



Call for Papers

ifo / CESifo & ACES Conference on “Banking and Institutions”

On 11-12 December 2009, the Department of International Institutional Comparisons of the Ifo Institute for Economic Research, CESifo, and Association for Comparative Economic Studies (ACES) will organize a joint workshop on Banking and Institutions.

The conference is intended to encourage further research in the areas of banking and institutions, and to stimulate interaction and co-operation in these fields. The specific focus of the conference is on the following topics:

- Institutions and access to finance, bank competition, and foreign bank entry;
- Institutions and excessive credit growth;
- Banking, institutions and entrepreneurship (including small and medium enterprises);
- Role of institutions before and after the current financial crisis;
- Efficiency versus stability: the role of institutions;
- Institutions to restore bank trust and their long-run costs.

Both theoretical and empirical papers related to banking and institutions are welcome. Papers with a distinct focus on emerging economies (especially China) and former transition countries are particularly welcome. The keynote lecture will be given by Thorsten Beck (Tilburg University).

The deadline for submissions is **8 June 2009**. For submission of (full) papers, please visit www.CESifo.de. Go to the *Forthcoming Conferences* page, click on the conference name and then on the “Submit Paper” link below the conference description. Only online submissions are accepted. Should you have any (technical) difficulties with the online submission procedure, please contact Saavedra@cesifo.de for assistance.

Authors of submitted papers will be notified as soon as possible, at latest at 27 July 2009, as to whether their paper has been accepted for the conference.

CESifo will provide accommodation and reimburse economy travel costs for researchers presenting an accepted paper. Others are invited to attend, but are expected to provide their own funding for travel and accommodation.

All papers presented at the conference are expected to be submitted to the CESifo Working Paper Series after revision.

Further questions regarding the organisation and scientific content of the workshops should be addressed to Christa Hainz (Hainz@ifo.de) or Koen Schoors (Koen.Schoors@UGent.be).