choices of multinational firms
Migration and regional integration

The workshop is open to anybody involved in these research areas, including both young and experienced researchers, Ph.D. students, post-doctoral researchers and professionals from business, government and non-governmental institutions.

Scientific Committee

Thierry Baudassé (University of Orléans)
Rémi Bazillier (University of Orléans)
Marie-Françoise Calmette (University of Toulouse 1)
Matthieu Crozet (University of Paris I, PSE)
Cem Ertur (University of Orléans)
Gunther Maier (University of Vienna, Austria)
Daniel Mirza (University of Tours)
Isabelle Rabaud (University of Orléans)
Jens Suedekum (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany)
Farid Toubal (University of Angers, CEPII)
Camélia Turcu (University of Orléans)
Jan Van Hove (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Hogeschool Universiteit Brussel, Belgium)

Keynote Speakers

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

Iulia SIEDSCHLAG (ESRI, Ireland)

Eric TOULEMONDE (University of Namur, Belgium)

Organization

The workshop is jointly organized by **INFER (International Network for Economic Research)** and **LEO (Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans) CNRS UMR 6221**.

INFER is a non-profit international scientific organization that stimulates research and research networking in all fields of economics through international workshops and conferences.

Website: www.infer-research.net

LEO (Laboratoire d'économie d'Orléans - Orleans Economics Laboratory) is a research center supported by CNRS (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique - French National Center for Scientific Research) and the University of Orléans (France). It was established in 1996. There are about 40 permanent researchers (full professors and associate professors) and 60 PhD students. LEO is specialised in three research areas: (1) Macroeconomics and Finance, (2) Labour, Regional Development and Globalisation and (3) Econometrics. LEO is also the hosting center of the Regional Centre for Studies and Research on Labour Qualification (CEREQ).

Website of the Workshop: <http://www.univ-orleans.fr/leo/infer/>

Submission of Papers

Only full papers may be submitted, in pdf or rtf-format. No other format will be accepted. Papers should be submitted electronically to:

infer@univ-orleans.fr

Deadline for paper submission is December 15, 2010.

We accept only one paper submitted by the same author. We will confirm receipt of your submission.

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 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, with the surname in big letters;
- Authors' full name, 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. You will receive an e-mail indicating whether your paper is accepted for presentation during the workshop or not before **January 31, 2011**.

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.

Publication of Papers

A selection of papers presented at the workshop will be published in an international journal. *INFER* offers several publication possibilities to workshop participants, including book volumes and journal publications. The workshop organizers will contact you about these publication possibilities later.

Registration and Registration Fee

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

- 80 EUR: *INFER* members
- 120 EUR: other participants
- 30 EUR (optional): conference dinner (March 17, 2011)

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!

The registration fee includes all lunches and drinks. It doesn't include travel and accommodation expenses. All workshop participants have to register for the workshop. Please note that paper submission is not regarded as a registration. A registration form will be sent to the authors of the accepted papers.

Payment can be done in two ways:

- **Option 1**

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

- **Option 2**

Payment can be done by bank transfer by mentioning your name and '**WORKSHOP ORLEANS 2011**'. 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 is March 1, 2011.

In case of late registration, the fees will be increased by 50 %.

Location and Travelling

The workshop will take place at the following address:

**UFR Droit, d'Economie et de Gestion (Université d'Orléans)
LEO (Laboratoire d'Economie d'Orléans) - CNRS UMR 6221
Rue de Blois, BP 26739
45067 ORLEANS CEDEX**

Orléans is a city in north-central France, located on the Loire River, about 130 kilometres southwest of Paris. It is the capital of the Centre region and belongs to the Loire Valley which was added by UNESCO to its list of World Heritage Sites.

Orléans is one hour away from Paris - Austerlitz station by train (SNCF website: www.voyages-sncf.com). There are two train stations in Orléans: "Les Aubrais" and "Orléans Centre". Once you get off the train at "Les Aubrais" or "Orléans Centre" train station, you can take the tramway to the University (direction "Hôpital de la Source" : SEMTAO website <http://www.semtao.fr/>). It takes approximately half an hour from the station "Orléans centre" and less than 45 minutes from the station "Les Aubrais" to get to the University: get off the tramway at the "Université-Château" stop.

Local Organizers

Rémi Bazillier (LEO, Université d'Orléans)
Isabelle Rabaud (LEO, Université d'Orléans)
Camélia Turcu (LEO, Université d'Orléans)

Questions about local organization may be directed to the workshop local organizers through:

infer@univ-orleans.fr