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CALL FOR PAPERS - Deadline: January 5th, 2008

“Finance, Growth, and the Structure of the Economy”

CREI, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, May 8-9, 2008

Organizers: Thorsten Beck, Antonio Ciccone, Xavier Freixas, Philipp Hartmann, Luc Laeven, Ross Levine, and Paola Sapienza

Sponsored by Centre de Recerca en Economia Internacional (CREI), the Journal of Financial Intermediation, and the Centre for 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

Limited financial support for economy class air travel and lodging expenses will be available for university based authors, discussants and chairpersons according to the standard CEPR travel guidelines (<http://www.cepr.org/meets/WKCN/misc/trp.pdf>). Barring exceptional circumstances, central bankers will be asked to cover their own expenses. Please indicate in your reply whether you will cover your own travel and accommodation costs or will require funding from CEPR.

The deadline for replies is **18:00 GMT on January 5 2008**. In the online registration form you will asked to specify your funding requirements and whether or not you wish to present a paper or you wish to act as a discussant. You may also like to read our Guidelines on how to register online for CEPR Meetings <http://www.cepr.org/meets/emo/Guidelines.htm>. If you have any difficulties registering for this meeting, please contact Ingrid Put, Meetings Manager, at iput@cepr.org or +44 20 7878 2907.

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