12th International Conference

Challenges of Europe:
“INNOVATIVE RESPONSES FOR RESILIENT GROWTH AND COMPETITIVENESS”

17th-19th May, 2017 / Bol, Island Brač, Croatia
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The Conference will address the following topics:

1. Growth and development
   1.1. Macroeconomic stability in post-recession growth
   1.2. Human capital, education and innovation
   1.3. Industrial policy and new competitiveness of nations
   1.4. Economic effects of tourism
   1.5. Environmental challenges for green growth
   1.6. Institutions for growth and competitiveness
   1.7. Financial markets and monetary policy
   1.8. Infrastructure development for growth and competitiveness
   1.9. Fiscal consolidation and effective public sector
   1.10. Trade bloc and global trade liberalization
   1.11. Labor market, wages and labor migration
   1.12. Inequality - new insights into the causes and effects
   1.13. Behavioral and experimental economics
   1.14. Competitiveness, growth and well-being

2. Business competitiveness
   2.1. Entrepreneurship, small business management and start-ups
   2.2. Finance, banking and accounting
   2.3. Marketing management and consumer behavior
   2.4. Tourism and hospitality management
   2.5. Management and leadership
   2.6. Strategy and innovation
   2.7. Operations management, business logistics and supply chain management
   2.8. Corporate governance, corporate communications
   2.9. Human resource management and organizational behavior
   2.10. ICT management

3. Market, competition, regulation and well-being
   3.1. The exercise of market power
   3.2. Cooperative and non-cooperative strategic behavior
   3.3. Competition in specific/different market(s)
   3.4. Industry-specific regulations
   3.5. Regulation and well-being
4. Cities and regions
  4.1. Regional resilience
  4.2. Regional and urban policy, planning and governance
  4.3. Migrations, ageing and regional labor markets
  4.4. Smart cities and regions
  4.5. Entrepreneurship, small business and regional diversity
  4.6. Remote regions
  4.7. Regional perspective of well-being

5. Challenges for Croatian economy
  5.1. Decentralization perspective for the Republic of Croatia
  5.2. Effects of the implementation of the EU Funds in the Republic of Croatia
  5.3. Inequality in the Republic of Croatia: Causes and Consequences
  5.4. The pension system of the Republic of Croatia - sustainability and efficiency
  5.5. The competitiveness and the impact of tourism on the Croatian economy
  5.6. The role of large companies for the Croatian economy
  5.7. The regulation of financial markets - effects on the Croatian economy
  5.8. Successful management of public companies in the Republic of Croatia - measures, causes and consequences
  5.9. The energy sector and its importance for the Croatian economy
  5.10. The importance, opportunities and needs of financing education in the Republic of Croatia

All papers discussing other challenging issues related to the general topic of the Conference will be considered as well.

Selected papers will be considered to be published in journals indexed/abstracted in: Current Contents – Social & Behavioral Sciences, Social Sciences Citation Index, Journal Citation Reports (Thomson Reuters), IBSS – International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (LSE), Scopus (Elsevier), ProQuest LLC, Journal of Economic Literature / EconLit.
IMPORTANT DATES

2nd November 2016
Abstract deadline (for Refereed papers)*

14th November 2016
Notification of acceptance of abstracts (for Refereed papers)*

3rd February 2017
Full paper deadline (for Refereed papers)*

1st March 2017
Extended abstracts deadline /Full paper (for Work in progress and PhD workshop papers)*

6th March 2017
Notification of acceptance of full papers (for Refereed papers)

10th March 2017
Notification of acceptance of Extended abstracts (for Work in progress and PhD workshop papers)

7th April 2017
Conference Fee payment deadline

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* The abstract is not a prerequisite for submitting a full paper
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Papers for Papers in progress (S-type) and papers PhD workshop (P-type) will be discussed during the Conference and published only on the Working Paper series CD.

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