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## 1. OFFICIAL NEWS

### Message from the President



Dear EACES members,

After a – hopefully – restful, longer or shorter summer break now everybody is back to work at the EACES board as well. One of the main areas of our activities at present is that of the reshuffling of the EACES journal. As I have already mentioned in my last message, a small committee was appointed by the EACES board (the members of the committee are David Kemme, Jürgen Jerger, Marcello Signorelli and Magdolna Sass) at the last board meeting in June 2017 in St. Petersburg. This committee is already working on the reorganisation and restructuring of the association's journal, the European Journal of Comparative Economics. The main aim would be to make it more attractive for authors who are producing high quality articles. Ideas, comments and suggestions concerning the possible ways for the reshuffling of the journal are welcome from the members of the association. Please, email them to David Kemme ([dmkemme@memphis.edu](mailto:dmkemme@memphis.edu)). We are planning a meeting with the present editors of the journal in the near future in order to proceed further and find solutions acceptable to everyone.

There has also been considerable progress in organising the next biennial EACES conference. It will take place in the first week of September 2018 and the host will be the Warsaw School of Economics. Thanks to the efforts of the organising committee, and mainly of Hartmut Lehmann, we are on good track now and we are sure that this 15<sup>th</sup>, jubilarian conference will be a real success.

EACES is happy to support other events as well, we can provide some financial support to conferences, workshops etc. We hope to receive many requests in this area in the remaining few months of 2017 and in the coming year.

Last but not least, another technical item on the EACES agenda is that of the renewal of the website. We are working on it, and the renewed and redesigned website of the association with many new features will be ready and working before the end of the year.

Magdolna Sass  
EACES President

## 2. CALL FOR PAPERS



### Call for papers

to a conference to celebrate János Kornai's 90th birthday at the School of Economics,  
Corvinus University of Budapest

### **The importance of János Kornai's research for understanding the changing role of the state in the economy**

21 February 2018

The role of the state in the economy is profoundly changing in the aftermath of the global financial crisis. In Europe, in some countries the liberal political order is gradually challenged by governments with a protectionist, nationalist and ultimately authoritarian agenda. These new governments establish, function and solidify new government institutions and redefine market relations among private actors in a way that profoundly alters the state-society nexus. The financial crisis also had important repercussions on the functioning of the capitalist system. The economic institutions that were supposed to stabilize economic activities must be reformed and new institutions invented. Profound changes are under way not only in Europe, but also in the US under President Trump's administration, that are bound to have consequences for the functioning of market institutions through redefining institutions of trust. In the developing world, numerous economies are under transformation. Most notably, China is in the quest for a new economic model to reform its Regionally Decentralized Authoritarianism.

We are only at the beginning of understanding these profound institutional changes of our economies. In searching for analytical tools and concepts to describe these changes we turn to the greatest minds for guidance. János Kornai is probably one of the most significant thinkers who can direct us in our quest for scientific clarity in institutional transformations. His insights into the functioning of the socialist and capitalist systems, the transition from socialism to capitalism and shortcomings of the institutions of market economies provide a plethora of analytical tools. The aim of this conference - organized on the occasion of Kornai's 90th birthday - is to bring together scholars from a wide variety of disciplines (economists, political economists, political scientists, sociologists and historians), advanced scholars as well as PhD students who build on Kornai's insights ([www.kornai-janos.hu](http://www.kornai-janos.hu)) in their own research.

We invite paper proposals that focus on János Kornai's contribution to economic analysis within the following issues, broadly conceived:

- Soft Budget Constraints
- "islands of shortage" within surplus economies
- innovation
- socialist and capitalist systems
- transition
- continuing the anti-equilibrium
- China's economic and political systems
- economic institutions
- economic development
- varieties of capitalism
- economic and political centralization
- the system paradigm
- trust

**Keynote speakers:** Eric Maskin, Harvard University, Nobel Laureate  
Geoffrey Hodgson, Hertfordshire Business School, University of Hertfordshire

**Invited speakers:** Erik Berglof, London School of Economics  
Philippe Aghion, Collège de France, Harvard University, London School of Economics

Selected papers will be published as a special issue in the *Journal of Institutional Economics*.

Young scholars are encouraged to submit their research paper for consideration for the Best Paper Award. The award is presented for the best conference paper by scholars younger than 35 years.

