

**Volume 28, Issue 29****Conference Announcement****The Institutional and Social Dynamics of Growth and Distribution**

Location : Pisa

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Major Topics : Economic Growth, Economic Distribution, Institutional and Social Dynamics

Conference Dates : 12/10/2007 to 12/10/2007

Submission Deadline : 7/20/2007

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Since Adam Smith, social and economic institutions have been considered as exerting a significant influence on the historical patterns of growth and distribution of nations. More recently, economists have also emphasized that the process of growth and distribution in turn shape the evolution of institutions. Growth and distribution are lenses through which we can investigate the complex interplay of the birth, the life, and the decline of social and economic institutions. And institutional and social dynamics, in turn, are important elements in comprehending the interaction between growth and distribution. The goal of this Conference is to provide a forum for the presentation and discussion of different approaches to the issues of the institutional and social dynamics of growth and distribution, with all the theoretical, empirical, historical, and methodological implications. Conference topics will include any aspect of the relationships among (i) institutions and social dynamics, (ii) growth and development, and (iii) distribution, particularly as these are manifest in • public versus private sector issues • knowledge, human capital, and intellectual property • financial markets • international/regional dimensions, • demography • environmental sustainability • governance Both the theoretical, methodological, and the empirical aspects, including historical perspectives, are of interest. A combination of invited and submitted papers will be chosen for the final program. Submissions of whole sessions are welcome. The submissions will be reviewed by a Scientific Committee consisting of: •Sam Bowles (Santa Fe Institute, USA) •David de la Croix (Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium) •Oded Galor (Brown University, USA, and Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel) •Neri Salvadori (University of Pisa, Italy) •Stephen J. Turnovsky (University of Washington, USA) It is planned to publish selections of papers in a special issue of *Metroeconomica* and a larger selection in a volume with a major publisher. A dedicated software, Conference Maker, will be used for paper submission and program management through the site <http://zeus.econ.umd.edu/conference/SDGD2007>. Submission of a 1-2 page abstract should be submitted before July 20. Authors will receive notification of acceptance by September 20. The whole papers are to be submitted within October 20. Registration must be completed within October 20. Authors will receive notification of acceptance by September 20. The whole papers are to be submitted within October 20. Registration must be completed within October 20. The Conference fees of € 220 will cover meals and printed material. They might also cover accommodation for a number of nights for Ph.D. students coming from selected countries. A late submission fee of € 300 allows to attend the Conference, but does not allow inclusion into the program.

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