

Call for papers

Conference on *Finance, Growth, and the Structure of the Economy*

Sponsored by Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional (CREI), the Journal of Financial Intermediation, and the Centre of Economic Policy Research (CEPR).

CREI will host the conference, May 8 and 9 (Thursday and Friday) 2008 at Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain). The seminar seeks to bring together first-rate current research on the impact of financial development on growth.

Papers selected for presentation will be candidates for a special issue of the Journal of Financial Intermediation, although authors do not necessarily have to commit their papers to the journal.

Up to twelve papers will be selected and suitable topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Econometric methodology: new approaches to the finance-growth nexus;
- Banking development vs. financial market development;
- Volatility, financial development and economic growth;
- Finance, the distribution of income, the size distribution of firms and innovation;
- Financial system architecture and economic growth;
- Financial markets, competitive advantage, and the pattern of international specialization.

We invite individuals wishing to submit papers for consideration to send their paper by January 5th, 2008.

Limited financial support for economy class air travel and lodging expenses will be available for university based authors, discussants and chairpersons. Barring exceptional circumstances, central bankers will be asked to cover their own expenses.

The program committee is composed of Thorsten Beck (World Bank), Antonio Ciccone (Universitat Pompeu Fabra and CREI), Xavier Freixas (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), Philipp Hartmann (European Central Bank), Luc Laeven (IMF), Ross Levine (Brown University), and Paola Sapienza (Northwestern University).