



Submission Deadline: 18 July 2008

EURO AREA BUSINESS CYCLE NETWORK (EABCN) & CREI

Business Cycle Developments, Financial Fragility, Housing and Commodity Prices

Barcelona, 21-23 November 2008

Hosted by CREI and Universitat Pompeu Fabra

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The IMF is forecasting a slowdown in world GDP growth, which would suggest that a new phase of the business cycle is beginning. Fears of financial fragility, concerns of falling house prices combined with inflationary pressures from rising commodity prices are leading to questions about the recently established consensus on how to operate monetary policy.

The aim of this conference is to consider the implications of these phenomena from both an academic and policymaking perspective. The conference aims to take a broad view of these business cycle developments but will focus in particular on the following four themes:

- Oil and Commodity Markets
- Housing and the Business Cycle
- Financial Intermediation and the Transmission Mechanism
- Assessing the Performance of Cyclical Indicators in the recent Downturn

The conference is organised by the Euro Area Business Cycle Network (www.eabcn.org) and CREI (www.crei.cat). In-keeping with the aims of the EABCN the conference will bring together academics and policymakers, theory and data in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of the dynamics of the European business cycle.

We are interested in submissions on these four topics or closely related business cycle issues. **The Deadline for submissions is 18:00 GMT on Friday 18 July 2008.** Please email your paper and the following application form to Sapna Patel at spatel@cepr.org. Authors of successful submissions will be notified by mid-August 2008.

Limited funding is available for travel expenses for academic participants presenting or acting as discussant. Expenses will be paid according to the standard CEPR travel guidelines (http://www.cepr.org/meets/wkcn/misc/CEPR_Travel_Reimbursement_Policy_2008.pdf). Costs will not be covered for central bank participants.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Scott

Chair of the EABCN Scientific Committee

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Application Form

Full name:.....

Institution:.....

Address:.....
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E-mail address:.....

Phone:.....

Fax:.....

**I am interested in attending the EABCN/CREI Conference in Barcelona from
November 21-23:**

YES/NO

I am interested in giving a paper (please attach details):

YES/NO

I am willing to act as a discussant:

YES/NO

I will require travel funding:

YES/NO

I will require accommodation funding:

YES/NO

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