Please email paper proposals (including a paper title, an abstract of 250-300 words, the author's email address and a short bio) to [kornai90\\_abstract@uni-corvinus.hu](mailto:kornai90_abstract@uni-corvinus.hu)

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**Conference fee:**

Regular Rates 80 €

PhD/Masters Students 40 €

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**Important dates:**

Deadline for abstract submission: September 15, 2017

Notification of acceptance: October 1, 2017

Payment of conference fees: February 1, 2018

Full paper submission: February 1, 2018



### 3. FORTHCOMING WORKSHOP

#### 10<sup>th</sup> FIW Research Conference on International Economics



Leibniz Institute for  
EAST AND SOUTHEAST  
EUROPEAN STUDIES

### CALL FOR PAPERS for the 10<sup>th</sup> FIW Research Conference 'International Economics'

#### OBJECTIVES

The Research Centre International Economics - FIW announces its 10<sup>th</sup> Research Conference 'International Economics' on 9-10 November 2017 and invites the submission of (full) working papers to be presented at the conference.

The main objective of the conference is to provide a platform for economists working in the field of 'International Economics' in Austria and its neighbouring countries to present recent research. Papers from Ph.D. students, post-graduate students, young faculty members and young researchers in similar positions are particularly welcome as the conference aims to support and encourage young economists by providing an opportunity to present their work.

**Keynote Lecture: Dennis Novy (Warwick University)**

#### TIME & LOCATION

The 10<sup>th</sup> FIW Research Conference on 'International Economics' will take place on Thursday, **9 November 2017** and Friday, **10 November 2017**, at the **Vienna University of Economics & Business (WU)** Welthandelsplatz 1, 1020 Vienna, Austria.

#### AWARDS

Two prizes for the best contributions to the Research Conference will be awarded. There will be a **'Best Conference Paper Award 17'** and a **'Young Economist Award 17'**. Each award is worth **€ 1000**.

The 'Young Economist Award 17' is intended for Ph.D. students, post-graduate students, young faculty members and young researchers in similar positions. To be considered for this award all authors of the paper have to be 34 or younger at the time of submission.

#### TOPICS COVERED

The broad topic of the conference is 'International Economics'. This includes, inter alia, the areas of Trade, International Factor Movements, Economic Integration, Trade Policy, International Trade Organizations, Economic Growth of Open Economies, Multinational Firms, International Macroeconomics and other related fields.

#### ORGANISATION

The 10<sup>th</sup> FIW-Research Conference is jointly organized by the FIW Project, Institute for East and Southeast European Studies (IOS Regensburg), the ifo institute, the University of Ljubljana, the Università di Bologna, University of Economics Bratislava and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA KRTK).



The 'center of excellence' FIW (<http://www.fiw.ac.at/>) is a project of WIFO, wiiw and WSR on behalf of the BMWFW. The FIW cooperation with the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU), the University Vienna and the Johannes Kepler University Linz is supported by the former Federal Ministry of Science and Research (now integrated in the Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy).

#### SUBMISSION CRITERIA

- ❑ The topic of the paper should match the thematic orientation of International Economics (JEL Codes F and/or O).
- ❑ The paper has not yet been published in any academic journal or book.
- ❑ All submissions must include the following:
  - A cover sheet clearly specifying the title, author(s) and abstract
  - Mailing address and e-mail contact addresses (e-mail will be used for follow-up requests and questions)
- ❑ To be considered for the 'Young Economist Award 17' the age of the author(s) must be indicated.
- ❑ **Deadline for Submission: 17 August 2017**
- ❑ **(Full) Working Papers should be sent to [fiw-pb@fiw.at](mailto:fiw-pb@fiw.at) in electronic form (PDF)**

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The conference programme will be published on <http://fiw.ac.at>.

Selection decisions will be communicated to the authors until the end of September 2017

Attendance of the FIW Research Conference is free.

The conference language is English.

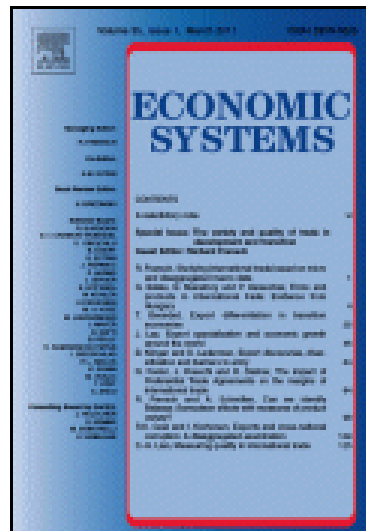
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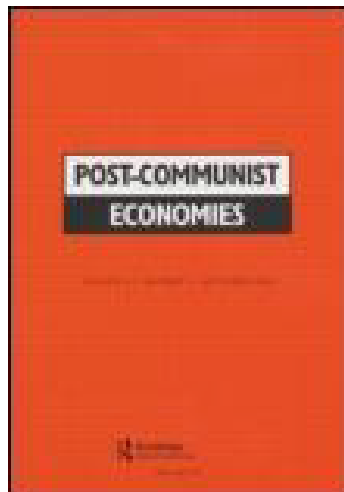
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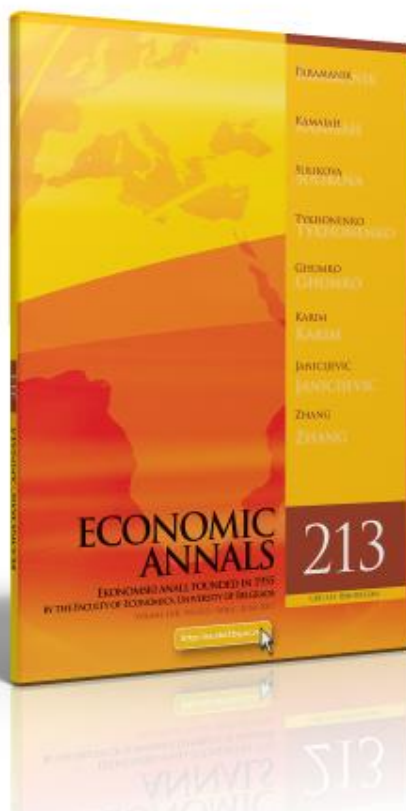
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## *Editorial:*

This 82<sup>nd</sup> issue of the EACES newsletter begins with presidential message that presents the progress in reshuffling of the association's journal: the European Journal of Comparative Economics. A small committee appointed by the EACES board at the last board meeting in June 2017 in St. Petersburg is working on the reorganisation and restructuring of the journal. The major objective of this restructuring would be to make it more attractive for authors who are producing high quality articles. EACES board is planning a meeting with the present editors of the journal in the near future in order to proceed further and find solutions acceptable to everyone.



Preparation for the Crystal Jubilee (15<sup>th</sup>) biennial conference of EACES is under way to be held in Warsaw School of Economics during the first week of September 2018. The local organising committee is already on board. In addition to the regular biennial conferences, interest is grooming in organising several events promoting the study and research on economic transition and transformation. As the association has been developing as a thriving and vibrant forum, the improvement in its website has become a part and parcel of the changing need of the association.

A conference on the changing role of the state in the economy is going to be held in the School of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The conference will be a significant event as it will honour the ninetieth birthday of Janos Kornai on one hand and the thematic discussion of his research on the changing role of the state will be the major agenda of discussion in the conference on the other. Section 2 of this newsletter presents the call for papers in a wide range of disciplines in this regard: soft budget constraints, "island of shortage" within surplus economies, transition, economic institutions, economic development, capitalist and socialist systems, varieties of capitalism, continuing the anti-equilibrium, China's economic and political systems, economic and political centralizations, trust, and innovation.

Section 3 presents the reminder regarding the forthcoming conference. This section specifically provides information on 10<sup>th</sup> FIW Research Conference on International Economics to be held at Vienna University of Business and Economics (WU) in 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The main objective of the conference is to work as a forum of institutional economists, promote the research of young scholars, PhD researchers, and post-graduate students. More specifically, the conference will promote the collaboration of the institutional economists in Austria and the neighbouring countries. Moreover, the conference also associates the best Conference Paper Award 2017 and Young Economists Award 2017.

Section 4 provides information regarding recent publications some journals associated with comparative economic studies, more specifically that of Economic Systems, Post-communist Economies, Comparative Economic Studies, European Journal of Development Research, Economic Annals, and Croatian Economic Survey.

We welcome any comment/suggestion for the improvement of the newsletter. The submissions are requested to deliver in the form of (preferably) electronic copy or hard copy of the Microsoft Word file to the editor:

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